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Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of)
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Section 63.71 Application)
)
CenturyLink Communications, LLC)
For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of the)
Communications Act of 1934, As Amended,)
to Discontinue the Provision of Certain VoIP)
Services)

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SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION

CenturyLink Communications, LLC (FRN: 0018-4219-41),¹ (referred to herein as “CenturyLink”) hereby applies for authority to discontinue, to its remaining customers in 33 states, three Voice over Internet Protocol (“VoIP”) services that are operating on a VoIP platform with aging support capabilities.²

¹ CenturyLink Communications, LLC is a competitive local exchange carrier and interexchange carrier subsidiary of Lumen Technologies, Inc. (f/k/a CenturyLink, Inc.) (FRN: 0018-6268-53). This application is filed on behalf of, and is limited to, CenturyLink Communications, LLC.

² On August 11, 2023, CenturyLink Communications, LLC filed an application to discontinue the Affected Services but subsequently withdrew that application. *See CenturyLink Communications, LLC Application For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, As Amended, to Discontinue the Provision of Certain VoIP Services*, WC Docket No. 23-278 (filed Aug. 11, 2023) (August 11, 2023 Application); Letter from Craig J. Brown, Attorney for Lumen, to Marlene H. Dortch, FCC Secretary, WC Docket No. 23-278 (filed Aug. 24, 2023). On March 18, 2024, CenturyLink Communications, LLC filed an application to discontinue two (*i.e.*, Digital Home Phone and Simple VoIP) of the three Affected Services included in the August 11, 2023 Application. *See CenturyLink Communications, LLC Application for Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, As Amended, to Discontinue the Provision of Certain VoIP Services*, WC Docket No. 24-91 (filed Mar. 18, 2024) (March 18, 2024 Application). That application was deemed granted automatically on May 13, 2024. *See Comments Invited on Section 214 Application(s) to Discontinue Domestic Non-Dominant Carrier Telecommunications and/or Interconnected VoIP Services*, Public Notice, WC Docket No. 24-91, DA 24-354 (rel. Apr. 12, 2024). Subsequently, CenturyLink discovered that it had inadvertently failed to notify two subscribers to the services

CenturyLink submits the following information in support of its application:

1. Name and address of carrier

CenturyLink Communications, LLC
100 CenturyLink Drive
Monroe, LA 71203

2. Date of planned service discontinuance

CenturyLink plans to discontinue the Affected Services on September 17, 2024, or as soon thereafter as any necessary regulatory approvals are obtained.

3. Points of geographic areas of service affected

CenturyLink seeks authority to discontinue Business VoIP in Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Iowa, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

CenturyLink seeks authority to discontinue Digital Home Phone and Simple VoIP in Florida and New Mexico.

4. Brief description of the type of services affected

CenturyLink seeks to discontinue the following VoIP services:

Business VoIP (or BVoIP) is a Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) based service which provides PSTN access for TDM and IP telephony customer premises equipment for Small Business customers.

Digital Home Phone (or DHP) service is a residential voice service delivered over an IP infrastructure (VoIP) and includes features customers normally associate with landline service such as the ability to make and receive voice calls (local and long distance), Caller ID, emergency 9-1-1 calling, voicemail, 3-way calling, and call blocking.

covered by the March 18, 2024 Application. In this Application, CenturyLink seeks authority to discontinue its remaining Business VoIP, Digital Home Phone, and Simple VoIP customers.

Simple VoIP service is a service delivered over an IP infrastructure (VoIP) and includes features customers normally associate with landline service such as the ability to make and receive voice calls (local and long distance), Caller ID, emergency 9-1-1 calling, voicemail, 3-way calling, and call blocking.

5. Brief description of the dates and methods of notice to all affected customers

CenturyLink sent a written notification of the planned discontinuance to customers affected by this proposed discontinuance in accordance with Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's Rules. Customer notifications were sent by U.S. Mail or United Parcel Service on August 1, 2024. A copy of the notification is attached to this application (Attachment A and Attachment B).

6. Dominance of carrier with respect to the service to be discontinued

CenturyLink Communications, LLC is a non-dominant carrier with regard to the Affected Services.

7. Service

In accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a), CenturyLink Communications, LLC has mailed a copy of this application to the Governor and public utility commission of each of the affected states and jurisdictions identified in Paragraph 3 above, to any federally-recognized Tribal

Nations with authority over the Tribal lands in the geographic areas identified in Paragraph 3 above, as well as to the Special Assistant for Telecommunications under the Secretary of Defense.

Respectfully submitted,

CENTURYLINK COMMUNICATIONS, LLC

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Its Attorney

DATE: August 8, 2024



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August 1, 2024



ACTION NEEDED—Your voice service will soon be discontinued

You are receiving this notification because the CenturyLink voice service you currently subscribe to will be **discontinued on September 17, 2024**, or soon after as authorized by the Federal Communications Commission and the state regulatory commission, if required.

CenturyLink Communications, LLC will discontinue **Business Voice over Internet Protocol (BVoIP)** service on **September 17, 2024**.

If you would like to keep voice service after **September 17, 2024**, please contact the provider of your choice by **September 3, 2024**, to ensure no disruption to your service.

- Note: If you are asked, there is no PIN associated with your CenturyLink BVoIP service.
- If you no longer subscribe to this service, you don't need to do anything.

Important information

- Existing contracts for this service will not be renewed, and no early termination penalties will be applied to the affected service.
- If you subscribe to other services from CenturyLink, they will NOT be impacted by the discontinuance of the service listed above.
- When your Business Voice over Internet Protocol (BVoIP) service is discontinued, we will automatically apply any applicable deposits or credits to your CenturyLink Communications, LLC bill.
- If the amount due on your bill is less than any deposits and credits, we will issue a refund for the remaining balance.
- If you choose to disconnect your service before it is discontinued, no early termination fees will apply.

This notice replaces and supersedes any previous notice(s) you may have received about the discontinuance of this service.

Please scan the QR code, visit centurylink.com/home/help/notices/bvoip-discontinue, or call 800-244-1111 for more information about this change.



ATTACHMENT A

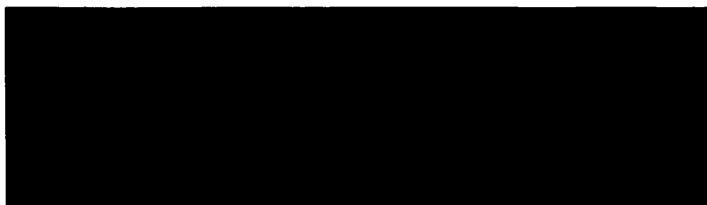
Which states are impacted by this voice service discontinuation?

Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Iowa, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming

The following statement is required by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC):

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 15 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. You may file your comments electronically through the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System using the docket number established in the Commission's public notice for this proceeding, or you may address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the § 63.71 Application of CenturyLink Communications, LLC. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

August 1, 2024



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CenturyLink Communications, LLC will discontinue **Business Voice over Internet Protocol (BVoIP)** service on **September 17, 2024**.

If you would like to keep voice service after **September 17, 2024**, please contact Brightspeed at 833-692-7773, visit brightspeed.com/c/small-business/business-phone, or contact the provider of your choice by September 3, 2024, to ensure no disruption to your service.

- Note: If you are asked, there is no PIN associated with your CenturyLink BVoIP service.
- If you no longer subscribe to this service, you don't need to do anything.

Important information

- Existing contracts for this service will not be renewed, and no early termination penalties will be applied to the affected service.
- If you subscribe to other services from CenturyLink, they will NOT be impacted by the discontinuance of the service listed above.
- When your Business Voice over Internet Protocol (BVoIP) service is discontinued, we will automatically apply any applicable deposits or credits to your CenturyLink Communications, LLC bill.
- If the amount due on your bill is less than any deposits and credits, we will issue a refund for the remaining balance.
- If you choose to disconnect your service before it is discontinued, no early termination fees will apply.

This notice replaces and supersedes any previous notice(s) you may have received about the discontinuance of this service.

Please scan the QR code, visit centurylink.com/home/help/notices/voip-end-bspd, or call 833-692-7773 for more information about this change.



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August 1, 2024



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CenturyLink Communications, LLC will discontinue these voice services on September 17, 2024:

1. Digital Home Phone (DHP)
2. Simple Voice over Internet Protocol (Simple VoIP)

If you would like to keep voice service after September 17, 2024, **please contact the provider of your choice by September 3, 2024, to ensure no disruption to your service.**

- Note: If you are asked, there is no PIN associated with your CenturyLink VoIP service.
- If you no longer subscribe to these services, you don't need to do anything.

Important information

- Existing contracts for these services will not be renewed, and no early termination penalties will be applied to the affected services.
- If you subscribe to other services from CenturyLink, they will NOT be impacted by the discontinuance of the services listed above.
- When your Digital Home Phone and/or Simple VoIP service is discontinued, we will automatically apply any applicable deposits or credits to your CenturyLink Communications, LLC bill.
- If the amount due on your bill is less than any deposits and credits, we will issue a refund for the remaining balance.
- If you choose to disconnect your service before it is discontinued, no early termination fees will apply.

You may have been previously notified about our intent to discontinue certain VoIP services in your area.

However, this notice replaces the information provided in the previous notice.

Please scan the QR code, visit centurylink.com/home/help/notices/voip-discontinue, or call 800-244-1111 for more information about this change.



Which states are impacted by this voice service discontinuation?

Florida and New Mexico

ATTACHMENT B

The following statement is required by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC):

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 15 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. You may file your comments electronically through the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System using the docket number established in the Commission's public notice for this proceeding, or you may address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the § 63.71 Application of CenturyLink Communications, LLC. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Marjorie Herlth, do hereby certify that I have caused the foregoing **SECTION 63.71**

APPLICATION to be:

- 1) Filed with the Secretary of the FCC via ECFS (Inbox-Section 214 Domestic Discontinuance Application);
- 2) Served via first-class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on the Governors of the States listed on the attached service list;
- 3) Served via first-class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on the Public Utility Commissions listed on the attached service list;
- 4) Served via first-class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, or via email on the Regulatory Authority for the Tribal Nations listed on the attached service list;¹ and
- (5) Served via first-class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on the Special Assistant for Telecommunications under the Secretary of Defense.



Marjorie Herlth

August 8, 2023

¹ CenturyLink Communications, LLC did not identify any Tribal Nations in the geographic area covered by this Application.

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