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March 22, 2018

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554
Attention: International Bureau

**RE: Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc. d/b/a Horry Telephone Long Distance
Section 63.19 Notification of Discontinuance of Certain International Services**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 63.19 of the Commission’s Rules¹, notice is hereby provided on behalf of Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc. d/b/a Horry Telephone Long Distance (“HTLD”) of discontinuance of stand-alone long distance service. HTLD is a non-dominant provider of international service under authority of ITC-214-19911213-00018.

Specifically, international long distance service will be discontinued on or after April 26, 2018 to HTLD long distance customers who do not also subscribe to Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc. for local exchange service in Horry and Georgetown counties of South Carolina. Attached as Exhibit A is a copy of the notification provided to affected customers. Note that the discontinuance is limited to the provision of stand-alone long distance service in the foregoing South Carolina counties. International long distance services will otherwise continue for HTLD customers.

Please direct any inquiries regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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On behalf of

Jamie Ponder, Manager Industry Affairs
Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
d/b/a Horry Telephone Long Distance

Attachment

¹ See 47 C.F.R. § 63.19



Friday, March 16, 2018

Dear Horry Telephone Long Distance (HTLD) Customer,

At HTC, we are committed to connecting you with the best services available at competitive rates that provide excellent value for our customers. As market conditions change, we are required to continually evaluate the rates, product offerings, and infrastructure to best suit the needs of our customers.

With this in mind, HTC is officially advising you that we are discontinuing HTLD long distance services for customers that do not also subscribe to HTC local exchange service in Horry and Georgetown Counties of South Carolina. The effective date for discontinuance of this option is April 26, 2018.¹ Once discontinued, customers will not be able to subscribe to HTLD without also subscribing to HTC local exchange telephone service.

Please make arrangements to contact another long distance provider as soon as possible or no later than the April 26 deadline.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this notice or want to subscribe to HTC local exchange service in order to keep HTLD, please contact an HTC Customer Relations Associate at 843-365-2154 or 1-800-824-6779.

Sincerely,

Denise Ambuhl

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¹ The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service unless it is shown that members 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 HTLD. 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.