

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554**

Telecom Division
International Bureau

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OnePoint Communications Corp. (“OnePoint”), hereby notifies the Commission that pursuant to Section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (“the Act”); 47 U.S.C. § 214(a); and Section 63.19 of the Commission’s rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.19, on September 15, 2000, OnePoint provided written notification¹ to all affected customers of its plan to

¹ See Attachment.

discontinue the provision of international toll service in Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Washington, DC.²

Ventures in Communications II, L.L.C. (“Ventures”) is the corporate parent of a number of operating subsidiaries that provide telecommunications services to the public. OnePoint, a subsidiary of Ventures, is a non-dominant provider of local, long distance and international telephone service, video service, and high-speed Internet access to apartment and condominium (Multiple Dwelling Units or “MDUs”) residents. This Notice is being filed in preparation for the proposed acquisition of OnePoint by Verizon Investments, Inc. (“VZI”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bell Atlantic Corporation d/b/a Verizon Communications (“Verizon”). As a result of this acquisition, OnePoint will become subject to the regulatory requirements that prohibit Verizon from offering originating interLATA services in its local service region until it has met the requirements of Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.³

To ensure that no customers will be adversely affected by this service discontinuation, OnePoint has undertaken a multi-step notification process pursuant to Sections 63.19 and 63.71

² OnePoint currently provides international service pursuant to authority in a Section 214 international resale authorization granted to OnePoint Communications, LLC (File No. ITC-214-19970418-00216). This authorization is one of two international Section 214 authorizations held by OnePoint subsidiaries, and they are both at issue in the proposed acquisition of OnePoint by Verizon. The other such international 214 authorization is held by OnePoint Services, LLC (File No. ITC-214-20000321-00206). The Commission granted to OnePoint and Verizon Streamlined Transfer of Control to Verizon for the portions of the two international Section 214 authorizations held by the above-mentioned OnePoint subsidiaries allowing for the resale of unaffiliated U.S. facilities-based carrier’s international switched services. *See International Authorization Granted*, Public Notice, Report No. TEL-00300, DA No. 00-2310 (rel. Oct. 12, 2000). OnePoint will relinquish these portions of the two international Section 214 authorizations that authorize service other than the resale of an unaffiliated U.S. facilities-based carrier’s international switched services, effective upon the consummation of the transaction with Verizon.

³ *See* 47 U.S.C. § 271.

of the Commission's rules and Section 214(a) of the Act.⁴ Specifically, on September 15, 2000, OnePoint sent notices to all affected customers informing them that OnePoint will no longer be their long distance and international carrier, that they must select a new long distance carrier, and providing the specific notification specified in Section 63.71(a)(5)(i) of the Commission's rules.⁵

To ensure that these customers to do not suffer any service interruptions, OnePoint has also arranged to transfer any remaining OnePoint long distance customers to Talk.com (d/b/a "The Phone Company"). Talk.com has committed to provide long distance service to those customers on the same, or better, rates, terms, and conditions that OnePoint currently offers. OnePoint and Talk.com have separately filed a Joint Petition for Waiver of the Commission's carrier-change rules, 47 C.F.R. Sections 64.1100 through 64.1190.⁶

OnePoint estimates that a total of approximately 8,100 customers in Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Washington, DC will be affected by this service discontinuation, and that no customers will be left without long distance and international service at rates and on terms equivalent to those that they now receive from OnePoint.

⁴ See Section 63.71 *Application of OnePoint Communications Corp. for Section 214 Authority to Discontinue Service*, Application to Discontinue, ITC-214-19970418-00216 (filed Sep. 15, 2000).

⁵ 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(5)(i).

⁶ Joint Petition For Waiver Of OnePoint Communications Corp. And The Phone Company, Inc., CC Docket No. 94-129 (filed Sept. 8, 2000).

Respectfully Submitted,

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ATTACHMENT



Dear Customer,

As early as October 31, 2000, OnePoint Communications will no longer provide interstate long-distance service in your calling area. OnePoint Communications is merging with Verizon Communications and, as a result, will be subject to the regulatory requirements that prohibit Verizon Communications and its affiliates from providing interstate long-distance service within your calling area. However, OnePoint Communications will continue to provide local and local toll telephone service including features such as Call Waiting, Caller ID, and Voice Mail.

Select a Different Interstate Long-Distance Company Before October 31, 2000

You will need to select a different interstate long-distance company before October 31, 2000. There are several convenient ways for you to choose a new interstate long-distance company:

- Call the interstate long-distance company of your choice; or
- Go to www.onepointcom.com/ldchange to assist you in choosing a new interstate long-distance provider online; or
- Complete the enclosed business reply card and mail it back to OnePoint Communications; or
- Call 1-888-OnePoint (1-888-663-7646) and a OnePoint Communications' representative can help you make the change.

We have arranged for another interstate long-distance company – **The Phone Company** – that offers the same rates – to automatically become your interstate long-distance company if you have not selected a carrier before October 31, 2000, (pending regulatory approval). In order to ensure a smooth transition of your interstate long-distance service, you should remove any pre-subscribed carrier selection (PIC restriction).

OnePoint Communications will waive any and all of its charges associated with transitioning your interstate long-distance service – including any early termination fees.

Thank you for being a OnePoint Communications customer. We look forward to continuing to provide you superior local and local toll telephone service. If you have any further questions, please call 1-888-OnePoint (1-888-663-7646).

Important Regulatory Notice:

The Federal Communications Commission (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 within 15 days after receipt of this notification. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554, referencing the section 63.71 Application of OnePoint Communications. Comments should include specific information on the impact of this proposed discontinuance upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service. The states affected by this change are Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Washington, D.C.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Mary W. Malone, do hereby certify that I have caused 1) the forgoing **SECTION 63.19 NOTIFICATION OF ONEPOINT COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION** to be served, via hand delivery, upon the persons/entities (marked with an asterisk) listed on the attached service list and 2) a copy of the **APPLICATION** to be service, via first class United States mail, postage prepaid, upon all other persons listed on the attached service list.

October 13, 2000

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Section 63.19 Notification was delivered by messenger on this 13 day of October, 2000, to the following individuals:

Elizabeth Nightengale
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445-12th Street, S.W.
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