October 21, 2008

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Ms. Blanca Bayo, Director Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services Florida Public Service Commission Capital Circle Office Center 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

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Dear Ms. Bayo:

As required by Section 63.71(a) of the Federal Communications Commission's Rules, we are notifying you and submitting a copy of Advanced Tel Inc.'s application to discontinue the provision of long distance service to a small number of customers that we serve in the States of Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please call me directly at (225) 621-4498.

Sincerely,

Janet Š. Britton

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# Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20554

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Section 63.71 Application of	)	
Advanced Tel, Inc. d/b/a EATEL	j j	Comp. Pol. File No.
For Authority to Discontinue	j	
Certain Services	í	

#### SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION

Pursuant to Sections 63.71 of the Commission's Rules<sup>1</sup> and Section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,<sup>2</sup> Advanced Tel, Inc. d/b/a EATEL ("EATEL" or the "Company") hereby files this application to discontinue the provision of long distance service, to a small number of customers that the Company serves in the States of Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee ("Application").<sup>3</sup> In support of this Application, EATEL submits the following:

#### I. <u>Information Required by Section 63.71(a)(1) -(4)</u>

#### A. Name and Address of Carrier

Advanced Tel, Inc. d/b/a EATEL 913 South Burnside Avenue Gonzales, Louisiana 70737-4258

For purposes of this Application, the Commission may contact: Janet S. Britton, Director, Legal and Regulatory Affairs Advanced Tel, Inc. d/b/a EATEL 913 South Burnside Avenue Gonzales, Louisiana 70737-4258

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See 47 C.F.R. § 63.71.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See 47 U.S.C. § 214(a).

As required by Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's Rules, EATEL has notified and submitted a copy of this Application concurrent with this filing, to the Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, and the South Carolina Public Service Commissions, the North Carolina Utilities Commission, the Tennessee Regulatory Authority, the Governor of each of these States, and the Secretary of the Department of Defense. An affiliate of Advanced Tel, Inc., TLX Communications Inc., also operates in all of these States except Florida. A similar request to discontinue long distance service is being made by TLX Communications Inc. as required by Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's Rules in a separate Application.

#### B. Date of Planned Service Discontinuance

EATEL plans to discontinue service to its customers in the States of Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee on or about December 1, 2008, or upon completion of obtaining all necessary federal and state regulatory approvals.

### C. Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected

EATEL currently serves a total of fourteen (14) customers in the affected States. Specifically, EATEL serves six (6) customers in Arkansas, five (5) customers in Florida, one (1) customer in Georgia, zero (0) customers in North Carolina, one (1) customer in South Carolina, and one (1) customer in Tennessee where it intends to discontinue service. Please reference Exhibit A which reflects the number of customers, states, counties, and cities affected by the discontinuance of long distance service by EATEL.

#### D. Brief Description of the Types of Services Affected

In the areas referenced above, EATEL provides long distance service which will be discontinued.

#### II. Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers

In August and September 2008, EATEL sent written Notices to all affected customers in the States of Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, and Tennessee. A sample copy of the Notices sent to these customers is attached as Exhibit B. Currently, EATEL does not have any customers in the State of North Carolina; consequently, a Notice to Customers was not warranted in that State.

#### III. Status of Carrier

EATEL is non-dominant with respect to the services that it proposes to discontinue in the States of Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

#### IV. <u>Circumstances of Discontinuance</u>

The Company's decision to discontinue long distance telephone service in Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee, was a difficult decision. However, Advanced Tel, Inc has so few customers in these States as noted above, that the costs of doing business in these locations outweighs any revenues collected or other benefits associated with conducting business in these States.

## V. <u>Certification</u>

On behalf of EATEL, I, the undersigned President and Chief Operating Officer of EATEL, Robert L. Burgess, hereby certify that the statements contained herein are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and made in good faith.

### VI. Conclusion

For the reasons stated herein, the Company respectfully requests grant of this Application.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert L. Burgess

President and Chief Operating Officer

Advanced Tel, Inc. d/b/a EATEL 913 South Burnside Avenue Gonzales, Louisiana 70737-4258

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## Exhibit A

## Advanced Tel Inc., d/b/a EATEL

## States/Counties/Cities affected by the Discontinuance of

## **Long Distance Service**

#### **Exhibit A**

## Arkansas-Six (6) Customers

Washington County
Springdale
Fayetteville

Phillips County Helena

Union County

El Dorado

Faulkner County
Conway

Pulaski County
Little Rock

## Florida-Five (5) Customers

Okaloosa County
Destin
Broward County
Coral Springs
Bay County
Panama City
Lake County
Eustis

Eustis
Escambia County
Pensacola

## Georgia-One (1) Customer

Chatham County
Tybee Island

## South Carolina-One (1) Customer

Jasper County
Hardeeville

## North Carolina-Zero (0) Customers

No Counties Affected

## Tennessee-One (1) Customer

Shelby County Memphis

## Exhibit B



September 12, 2008

Jan McNeil 16527 Ranchero Road Springdale, AR 72764-7177

Re: Notice of Discontinuance of Long Distance Services for (877) 471-4874, (479) 751-3737, (479) 751-5292, (130) 434-4267, and (290) 421-3420

Dear Ms. McNeil:

This letter is to inform you that on or about December 1, 2008, Advanced Tel, Inc. d/b/a EATEL will no longer be providing domestic or international long distance service within the state of Arkansas. We are providing this notice well in advance of our target termination date to provide you sufficient time to make the necessary arrangements with another carrier. It is our understanding that domestic and international long distance services are available to you from a number of other carriers. Generally, you will find a list of long distance service providers in your local telephone directory. In order to make your selection, you must contact your long distance service provider of choice and request that your service be switched to that provider.

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 FCC releases the public notice of the proposed discontinuance. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, referencing the §63.71, Application of Advanced Tel, Inc. 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.

If you have any questions about this notice or Advanced Tel's service discontinuance, please contact Janet Britton at 1-800-621-4211, extension 4498.

We thank you for the opportunity to have served you.

Sincerely,

Janet S. Britton

Director of Legal and Regulatory Affairs

#### EATEL

913 South Burnside Avenue Gonzales, Louisiana 70737-4258



September 30, 2008

Wesley F. Borner 12041 NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Dr. Coral Springs, FL 33071-8012

Re: Notice of Discontinuance of Long Distance Services for (954) 796-4996 and (954) 345-5770

Dear Mr. Borner:

This letter is to inform you that on or about December 1, 2008, Advanced Tel, Inc. d/b/a EATEL will no longer be providing domestic or international long distance service within the state of Florida. We are providing this notice well in advance of our target termination date to provide you sufficient time to make the necessary arrangements with another carrier. It is our understanding that domestic and international long distance services are available to you from a number of other carriers. Generally, you will find a list of long distance service providers in your local telephone directory. In order to make your selection, you must contact your long distance service provider of choice and request that your service be switched to that provider.

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Janet S. Britton

Director of Legal and Regulatory Affairs



September 17, 2008

Laura Harrell PO Box 3073 Hammond, LA 70704-3073

Re: Notice of Discontinuance of Long Distance Services for (866) 275-2095

Dear Ms. Harrell:

This letter is to inform you that on or about December 1, 2008, Advanced Tei, Inc. d/b/a EATEL will no longer be providing domestic or international long distance service within the state of Georgia. We are providing this notice well in advance of our target termination date to provide you sufficient time to make the necessary arrangements with another carrier. It is our understanding that domestic and international long distance services are available to you from a number of other carriers. Generally, you will find a list of long distance service providers in your local telephone directory. In order to make your selection, you must contact your long distance service provider of choice and request that your service be switched to that provider. Advanced Tei, Inc. will change you to one alternate provider at no charge during the six (6) month period from the date of this letter.

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 FCC releases the public notice of the proposed discontinuance. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, referencing the §63.71, Application of Advanced Tel, Inc. 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.

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Janet S. Britton

Corporate and Regulatory Counsel



September 15, 2008

Shana Houston 109 Sauls Court Hardeeville, SC 29927-5911

Re: Notice of Discontinuance of Long Distance Services for (877) 513-1514

Dear Ms. Houston:

This letter is to inform you that on or about December 1, 2008, Advanced Tel, Inc. d/b/a EATEL will no longer be providing domestic or international long distance service within the state of South Carolina. We are providing this notice well in advance of our target termination date to provide you sufficient time to make the necessary arrangements with another carrier. It is our understanding that domestic and international long distance services are available to you from a number of other carriers. Generally, you will find a list of long distance service providers in your local telephone directory. In order to make your selection, you must contact your long distance service provider of choice and request that your service be switched to that provider.

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Janet S. Britton

Director of Legal and Regulatory Affairs



August 29, 2008

Ruby Thomas 7295 Mt. Carmel Road Covington, TN 38019

Re: Notice of Discontinuance of Long Distance Services for (901) 476-5005

Dear Ms. Thomas:

This letter is to inform you that on or about December 1, 2008, Advanced Tel, Inc. d/b/a EATEL will no longer be providing domestic or international long distance service within the state of Tennessee. We are providing this notice well in advance of our target termination date to provide you sufficient time to make the necessary arrangements with another carrier. It is our understanding that domestic and international long distance services are available to you from a number of other carriers. Generally, you will find a list of long distance service providers in your local telephone directory. In order to make your selection, you must contact your long distance service provider of choice and request that your service be switched to that provider.

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