

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

In the Matter of Section 63.71 Applications of:)
OPTICAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.)
For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of)
the Communications Act of 1934, as)
amended, to Discontinue the Provision of)
Certain Voice/VOIP Services)

WC Docket No. _____

**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF
OPTICAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.**

OPTICAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. (FRN: 0013932413) ("OpticalTel"), seeks authorization pursuant to Section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214(a), and Section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue certain voice services (the Affected Services) in Penney Farms, Florida because the contract providing for the physical space housing the wiring and equipment from which OpticalTel provides the Affected Services has been declared terminated and the physical space must be vacated.

OpticalTel provides the following information pursuant to Section 63.71 of the Commission's Rules:

1. Name and Address of the Carrier:

Optical Telecommunications, Inc.
1360 S. Dixie Highway, Suite 200
Coral Gables, Florida 33146

2. Date of Planned Service Discontinuance:

OpticalTel plans to discontinue the Affected Service on September 30, 2022, or as soon thereafter as any necessary regulatory approvals are obtained.

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3. Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected:

OpticalTel proposes to discontinue the Affected Services in Penney Farms, Florida.

4. Description of Services Affected: All interconnected VOIP telephone services, including the following product offerings:

- Digital Phone Basic, an interconnected VOIP service that provides basic voice-grade telephonic communications with features, that can be used to place or receive one call at a time, and consisting of local exchange service and long distance service.

- Digital Phone Plus, an interconnected VOIP service that provides basic voice-grade telephonic communications with features, that can be used to place or receive one call at a time, and consisting of local exchange service and bundled nationwide long distance service.

OpticalTel will continue to provide the Affected Services in all other areas where they are currently provided.

5. Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers:

OpticalTel has sent a written notification of the planned discontinuance to customers affected by the proposed discontinuance in accordance with Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's Rules. Customer notifications were sent by U.S. Mail on August 22, 2022. A copy of the notification is attached to this application (Attachment "A").

6. Whether the Carrier is Considered Dominant or Non-Dominant with Respect to the Service to be Discontinued:

OpticalTel is considered non-dominant with respect to the services to be discontinued.

7. Other Information

In accordance with Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's Rules, a copy of this application is being mailed concurrently with its filing to the entities listed on the attached certificate of service.

CONCLUSION

The public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the discontinuance of the services described herein. Advance notice has been provided to all affected customers, giving them ample time to arrange substitute services, which are readily available. Therefore, OpticalTel respectfully requests that the Commission approve this Section 63.71 application.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dated: August 23, 2022

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Attachment "A"



<< Customer Name >>

August 22, 2022

<< Address >>

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Service Address:

**Important Notice Regarding the Planned Discontinuance of
Interconnected VOIP Telephone Services Provided by Optical
Telecommunications, Inc. (OpticalTel/OTI Fiber)**

Dear Valued Customer,

At Optical Telecommunications, Inc., ("OpticalTel") our goal is to provide you with great quality and value while remaining competitive. Changing market conditions require that we continually evaluate our prices, product offerings and infrastructure.

OpticalTel will no longer be able to provide the services identified below in Penney Farms, Florida because the contract concerning the physical space used for the wiring and equipment over which the services are being provided, has been declared terminated and the physical space must be vacated. Therefore, we are writing to inform you that, as of September 30, 2022, or as soon after that date as authorized by the Federal Communications Commission and the state regulatory commission, if required, the affected services will be discontinued in Penney Farms, Florida.

In order to maintain continuous service at your location, OpticalTel would like to work with you to migrate your existing service to another provider of telephone service.

You are receiving this notice because you currently subscribe to one or more of the following services provided by OpticalTel, which we must discontinue, subject to regulatory approval.

- **Digital Phone Basic**, an interconnected VOIP service that provides basic voice-grade telephonic communications with features, that can be used to place or receive one call at a time, and consisting of local exchange service and long distance service.
- **Digital Phone Plus**, an interconnected VOIP service that provides basic voice-grade telephonic communications with features, that can be used to place or receive one call at a time, and consisting of local exchange service and bundled nationwide long distance service.



If you have not made arrangements with another telecommunications service provider to replace your voice service listed above prior to September 30, 2022, please be advised that your service will be disconnected on or after September 30, 2022, provided that the FCC and state commission, if required, approve the planned discontinuance. If you have any questions or need any assistance in transferring your voice service, please contact OpticalTel's customer service at 1-855-303-4237.

If you have a deposit with the Company, the Company will automatically apply any deposits or credits, if applicable, to your OpticalTel invoice. If the amount of the invoice is less than any deposits and credits, the Company will issue a refund for the remaining balance. OpticalTel will not assess any termination liability for termination of the said services, so please consider disconnecting your service at your earliest possible convenience.

We value your business and appreciate your cooperation regarding this notice.

Thank you,

Optical Telecommunications, Inc.
(OpticalTel/OTI Fiber)

The following statement is required by the 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 Optical Telecommunications, 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.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, MARK BUECHELE, ESQ., 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-63.71 | Section 214 Domestic Discontinuance Application);
- 2) Served via first-class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on the Governor of the State of Florida, as follows: Office Executive Office of Governor Ron DeSantis, 400 S. Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399;
- 3) Served via first-class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on the Public Utility Commission of the State of Florida, as follows: Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850; and
- 4) Served via first-class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on the Special Assistant for Telecommunications under the Secretary of Defense, as follows: Department of Defense, Chief Information Officer, Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301.

Dated: August 23, 2022

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