

NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL COMMENT PERIOD

Issued: May 29, 2020

In the Matter of Local Service Providers' Filings under Minnesota Rules 7812.0600 and 7811.0600

PUC Docket Numbers: P999/CI-20-359, P6422/M-20-354, P6236/M-20-259

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes June 19, 2020 at 4:30pm
Reply comment period closes June 30, 2020 at 4:30pm

Comments received after the close of the comment period may or may not be considered by the Commission.

Background

On February 7, 2020, in Docket P6236/M-20-259, Broadwing Communications filed a courtesy letter with the Commission stating that it made a filing with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regarding the discontinuance of certain voice and data services. Similarly on March 6, 2020, XO Communications Services, LLC filed a petition in Docket P6422/M-20-354 to discontinue certain services.¹ Because the filings raise issues which may benefit from Commission clarification, the Commission opened the current docket to gather comments in a single docket.

On March 18, 2020, the Commission issued a notice requesting comments on regulatory issues related to the discontinuance of regulated local voice services. On April 17, 2020, CenturyLink filed comments listing its assessment of Minnesota's regulatory process compared to other states and the FCC. CenturyLink recommended variances to particular Commission rules.

In order to provide a more specific proposal for parties to react to, Commission staff has taken these comments and rewritten them into Attachment A. Please provide comment on Attachment A.²

Filing Requirements: Utilities, telecommunications carriers, official parties, and state agencies are **required** to file documents using the Commission's electronic filing system (eFiling). All parties,

¹ XO earlier made a filing in Dockets 20-43 and 20-44.

² Attachment A does not necessarily represent Commission staff's position; rather, it was written in order to generate more specific feedback from parties.

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Attachment A

1) Should the Commission clarify, or in the alternative vary Minn. R. 7812.0600, subpart 1A and 6 so that a local service provider discontinuing a regulated voice service for business customers:

a) need only provide notification to the business customers, not receive affirmative confirmation from each individual customer that they have transitioned service to another provider; and

b) may provide a notice to the Commission, Department, and Office of Attorney General, and its customers at least 60 days in advance, if it is retaining its authority but discontinuing a regulated voice service for business customers? Should the carrier be allowed to carry out that discontinuance without affirmative approval from the Commission, if no objections or concerns are raised in comments within 60 days?

c) need not only identify LSPs available to those customers, but both LSPs and any other unregulated options known to the carrier? (*See the last sentence of Minn. Rules 7812.0600, Limitations on Exit.*)

2) Should the Commission clarify that the notice to customers required under 7812.0600 subp. 6 shall list contact information for the Consumer Affairs Office?

3) Commenters should provide additional information, including but not limited to:

a) other state commissions' requirements for discontinuing local regulated voice service to business customers;

b) whether it is relevant that these services go through an FCC approval process.

The scope of these questions does not include relinquishment of a carrier's certificate of authority, nor obligations of an ETC.