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Washington, D.C. 20554

DOCKET NO. T-03194A-00-0955

Re: Application for Discontinuance of Services
by Domestic Carrier: Interoute-Retail, Inc.

Dear Ms. Salas:

Please find enclosed an original and six (6) copies of Interoute-Retail, Inc.'s Application for Discontinuance of Services by Domestic Carrier.

Please file-stamp and return the extra copy of this filing in the envelope enclosed for this purpose.

Questions regarding this filing should be directed to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Thomas K. Crowe
Tania J. Cho,
Counsel for Interoute-Retail, Inc.

Enclosure

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

In the Matter of)
)
INTERROUTE-RETAIL, INC.)
) File No. _____
Section 63.71 Application for)
Discontinuance of Services by)
Domestic Carrier)

APPLICATION OF INTERROUTE-RETAIL, INC.

Interoute-Retail, Inc. ("IRI" or "Applicant") requests approval, pursuant to Section 63.71 the Commission's Rules, 47 U.S.C. § 63.71 (1999), to discontinue its domestic, interstate operations, effective January 15, 2001. IRI has simultaneously notified the Commission of its intention to also discontinue its international operations as of this date.

IRI was authorized by the Commission to provide resale of public switched services and global facilities-based and resale services pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214 (1999).¹

As required by Section 63.71 of the Commission's Rules, IRI submits the following information:

(a) *Name and Address of Applicant:*

Interoute-Retail, Inc.
22 Cortlandt Street, 33rd Floor
New York, NY 10007

¹ Overseas Common Carrier Section 214 Applications Actions Taken, *Public Notice*, File No. ITC-95-578, Report No. 1-8133 (Jan. 17, 1996); and Overseas Common Carrier Section 214 Applications Actions Taken, *Public Notice*, File No. ITC-98-201, Report 1-8299, DA 98-780 (April 23, 1998).

(b) *Date of Planned Discontinuance of Services:*

January 15, 2001

(c) *Points of Geographic Areas of Services Affected:*

IRI provides domestic, interstate services throughout the United States.²

(d) *Brief Description of the Type of Services Affected:*

As shown in its FCC Tariff No. 1 on file with the Commission, IRI provides long distance calling services (interexchange 1+), telephone calling card services, prepaid calling card services and private lines services.

(e) *Brief Description of the Date and Method of Notice to all Affected Customers:*

IRI plans to discontinue its domestic operations on January 15, 2001. As required by Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's Rules, 47 U.S.C. § 63.71(a) (1999), IRI has notified all affected customers in writing of the planned discontinuance of domestic operations. The customer notification letter specified the customers' right to object to the discontinuance of domestic operations and that such objections should be filed within 15 days after receipt of the notification. Thus, IRI's customer notification letter is in full compliance with the requirements under Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's Rules, 47 U.S.C. § 63.71(a) (1999). A copy of the customer notice letter is annexed as an Exhibit.

² IRI is authorized to provide intrastate, interexchange services in all states except Alaska, Maryland, Nebraska, Wisconsin and the District of Columbia.

(f) *Carrier Status:*

IRI is considered a non-dominant carrier.

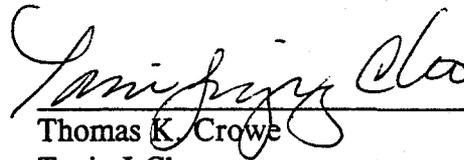
(g) *Certification of Service:*

IRI certifies that it has notified and sent a copy of its application to the Secretary of Defense and the Governor and Public Utilities Commission of each state which will be affected by the discontinuance, in accordance with Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a) (1999).

For the reasons stated herein, IRI respectfully submits this application to discontinue its domestic services and surrender its Section 214 authorization.

Respectfully submitted,

By:



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INC.

November 14, 2000

EXHIBIT

Notice of Service Discontinuance



November 10, 2000

Dear Customer:

We regret to inform you that we are going to suspend the retail business of our company with respect to domestic and international service for commercial and residential customers located in all states. To ensure continuity of service, you should call the substitute long distance carrier of your choice as soon as possible to arrange for alternative service. We will suspend service as soon as applicable regulations permit, and our target date for the complete discontinuance of service is **January 15, 2001**.

All of our retail customers for long distance interexchange services, including switched and dedicated 1+, toll-free, dial-around, casual, travel card and prepaid calling card services, will be affected.

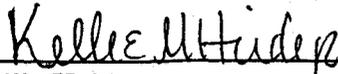
The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service (or reduction or impairment) unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier, or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments within 15 days after receipt of this notification. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554, referencing the Sec.63.71 Application of Interoute-Retail, Inc., formerly known as American International Telephone, Inc. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance (or reduction or impairment) upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

Please accept our thanks for your business, and our apologies for the inconvenience of having to select another carrier. If we can provide any further assistance, please call our Customer Service Department at 800-707-4685.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Kellie Heider, a legal assistant with the Law Offices of Thomas K. Crowe, P.C., certify that on November 14, 2000, a copy of the foregoing Application was served by first class U.S. mail, postage prepaid, on each of the state public utility commissions and the Governor of the states in which the discontinuance is proposed, and also on the Secretary of Defense, Special Assistant for Telecommunications.



Kellie Heider