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BY OVERNIGHT MAIL

Reece McAlister, Executive Secretary
Georgia Public Service Commission
244 Washington Street, S.W.
Atlanta, GA 30334

Re: Notification of Partial Discontinuance of Service by Focal Communications Corporation of Georgia

Dear Mr. McAlister:

Focal Communications Corporation of Georgia ("Focal") respectfully notifies the Commission that Focal will discontinue certain telecommunications services in the State of Georgia. Specifically, Focal is seeking to discontinue the provision of local exchange, interexchange and internet access services to customers that were previously provided services by OnSite Access.¹ Focal will continue to provide telecommunications services to other customers in Georgia. In connection with this Notification, Focal provides the following information:

I. Background

On December 19, 2002, Focal Communications Corporation and its affiliates, including Focal, filed a voluntary, pre-arranged Chapter 11 bankruptcy petition with, and currently operate under the protection of, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware. The proposed discontinuance is part of Focal's plan to make its operations more economically efficient so as to allow Focal to emerge from Bankruptcy with operations that assure its long term ability to remain a viable competitor. The services provided to the affected customers must be discontinued because they cannot currently be provided in a way that would permit Focal to offer them at cost-competitive rates and at the same time cover the costs to provide the services. As such, Focal will file a motion requesting that the Bankruptcy Court approve the rejection of its agreements with the affected customers for the services described herein. In short, the

¹ OnSite Access filed for Bankruptcy on May 16, 2001 and ceased providing telecommunications services. To avoid interruption to OnSite customers, Focal provided service after OnSite ceased operations. As described in to this Notification, Focal is no longer able to provide those services.

services provided to affected customers are not financially viable, and therefore Focal seeks to discontinue such services as soon as possible.

II. Contacts

Correspondence or communications pertaining to this Notification should be directed to Focal's counsel:

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Focal's toll-free customer service telephone number for customer inquiries concerning this discontinuance is (877) 275-3622.

III. Description of Discontinuance

A. Name and Address of Carrier

Focal Communications Corporation of Georgia
200 North LaSalle Street
Chicago, Illinois 60601

Focal was granted IXC Certificate No. X-0989 to provide intraLATA and interLATA interexchange telecommunications service in Docket No. 10467-U (July 23, 1999). Focal granted CLEC Certificate No. L-143 to provide resold and facilities-based local exchange telecommunications services in Docket No. 10466-U (September 8, 1999).

B. Description of Type of Service Affected

Focal seeks authority to discontinue the provision of all services (local exchange, interexchange and internet access services) provided to customers located at buildings that were formerly served by OnSite Access. The discontinuance will affect the buildings listed in Exhibit A and will result in the discontinuance of three (3) customers in Georgia. Other Focal services and customers will not be affected by this discontinuance.

C. Date of Planned Service Discontinuance

Focal intends to discontinue service to affected customers on April 30, 2002, or as soon as reasonably possible upon completion receipt of the necessary federal and state regulatory notices periods.

D. Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected

The affected customers are located in the greater Atlanta metropolitan area.

E. Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers

Individual written notice was provided to each customer affected by the proposed discontinuance via first class mail on March 18, 2003. (See Exhibit B). The notice identifies the services that Focal is seeking to discontinue and the date on which the discontinuance is expected to occur. In addition, the notice provides a toll-free customer service number for information and questions relating to the discontinuance or for assistance in selecting a new service provider. The notice letter also explains that Focal will assist customers to ensure continuity of their service.

F. Ongoing Efforts to Provide for Continuity of Service

In addition to providing affected customers notice of the discontinuance, Focal will also work with alternative carriers to effectuate a seamless transition of the affected customer to the alternative carrier's network. Focal will release to its customers all pertinent end-user circuit information required to transfer service to another provider.

IV. Public Interest Considerations

Focal's disconnection of customers, while regrettable, is necessary and appropriate, and will not adversely affect the public convenience and necessity. The public will not be unduly harmed by the discontinuance of the services described above because customers have been given notice that affords them an opportunity to transfer to a new carrier. As indicated herein, Focal has undertaken a customer notification initiative that is aimed at providing affected customers with sufficient notice and opportunity to select another provider. Further, Focal is making a concerted effort to ensure continuity of service for all affected customers.

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V. **Conclusion**

An original and fifteen (15) copies of this letter are enclosed. Kindly date stamp and return the enclosed extra copy of this letter. Also enclosed is a diskette with an electronic copy of this filing in MSWord format. Focal will proceed as described above as soon as possible. Therefore, Focal respectfully requests that the Commission notify Focal promptly if it has any questions regarding the proposed transactions or believes that further action is required.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard M. Rindler

Brett P. Ferenchak

Counsel to Focal Communications
Corporation of Georgia

Enclosure

Exhibit A

Affected Buildings

BUILDINGS TO BE DISCONTINUED

GEORGIA

1355 Peachtree St. NW	Atlanta, GA 30309
300 Galleria Pkwy	Atlanta, GA 30339
5505 Peachtree Dunwoody Rd NE	Atlanta, GA 30342

Exhibit B

Customer Notice

BY UPS COURIER

March 18, 2003
Customer Name
Address
City, state zip

NOTICE OF TELEPHONE SERVICE DISCONNECTION

**YOUR IMMEDIATE ACTION IS REQUIRED
PLEASE DO NOT DISREGARD**

YOU MUST CHOOSE A NEW TELEPHONE SERVICE PROVIDER.

Dear Customer:

We regret to inform you that as of April 30, 2003 Focal Communications Corporation and its subsidiaries will no longer be providing your telecommunications service. This includes the provision of any local, long distance and internet access services provided to you by Focal. As you may recall, your service was previously provided by OnSite Access, which ceased providing phone service following bankruptcy proceedings. To avoid interruption, Focal provided service after OnSite ceased operations. After April 30 however, Focal will no longer be able to provide this service to you.

Your action is required! You must select a new telecommunications service provider as quickly as possible or you may lose your telecommunications service, including local telephone service.

It can take several weeks to transition telecommunications services to a new carrier. Therefore, please do not delay in arranging for a new carrier and check carefully that all telecommunications services you currently have with Focal are moved to your new carrier. Generally, you can find a list of telephone service providers in your local telephone directory.

The Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") permits customers to object to discontinuance of their service by a telecommunications provider. As provided in the FCC's rule 47 CFR 63.71:

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 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 Focal Communications. 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.

The service of this Notice is without prejudice to, and is subject to, all of Focal Communication's rights as debtor in possession in its bankruptcy case commenced under Chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code, all of which rights are expressly preserved.

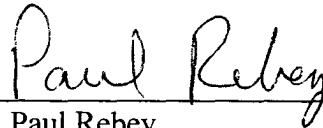
Focal appreciates the opportunity it has had to serve you and regrets any inconvenience this change may cause you. If you have questions regarding the discontinuance, please contact Focal at 1-888-FOCAL-CC (1-888-362-2522).

Focal Communications Corporation

VERIFICATION

I, Paul Rebey, state that I am Senior Counsel of Focal Communications Corporation of Georgia, Party in the foregoing Notification; that I am authorized to make this Verification on behalf of Focal Communications Corporation of Georgia; that the foregoing was prepared under my direction and supervision; and that the contents are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 20th day of March, 2003.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Rebey". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Name: Paul Rebey
Title: Senior Counsel
Focal Communications Corporation of
Georgia