

to be a period not in excess of the following: 10 days in the case of public coast stations; and 60 days in all other cases.

(d) *Grandfather* means to maintain the provision of a service to existing customers while ceasing to offer that service to new customers.

(e) The term “interconnected VoIP provider” is an entity that provides interconnected VoIP service as that term is defined in §9.3 of this chapter.

(f) *Public toll station* means a public telephone station, located in a community, through which a carrier provides service to the public, and which is connected directly to a toll line operated by such carrier.

(g) For the purposes of §§63.60 through 63.90, the term “service,” when used to refer to a real-time, two-way voice communications service, shall include interconnected VoIP service as that term is defined in §9.3 of this chapter but shall not include any interconnected VoIP service that is a “mobile service” as defined in §20.3 of this chapter.

(h) *You*. In this section, “You” refers to applicants and licensees.

(i) The term “technology transition” means any change in service that would result in the replacement of a wireline TDM-based voice service with a service using a different technology or medium for transmission to the end user, whether Internet Protocol (IP), wireless, or another type; except that retirement of copper, as defined in §51.332(a) of this chapter, that does not result in a discontinuance, reduction, or impairment of service requiring Commission authorization pursuant to this part shall not constitute a “technology transition” for purposes of this part.

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#### § 63.61 Applicability.

Any carrier subject to the provisions of section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, proposing to discontinue, reduce or impair interstate or foreign telephone service to a community, or a part of a community,

shall request authority therefor by formal application or informal request as specified in the pertinent sections of this part:

(a) *Provided, however*, that where service is expanded on an experimental basis for a temporary period of not more than 6 months, no application shall be required to reduce service to its status prior to such expansion but a written notice shall be filed with the Commission within 10 days of the reduction showing:

(1) The date on which, places at which, and extent to which service was expanded; and,

(2) The date on which, places at which, and extent to which such expansion of service was discontinued.

(b) And provided further that a licensee of a radio station who has filed an application for authority to discontinue service provided by such station shall during the period that such application is pending before the Commission, continue to file appropriate applications as may be necessary for extension or renewal of station license in order to provide legal authorization for such station to continue in operation pending final action on the application for discontinuance of service. Procedures for discontinuance, reduction or impairment of service by dominant and non-dominant, domestic carriers are in §63.71. Procedures for discontinuance, reduction or impairment of international services are in §63.19.

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#### § 63.62 Type of discontinuance, reduction, or impairment of telephone service requiring formal application.

Authority for the following types of discontinuance, reduction, or impairment of service shall be requested by formal application containing the information required by the Commission in the appropriate sections to this part, except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, or in emergency cases (as defined in §63.60(b)) as provided in §63.63:

(a) The dismantling or removal of a trunk line (for contents of application see § 63.500) for all domestic carriers and