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September 14, 2011

VIA E-FILE

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
Capitol Building, 1st floor
500 E. Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: *Informational Filing Regarding the Discontinuance of Certain Wholesale Telecommunications Services by XO Communications Services, Inc.*

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

XO Communications Services, Inc (“XOCS”), by its attorneys, hereby respectfully notifies the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) of its intention to discontinue the provision of selected domestic telecommunications and VoIP services – namely, Carrier Long Distance Termination Services and VoIP Termination Services – to a limited number of wholesale customers in South Dakota. Importantly, XOCS will continue to provide competitive telecommunications services in its existing markets in South Dakota. Accordingly, XOCS is not surrendering its telecommunications certificate.¹

XOCS is a Delaware corporation and a direct, wholly-owned subsidiary of XO Communications, LLC (“XO LLC”), a Delaware limited liability company. XO LLC is a leading national provider of local and long distance telecommunications services to businesses, large enterprises and telecommunications carriers through its operating subsidiaries, primarily XOCS. XOCS is authorized to provide competitive telecommunications services in 49 states and the District of Columbia. XOCS and XO LLC are located at 13865 Sunrise Valley Drive, Herndon, Virginia 20171, (703) 547-2000.

¹ XOCS was authorized to provide local and interexchange services in South Dakota in docket TC 04-145 on December 29, 2004.

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In an effort to streamline its product set and focus its resources on its core IP and data services, XO has decided to discontinue providing Carrier Long Distance Termination Services and VoIP Termination Services, both of which are high volume switched intercity termination products sold to XO Carrier Services customers on a wholesale basis. The services to be discontinued currently are provided to other telecommunications carriers, interconnected VoIP providers and providers of information/enhanced services. The proposed discontinuance will not result in harm to the affected customers because these customers are sophisticated purchasers of high volume communications services that can easily migrate to alternative service providers. Numerous other CLECs, ILECs, IXCs and VoIP providers offer similar interstate switched termination services in all areas where XO plans to discontinue service.

As noted, XOCS is not surrendering its telecommunications certificate in South Dakota. The Company will continue to provide a competitive range of telecommunications services in South Dakota. Moreover, the proposed discontinuance will not reduce, impair or otherwise affect XOCS's other telecommunications service offerings. Indeed, by discontinuing the provision of the Carrier Long Distance Termination Services and VoIP Termination Services to a small number of wholesale customers, XOCS will be better able to focus on the provision of quality communications services to its remaining customer base, which comprises the overwhelming majority of XOCS's current operations. Therefore, the proposed discontinuance not only holds no significant adverse effects but will be beneficial to the majority of XOCS customers in South Dakota and is therefore in the public interest.

On August 31, 2011, XOCS provided written customer notice in accordance with the requirements of Section 63.71(a) of the FCC's Rules and filed a discontinuance application with the FCC on September 14, 2011. A copy of the customer notice, sent by U.S. mail, postage prepaid, is appended hereto as *Exhibit A*. XOCS plans to discontinue Carrier Long Distance Termination Services and VoIP Termination Services on November 1, 2011.

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It is our understanding that no formal Commission approval of the service discontinuance described herein is required. *Thus, XOCS requests that this filing not be docketed.* XOCS submits this letter for the Commission's information only and requests that it be retained in the appropriate file.

Questions regarding this letter may be addressed to Denise N. Smith at Kelley Drye & Warren LLP, 3050 K Street, NW, Suite 400 Washington, D.C. 20007 (202) 342-8614, dsmith@kelleydrye.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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Exhibit A

Customer Notice



13885 Sunrise Valley Drive
Herndon, VA 20171

VIA OVERNIGHT COURIER

August 31, 2011

Re: IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE

Dear Sir or Madam:

Effective November 1, 2011, XO Communications Services, LLC, and its affiliates, XO Virginia, LLC, and Telecommunication of Nevada, LLC (collectively "XO"), no longer will be providing "Carrier Long Distance Termination Services" or "VoIP Termination Services," both of which are switched inter-city termination products sold to XO Carrier Services customers on a wholesale basis. This discontinuance impacts service in the District of Columbia and all states except Alaska and Hawaii. You are receiving this notice because your company appears in XO's records as a "customer-of-record" of these services. As a result, we are furnishing you with notice sufficient to allow you to evaluate alternative providers, if you currently are using either or both of these services.

The Federal Communications Commission 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. 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 XO Communications Services, LLC, XO Virginia, LLC, and Telecommunication of Nevada, LLC. 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.

If you have any questions, please contact your Account Executive or Customer Service Manager. We thank you for your business and look forward to continuing to serve you in other capacities.

Sincerely,

XO COMMUNICATIONS