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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

November 18, 2016

Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
Capital Building, 1st Floor
500 East Capital Avenue
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070

Re: Notice of Windstream's Section 63.71 Application with the FCC

Dear Director Van Gerpen:

Enclosed please find a copy of Windstream's Section 63.71 Application to Discontinue Certain Services filed with the FCC. At the time of this filing Windstream has identified one (1) end-user and one (1) reseller customer that will be impacted. All affected customers have received notice of the upcoming changes to their services.

Please note this discontinuance is limited to specific end of life equipment within Windstream's network. The discontinuance is not intended to affect Windstream's certifications with the Commission.

Should you have any questions concerning this notice, please do not hesitate to contact me or my paralegal Nicole Winters at (501) 748-6313 or nicole.winters@windstream.com.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cesar Caballero", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Cesar Caballero

Enclosure

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington D.C. 20554

In the Matter Of)
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Section 63.71 Application of)
) WC Docket No. _____
LDMI Telecommunications, LLC)
McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, LLC)
Network Telephone, LLC)
PAETEC Communications, LLC)
Talk America, LLC)
The Other Phone Company, LLC)
US LEC Communications, LLC)
US LEC of Alabama, LLC)
US LEC of Florida, LLC)
US LEC of Georgia, LLC)
US LEC of Tennessee, LLC)
Windstream Communications Telecom, LLC)
Windstream Communications, LLC)
Windstream Direct, LLC)
Windstream EN-TEL, LLC)
Windstream Iowa-Comm, LLC)
Windstream IT-Comm, LLC)
Windstream Lakedale Link, Inc.)
Windstream Norlight, LLC)
Windstream NorthStar, LLC)
Windstream NTI, LLC)
Windstream NuVox Illinois, LLC)
Windstream NuVox Indiana, LLC)
Windstream NuVox Missouri, LLC)
Windstream NuVox Ohio, LLC)
Windstream NuVox, LLC)
Windstream of the Midwest, Inc.)
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For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of)
the Communications Act of 1934, As Amended,)
to Discontinue the Provision of Service)

SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF WINDSTREAM SERVICES, LLC

Windstream Services, LLC on behalf of its competitive local exchange carrier affiliates
LDMI Telecommunications, LLC, McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, LLC, Network
Telephone, LLC, PAETEC Communications, LLC, Talk America, LLC, The Other Phone

Company, LLC, US LEC Communications, LLC, US LEC of Alabama, LLC, US LEC of Florida, LLC, US LEC of Georgia, LLC, US LEC of Tennessee, LLC, Windstream Communications Telecom, LLC, Windstream Communications, LLC, Windstream Direct, LLC, Windstream EN-TEL, LLC, Windstream Iowa-Comm, LLC, Windstream IT-Comm, LLC, Windstream Lakedale Link, Inc., Windstream Norlight, LLC, Windstream NorthStar, LLC, Windstream NTI, LLC, Windstream NuVox Illinois, LLC, Windstream NuVox Indiana, LLC, Windstream NuVox Missouri, LLC, Windstream NuVox Ohio, LLC, Windstream NuVox, LLC, and Windstream of the Midwest, Inc. (collectively "Windstream"), through its undersigned counsel and pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §214, and Section 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission's ("Commission") rules, 47 C.F.R. §63.71, hereby files this Application to discontinue the provision of local exchange and digital subscriber line ("DSL") services (collectively, "Services") in certain locations in the states of Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wisconsin. In support of this Application, Windstream submits the following information:

1. Information listed in 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(1)-(4) (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(b)(2)):

a. Name and Address of Carrier (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(1)-(4), (b)(2)):

LDMI Telecommunications, LLC
McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, LLC
Network Telephone, LLC
PAETEC Communications, LLC
Talk America, LLC
The Other Phone Company, LLC
US LEC Communications, LLC

US LEC of Alabama, LLC
US LEC of Florida, LLC
US LEC of Georgia, LLC
US LEC of Tennessee, LLC
Windstream Communications Telecom, LLC
Windstream Communications, LLC
Windstream Direct, LLC
Windstream EN-TEL, LLC
Windstream Iowa-Comm, LLC
Windstream IT-Comm, LLC
Windstream Lakedale Link, Inc.
Windstream Norlight, LLC
Windstream NorthStar, LLC
Windstream NTI, LLC
Windstream NuVox Illinois, LLC
Windstream NuVox Indiana, LLC
Windstream NuVox Missouri, LLC
Windstream NuVox Ohio, LLC
Windstream NuVox, LLC
Windstream of the Midwest, Inc.

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Little Rock, AR 72212

b. Date of Planned Discontinuance (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(2), (b)(2)):

Based on specific state level notification requirements Windstream plans to discontinue service in three stages based on the states customers are located in. Services for customers located in Alabama, Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Tennessee, and Washington will be discontinued on or about December 19, 2016.

Services for customers located in Colorado, Indiana, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, and Wisconsin will be discontinued on or about January 19, 2017.

Services for customers located in Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, and New Mexico will be discontinued on or about February 20, 2017.

c. Point of Geographic Areas of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(3), (b)(2)):

Services will be discontinued in certain locations in the states of Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wisconsin.

d. Brief Description of the Type of Service to be Affected (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(4), (b)(2)):

The Services are local exchange and DSL services provided to residential and small business customers.

2. Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers (47 C.F.R. § 63.71 (b)(3)):

On November 18, 2016, Windstream sent by First Class U.S. Mail notice to all affected customers of the planned discontinuance. A copy of such notice is attached hereto as Attachment 1 (30-day), Attachment 2 (60-day), and Attachment 3 (90-day), which is compliant with, among other things, Section 63.71(a)(5) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(5).

3. Regulatory Classification of Carrier (47 C.F.R. § 63.71 (a)(4)):

Windstream is nondominant with respect to the services that it proposes to discontinue.

4. Service:

In accordance with Section 63.71(a)(1) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(1), Windstream is submitting a copy of this Application by First Class U.S. Mail to the public

utilities commissions and governors of each state in which discontinuance is proposed and also to the Secretary of Defense (at the address given in 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)).

5. Additional Questions Regarding This Application May be Addressed to the Undersigned.

6. Circumstances of Discontinuance.

Windstream provides the Services to approximately 300 customers in certain locations in Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wisconsin. The Services are being provided on equipment that is at the end of life, it is no longer supported by vendors and replacement would be cost prohibitive.

Affected customers will not be unduly harmed because they are being provided ample notice of the discontinuance and customers have comparable options at comparable rates from other providers serving these states.

7. Conclusion

Windstream believes that the proposed discontinuance is reasonable and necessary. As outlined herein, Windstream will take reasonable steps, to the extent that is able, to assurance that the discontinuance of this service is not unduly disruptive to the present or future public convenience and necessity. Accordingly, Windstream respectfully requests that the Commission permit it to discontinue the provision of Services to customers in certain locations in Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wisconsin pursuant to Section 63.71.

Respectfully Submitted,



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November 18, 2016

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Section 63.71 Application was served this 18th day of November 2016, by mailing true and correct copies thereof, postage prepaid, to the following persons to the addresses listed below.

Secretary of Defense
Attn: Special Assistance for
Telecommunications
Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301

Office of Governor Rick Scott
PL 05 The Capitol
400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Alabama Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 304260
Montgomery, AL 36130

Georgia Public Service Commission
244 Washington Street
Atlanta, GA 30334

Office of Governor Robert Bentley
State Capitol
600 Dexter Avenue
Montgomery, AL 36130

Office of Governor Nathan Deal
203 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 West Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Idaho Public Utilities Commission
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, ID 83702

Office of Governor Doug Ducey
State Capitol
1700 West Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Office of Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter
700 West Jefferson
Second Floor
Boise, ID 83702

Colorado Public Utilities Commission
1560 Broadway
Suite 250
Denver, CO 80202

Illinois Commerce Commission
527 East Capitol Avenue
Springfield, IL 62701

Office of Governor John Hickenlooper
136 State Capitol
Denver, CO 80203-1792

Office of Governor Bruce Rauner
State Capitol
207 Statehouse
Springfield, IL 62706

Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Gerald Gunter Building
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
PNC Center
101 West Washington Street
Suite 1500 East
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Office of Governor Mike Pence
State House
Room 206
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2797

Iowa Utilities Board
1375 E. Court Avenue
Room 69
Des Moines, IA 50319-0069

Office of Governor Terry Branstad
State Capitol
Des Moines, IA 50319-0001

Kentucky Public Service Commission
211 Sower Boulevard
Frankfort, KY 40601

Office of Governor Matt Bevin
700 Capitol Avenue
Suite 100
Frankfort, KY 40601

Louisiana Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 91154
Baton Rouge, LA 70821

Office of Governor John Bel Edwards
P.O. Box 94004
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9004

Michigan Public Service Commission
PO Box 30221
Lansing, MI 48909

Office of Governor Rick Snyder
P.O. Box 30013
Lansing, MI 48909

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 Seventh Place East
Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

Office of Governor Mark Dayton
130 State Capitol
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard
St. Paul, MN 55155

Mississippi Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 1174
Jackson, MS 39215

Office of Governor Phil Bryant
P.O. Box 139
Jackson, MS 39205

Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Office of Governor Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon
Capitol Building
Room 216, P.O. Box 720
Jefferson City, MO 65102

New Mexico Public Regulation Commission
1120 Paseo de Peralta
Santa Fe, NM 87501-1269

Office of Governor Susana Martinez
State Capitol
Fourth Floor
Santa Fe, NM 87501

North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard Avenue
Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Office of Governor Jack Dalrymple
Dept. 101
600 E. Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58505-0001

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215-3793

Office of Governor John Kasich
30th Floor
77 South High Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Oregon Public Utility Commission
P.O. Box 1088
Salem, OR 97301

Office of Governor Kate Brown
State Capitol
Room 160
900 Court St. NE.
Salem, OR 97301

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Office of Governor Dennis Daugaard
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Tennessee Regulatory Authority
502 Deaderick Street
4th Floor
Nashville, TN 37243

Office of Governor Bill Haslam
Tennessee State Capitol
Nashville, TN 37243-0001

Public Utility Commission of Texas
P.O. Box 13326
Austin, TX 78711

Office of Governor Greg Abbott
P.O. Box 12428
Austin, TX 78711

Public Service Commission of Utah
160 East 300 South
4th Floor

Office of Governor Gary R. Herbert
Utah State Capitol
Suite 200
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Washington Utilities and Transportation
Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive
PO Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Office of Governor Jay Inslee
Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 40002
Olympia, WA 98504-0002

Wisconsin Public Service Commission
P.O. Box
Madison, WI 53707-7854

Office of Governor Scott Walker
115 East State Capitol
Madison, WI 53707



Attachment 1

30 Day Customer Notice



<Justin Sample>
<123 Main Street
<Anytown, USA 12345>
<|||||>

November 18, 2016

URGENT: Your services on account ending in <<LAST 4 ACCT NUM>> will be impacted unless you take action!

Dear <<BILLING NAME>>,

In an effort to better serve our business customers, Windstream is working to consolidate our systems and offerings. You are currently on an end-of-life platform that is scheduled to be decommissioned on Monday, December 19.

The decommissioning affects Windstream Services, LLC customers in AL, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, NM, OH, OR, SD, TX, UT, WA, and WI who subscribe to some local exchange and digital subscriber line (DSL) and voice services.

In order to prevent a permanent service disruption, please contact Windstream as soon as possible to discuss your available options. Failure to do so may result in insufficient time to transition your services and may result in a complete loss of your services with no short-term ability to restore them.

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 as soon as possible, but no later than 15 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. You may file your comments electronically through the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System using the docket number established in the Commission's public notice for this proceeding, or you may 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 Windstream Services, LLC. 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.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter. Please contact your Windstream trusted advisor at 855.759.7412 to discuss your migration and customized solution options.

Sincerely,

Windstream

Attachment 2

60 Day Customer Notice



<Justin Sample>
<123 Main Street
<Anytown, USA 12345>
<|||||>

November 18, 2016

URGENT: Your services on account ending in <<LAST 4 ACCT NUM>> will be impacted unless you take action!

Dear <<BILLING NAME>>,

In an effort to better serve our business customers, Windstream is working to consolidate our systems and offerings. You are currently on an end-of-life platform that is scheduled to be decommissioned on Thursday, January 19.

The decommissioning affects Windstream Services, LLC customers in AL, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, NM, OH, OR, SD, TX, UT, WA, and WI who subscribe to some local exchange and digital subscriber line (DSL) and voice services.

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Sincerely,

Windstream

Attachment 3

90 Day Customer Notice



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<123 Main Street
<Anytown, USA 12345>
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November 18, 2016

URGENT: Your services on account ending in <<LAST 4 ACCT NUM>> will be impacted unless you take action!

Dear <<BILLING NAME>>,

In an effort to better serve our business customers, Windstream is working to consolidate our systems and offerings. You are currently on an end-of-life platform that is scheduled to be decommissioned on Monday, February 20.

The decommissioning affects Windstream Services, LLC customers in AL, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, NM, OH, OR, SD, TX, UT, WA, and WI who subscribe to some local exchange and digital subscriber line (DSL) and voice services.

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