

In the Matter Of	)	
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Section 63.71 Application of	)	
	)	WC Docket No. _____
DeltaCom, LLC	)	
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For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of	)	
the Communications Act of 1934 to	)	
Discontinue the Provision of Service	)	
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DeltaCom, LLC (“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 digital subscriber line (“DSL”) service to certain customers located in Billings, Montana. In support of this Application, Windstream submits the following information:

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

4001 North Rodney Parham Rd.  
Little Rock, AR 72212

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

On or about June 30, 2018.

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

DSL service will be discontinued to certain customers in Billings, Montana

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

The service to be affected is digital subscriber line (DSL) service.

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

On April 2, 2018, 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, 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 Montana Public Service Commission, to the Office of Governor Steve Bullock 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.**

In Billings, Montana, Windstream provides DSL service to certain customers on an end-of-life platform that is scheduled to be decommissioned on or about June 30, 2018. The discontinuance of DSL service will affect 8 wholesale customers in Billings, Montana.

These customers will not be unduly harmed because they have comparable options at comparable rates from other providers serving Billings.

**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 assure 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 DSL service to certain customers in Billings, Montana pursuant to Section 63.71.

Respectfully Submitted,

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April 11, 2018

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Section 63.71 Application was served this 11th day of April 2018, 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

Montana Public Service Commission  
1701 Prospect Avenue  
P.O. Box 202601  
Helena, MT 59620-2601

Office of Governor Steve Bullock  
P.O. Box 200801  
Helena, MT 59620-0801

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Cesar Caballero

Attachment 1  
Customer Notice

## WINDSTREAM WHOLESALE

April 2, 2018

DeltaCom, LLC  
4001 N. Rodney Parham Rd.  
Little Rock, AR 72212

«Customer\_Name»  
«Addr\_Line\_2»  
«Addr\_Line\_3»  
«City\_Name», «State\_Code» «Zip\_Code»

**IMPORTANT: Services for Account # «Acct #»/«Client»  
Will be Impacted Unless Action is Taken Immediately**

Dear Valued Customer,

Because your business matters to Windstream, we wanted to provide advance notification of some changes we are making to your client's location from which their current ADSL services are provisioned.

**The platform that currently supports ADSL services has reached the end of its useful life and will soon be decommissioned. As a result, Windstream customers in the Billings, Montana area will have these services retired on or about June 30, 2018.**

This change requires action on the part of your client. To avoid a permanent service interruption, we advise that you begin informing clients to seek an alternative service provider to have services established by June 30, 2018. Failure to do so may result in permanent service termination or insufficient time to transition to a replacement service, with no immediate restoral options.

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 DeltaCom, 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.

Please remember that with this change, our goal is to keep your business running smoothly. If you should have any questions regarding this change, please contact your Carrier Account Manager.

**Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter.**

Best Regards,

Windstream Wholesale

