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June 4, 2019

Marlene H. Dortch, Esq.
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Section 63.71 Application of TDS Metrocom, LLC

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Enclosed is a Section 63.71 discontinuance application of TDS Metrocom, LLC (FRN: 3767639).

The application seeks Commission approval for the discontinuance of TDS Metrocom, LLC's retail voice and data services to a limited number of customers in the Duluth, Minnesota market area. The discontinuance will occur on August 5, 2019.

Please direct questions concerning this filing to me at the contact information below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer R. Heise".

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Enclosure

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
Section 63.71 Application of)	
TDS Metrocom, LLC)	WC Docket No. _____
For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of)	
the Communications Act of 1934,)	
To Discontinue Services)	

**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF
TDS METROCOM, LLC**

TDS Metrocom, LLC ("Applicant") seeks authorization pursuant to Section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §214(a) and Section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue its provision of all Voice and Data services to a limited number of customers at various addresses in the Duluth, Minnesota Market Area. The Applicant provides the following information pursuant to Section 63.71 of the Commission's Rules:

1. Name and Address of the Carrier: TDS Metrocom, LLC, 525 Junction Road, Madison, Wisconsin 53717.
2. Date of Planned Service Discontinuance: Applicant plans to discontinue the affected services on August 5, 2019.
3. Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected: Applicant proposes to discontinue the affected services to certain customers in the Duluth, Minnesota Market Area. Services provided to these existing commercial customers will be discontinued and services will no longer be offered to new customers following the proposed discontinuance.
4. Description of Service Affected and Reason for Discontinuance: The services to be affected are all voice and data services. The services are being discontinued because it is not economically viable for the Applicant to continue to offer service.
5. Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers: Applicant mailed a written notification of the planned discontinuance to the impacted customers utilizing the services in accordance with Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's Rules. Customer notifications were mailed via first-class U.S. Postal mail on June 4, 2019. A copy of the notification is attached to this application.

6. Regulatory Classification of Carrier: Applicant is considered non-dominant with respect to the services to be discontinued.

7. Other Information: In accordance with Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's Rules, a copy of this application is being mailed concurrently with its filing to the state regulatory commission and governors' office, as well as to the Department of Defense. Please direct questions regarding this application to the undersigned.

Conclusion: The public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the discontinuance of the services described herein. Advance notice has been provided to all affected customers giving them ample time to arrange for substitute services readily available from other providers. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Commission approve this Section 63.71 application.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Jennifer R. Heise, do hereby certify that on this 4th day of June 2019, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Section 63.71 Application of TDS Metrocom, LLC via first-class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, to the following:

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

Public Service Commission of Minnesota
121 7th Place E
Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101

Office of the Governor
130 State Capitol
75 Rev Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55155

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Jennifer R. Heise



June 4, 2019



**ACTION REQUIRED: TDS INTERNET
AND PHONE SERVICES
DISCONTINUED SOON!**

Dear [REDACTED]

TDS Metrocom, LLC regrets to inform you that it has made the difficult decision to discontinue Internet and phone services (including local and toll-free calling, PRI trunking, and managed IP services), in certain areas of Duluth, MN (Hemlock office). The following service address is impacted:

[REDACTED], MN

Please note that this discontinuance only applies to this location. If you have multiple locations, they will not be impacted.

This discontinuance is subject to the approval of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). If approval is received, the discontinuance by TDS will take place on **August 5, 2019**.

Your TDS account executive will contact you if there are other service options which will allow you to continue service with TDS.

If you wish to keep your current phone number, you must choose a different service provider prior to August 5.

Other Service Providers in Your Area

There are multiple alternative providers in your area. To search for a new provider, please visit <https://mn.gov/puc/telecommunications/utility/> or contact one of the providers listed below:

- **Charter/Spectrum:**
<https://buy.spectrum.com/>
1-855-839-4246
- **CenturyLink:**
<https://www.centurylink.com/>
1-855-263-9576

Thank you for being a TDS customer. We have valued your business.

The TDS Business Team

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525 JUNCTION RD, MADISON, WI 53717

Objecting to Discontinuance of Service

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 with the FCC 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 TDS Metrocom, 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.

If you have any questions, please contact TDS Customer Support at 1-866-571-6662.