

In the Matter Of )  
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Section 63.71 Application of ) WC Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Windstream Services, LLC )

Windstream Services, LLC (“Windstream”), on behalf of its competitive local exchange carrier affiliates Choice One Communications of Maine, Inc., Choice One of New Hampshire, Inc., and Earthlink Business, LLC (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 DSL service (the “Affected Service”) in the areas of Auburn, Bangor, Biddeford, Brunswick, Ellsworth, Lewiston, Portland, Rockland, Saco, and Waterville, Maine; and, Bedford, Concord, Dover, Keene, Laconia, Manchester, Milford, Nashua, Plaistow, Portsmouth and Rochester, New Hampshire.

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

Choice One Communications of Maine, Inc.  
Choice One of New Hampshire, Inc.  
Earthlink Business, LLC  
4001 North Rodney Parham Rd.  
Little Rock, AR 72212

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

Windstream plans to discontinue the Affected Service on or about August 31, 2018.

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

The Affected Service will be discontinued in the areas of Auburn, Bangor, Biddeford, Brunswick, Ellsworth, Lewiston, Portland, Rockland, Saco, and Waterville, Maine; and, Bedford, Concord, Dover, Keene, Laconia, Manchester, Milford, Nashua, Plaistow, Portsmouth and Rochester, New Hampshire.

**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 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 July 9, 2018 Windstream sent by First Class U.S. Mail notices to all affected customers of the planned discontinuance. A copy of such notice as sent to retail customers is attached hereto as Attachment 1, and such notice as sent to wholesale customers is attached hereto as Attachment 2, the notices being 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 Maine Public

Utilities Commission and to the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission, and to the Office of Maine Governor, Paul LePage and to the Office of New Hampshire Governor, Chris Sununu, 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.**

The Affected Services are provided in the above-listed locations on an end-of-life platform that is scheduled to be decommissioned on or about August 31, 2018. The discontinuance of the Affected Services will affect a total of 39 small business customers, 15 enterprise business customers, and 2 wholesale customers across these areas of Maine and New Hampshire. To the extent feasible, Windstream will assist affected customers in migrating their services to Windstream's supported platform or upgrade to one of our more robust unified communications products. Alternatively, customers will have sufficient time to make arrangements with another service provider.

**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. These customers will not be unduly harmed because they are being provided ample notice of the discontinuance, are being offered alternative services to the ones being discontinued, and/or have the option to move service to an alternative provider at comparable rates from other providers serving these locations.

Accordingly, Windstream respectfully requests that the Commission permit it to discontinue the provision of the Affected Services to customers in the above-listed areas pursuant to Section 63.71.

Respectfully Submitted,

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July 9, 2018

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Section 63.71 Application was served this 9th day of July 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

Maine Public Utilities Commission  
Attn: Harry Lanphear, Administrative Director  
18 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0018

Office of Governor, Paul LePage  
#1 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0001

New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
Attn: Debra A. Howland, Executive Director & Secretary  
21 South Fruit Street  
Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301

Office of Governor Chris Sununu  
Office of the Governor  
State House  
107 North Main Street  
Concord, NH 03301

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Edward J. Cadieux

**Attachment 1**

**Customer Notice - Retail**

**Attachment 2**

**Customer Notice - Wholesale**