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July 12, 2016

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Section 63.71 Application of North State Telephone Company d/b/a North State
Communications for Authority to Discontinue Certain Services

JSI respectfully files the enclosed Application of North State Telephone Company
d/b/a North State Communications for Authority to Discontinue Certain Services. This
filing is made in compliance with Section 63.71 of the Commission's rules (47 C.F.R. §
63.71).

Sincerely,

Valerie Wimer
Vice President

on behalf of

Tim Pressley
Manager – External Affairs
North State Telephone Company

Enclosures

cc: Tim Pressley, Manager – External Affairs
North State Telephone Company

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

In the Matter of)
)
Section 63.71 Application of) Comp. Pol. File No. _____
North State Telephone Company)
For Authority to Discontinue)
Certain Services)
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SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION

Pursuant to Sections 63.71 of the Commission's Rules¹ and Section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,² North State Telephone Company d/b/a North State Communications ("North State" or the "Company") hereby files this application to discontinue the provision of retail Lifeline service to resell carriers who are not Eligible Telecommunications Carriers ("non-ETCs") in the state of North Carolina ("Application").³ In support of this Application, North State submits the following:

I. Information Required by Section 63.71(a)(1) - (4)

A. Name and Address of Carrier

North State Telephone Company d/b/a North State Communications
111 North Main Street.
High Point, NC 27261
(336) 886-3600

For purposes of this Application, the Commission may contact:

Tim Pressley, Manager - External Affairs
North State Telephone Company
111 North Main Street
High Point, NC 27261
(336) 886-3650

¹ See 47 C.F.R. § 63.71.

² See 47 U.S.C. § 214(a).

³ As required by Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's Rules, North State has notified and submitted a copy of this Application concurrent with this filing to the North Carolina Utilities Commission, the Governor of North Carolina, and the Secretary of the Department of Defense.

B. Date of Planned Service Discontinuance

North State will discontinue the provision of retail Lifeline service to non-ETCs in the state of North Carolina on or after August 15, 2016, upon completion of all necessary federal and state regulatory approvals.

C. Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected

North State provides telecommunications service in the areas certificated to the Company by Certificate of Convenience No. P42, as granted by the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

D. Brief Description of the Types of Service Affected

North State provides for the provision of retail Lifeline services to non-ETCs through Interconnection Agreements and through its tariff.

II. Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers

Customer Notices were sent to all North State non-ETCs by method of U.S. Mail on July 11, 2016. Please reference Exhibit A which is a sample copy of the Notice sent to the affected non-ETCs.

III. Status of Carrier

North State is an incumbent local exchange carrier and considered a dominant carrier with respect to the provision of the service that it proposes to discontinue in the state of North Carolina.

IV. Circumstances of Discontinuance

The Company is discontinuing the provision of retail Lifeline service to non-ETCs based on the FCC's decision in the 2015 Lifeline Reform Order⁴ that states only ETCs that provide Lifeline service directly to the subscriber will receive reimbursement from the fund, thereby, releasing the ETC from its obligation under section 251(c)(4) to offer their Lifeline services to non-ETCs. As a result of this decision, the Company seeks to discontinue the provision of retail Lifeline service to non-ETCs. The Company has interconnection agreements with three non-ETC's, but currently does not have any Lifeline services being resold under the agreements. These interconnection agreements and North State's tariffs are being updated to reflect these changes.

⁴ Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization, et al., WC Docket No. 11-42 et al., Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Order on Reconsideration, Second Report and Order and Memorandum Opinion and Order, FCC 15-71, released June 22, 2015

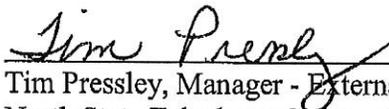
V. Certification

On behalf of North State Telephone Company, I, the undersigned Manager - External Affairs, Tim Pressley, hereby certify that the statements contained herein are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and made in good faith.

VI. Conclusion

For the reasons stated herein, the Company respectfully requests grant of this Application.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tim Pressley, Manager - External Affairs
North State Telephone Company d/b/a North State
Communications
111 North Main Street
High Point, NC 27261
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Date

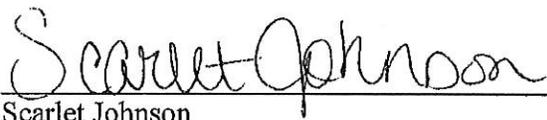
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Section 63.71 Application was served this 12th day of July, 2016, by mailing true and correct copies thereof, postage prepaid, to the following persons at the addresses listed below.

North Carolina Utilities Commission
Chief Clerk's Office
4300 North Salisbury Street
Dobbs Building
Raleigh, NC 27603-5918

Office of Governor Pat McCrory
State of North Carolina
20301 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-0301

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Scarlet Johnson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Scarlet Johnson
North State Telephone Company d/b/a North State

EXHIBIT A

CUSTOMER NOTICE



Tim Pressley
Manager – External Affairs

July 11, 2016

Ms. Lynn LaPrade
Ready Telecom
220 Sunset Ave.
Asheboro, NC 27203

Dear Ms. LaPrade:

This letter is to inform you of North State Communication's notice of discontinuance of the resale of Lifeline service to non-ETC's as of August 15, 2016.

The discontinuance of reselling Lifeline services to non-ETC's is pursuant to the FCC's rulings in Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization, et al., WC Docket No. 11-42 et al., Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Order on Reconsideration, Second Report and Order and Memorandum Opinion and Order, FCC 15-71, released June 22, 2015.

Our General Exchange Tariff is being modified to exclude these services in Section 3.4.2.B.3.d which is attached.

Also your Interconnection Agreement will be modified to delete Section 3.2.2 of the Resale Attachment as shown in the second attachment.

North State currently does not have any Lifeline services being resold to Ready Telecom.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this notice, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tim Pressley".

Tim Pressley

Attachments (2)