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September 14, 2018

Marlene H. Dortch, Esq.  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> 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) (TDS).

The application seeks Commission approval for the discontinuance of TDS' retail Voice and Data services to approximately three (3) commercial customers in the Maplewood, Minnesota market area. The discontinuance of these services are a result of CenturyLink retiring copper facilities used as the underlying service leased on a wholesale basis by TDS to serve its customers. The discontinuance will occur on October 31, 2018.

Please direct questions concerning this Transmittal 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** )  
For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of )  
the Communications Act of 1934, )  
To Discontinue the Provision of Voice )  
Services in the Maplewood, Minnesota )  
Market Area )

**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 three (3) Customers at various addresses in the Maplewood, Minnesota Market Area. This action is a direct result of a copper retirement Public Notice No. 810 dated May 14, 2018 provided by CenturyLink sent to Applicant. The CenturyLink copper retirement will result in the disconnection of unbundled wholesale copper based voice services Applicant leases from CenturyLink to provide commercial retail service to Applicant's customers. 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 October 31, 2018.
3. Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected: Applicant proposes to discontinue the affected services in the Maplewood, Minnesota Market Area. Services provided to existing customers will be discontinued and services will no longer be offered to new customers following the proposed discontinuance.
4. Description of Service Affected: Voice Services provided over a copper facility leased on a wholesale basis from CenturyLink to serve Applicant's end user customers will be disconnected by CenturyLink and replaced with Fiber to the Premise facilities. Applicant will not have options available

for its customers at reasonably comparable rates, terms and conditions and thus will discontinue all current services to the impacted customers. In addition, all other Voice and Data services will be discontinued including Remote Call Forwarding, Toll-Free, PRI and Managed IP.

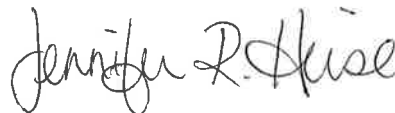
5. Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers: Applicant mailed a written notification of the planned discontinuance to the impacted customers utilizing the services in accordance with Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's Rules. Customer notifications were mailed via U.S. Postal mail on September 14, 2018. 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 Governor of Minnesota, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and the Special Assistant for Telecommunications to the Secretary 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 Applicant's Voice Services in the Maplewood, Minnesota Market Area. Advance notice has been provided to all affected customers, giving them ample time to arrange substitute services, which are readily available from CenturyLink. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Commission approve this Section 63.71 application.

Respectfully submitted,



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September 14, 2018

Attachment



September 14, 2018

TDS Metrocom (TDS) is applying, under Section 214a of the FCC Rules, for Discontinuance of Service to our retail voice customers in the Maplewood, MN market area effective September 14, 2018 as a direct result of CenturyLink retiring its underlying copper facilities in that area and replacing them with Fiber to the Premise Facilities (FTTP).

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on: September 14, 2018

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Andrew S. Petersen  
Senior Vice President – Corporate Affairs  
TDS  
525 Junction Rd  
Madison, WI 53717



September 14, 2018

Name

Address

City, State Zip

RE: Telephone Number(s) - <Number>, <Number>, <Number>

Dear <Customer Name>,

TDS Metrocom, LLC (TDS) regrets to inform you that it has made the difficult decision to discontinue voice and data services (including local and toll-free calling, PRI trunking, and managed IP services), in the Maplewood, MN area. This includes your current phone service(s) with TDS. 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 **October 31, 2018.**

### **Voice Discontinuance Background**

On May 14, 2018, CenturyLink filed notice with both the FCC and TDS of its intention to retire copper facilities in the Maplewood, MN area and replace those facilities with fiber. This action impacts TDS voice and data services to our customers because TDS leased the CenturyLink copper facilities to provide our voice and data service. Because of the copper facility retirement, it is no longer feasible for TDS to provide reasonably comparable services to what TDS had offered in the Maplewood, MN area.

### **Other Voice Service Providers in Your Area**

CenturyLink will be able to provide alternative service offerings in your area. Contact CenturyLink to learn about these services by calling 800-764-9504 between 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. (Central Time), Monday through Friday.

Below are sites with additional providers that may be able to offer you services:

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission: <http://mn.gov/puc/>

Minnesota Department of Commerce: <http://mn.gov/commerce/>

**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 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. 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 1-855-837-2455.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie Maers".

Julie Maers  
VP- Marketing and Product Development

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Jennifer R. Heise, do hereby certify that on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 2018, 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

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
121 7<sup>th</sup> Place E  
Suite 350  
St. Paul, MN

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