

Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington D.C. 20554

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

**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF WINDSTREAM SERVICES, LLC**

Windstream Services, LLC, ("Windstream") on behalf of its competitive local exchange carrier affiliates Business Telecom, LLC., and DeltaCom, 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 POTS (analog voice) and integrated data/voice service (the "Affected Services") to customers in the Charleston, North Charleston, and Johns Island, South Carolina area.

In support of this Application, Windstream submits the following information:

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

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

Business Telecom, LLC  
DeltaCom, 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 Services on or about February 28, 2019

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

The Affected Service will be discontinued to customers located in the Charleston, North Charleston, and Johns Island, South Carolina areas.

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

The services to be affected are POTS (analog voice) and integrated data/voice access service.

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

On November 7, 2018 Windstream sent by First Class U.S. Mail notice to the affected customers of the planned discontinuance. A copy of such notice as sent is attached hereto as Attachment 1, the notice 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 service 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 South Carolina Public Service Commission and to the Office of Governor, Henry McMaster, 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.**

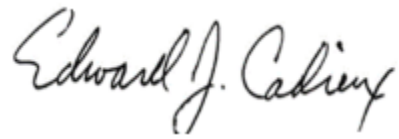
The Affected Services are provided to the customer' locations via end-of-useful equipment that needs to be decommissioned. The discontinuance will affect nine (9) business customers located across the Charleston, North Charleston, and Johns Island, South Carolina areas. Windstream will assist the affected customers in migrating their services to Windstream's supported platform or by upgrading to one of our more robust unified communications products. Alternatively, the affected customers will have sufficient time to make arrangements for service 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 it is able, to assure that the discontinuance of this service is not unduly disruptive to the present or future public convenience and necessity. The affected customers will not be unduly harmed because they are being provided sufficient notice of the discontinuance, are being offered alternative services to the those being discontinued, and/or have the option to move service to an alternative provider serving these locations.

Accordingly, Windstream respectfully requests that the Commission permit it to discontinue the provision of the Affected Services as outlined herein, pursuant to Section 63.71.

Respectfully Submitted,

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November 13, 2018

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Section 63.71 Application was served this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 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

South Carolina Public Service Commission  
Attn: Jocelyn G. Boyd  
Chief Clerk/Administrator  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
Columbia, SC 29210-8411

Governor, Henry McMaster  
State House  
1100 Gervais Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

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Edward J. Cadieux

**Attachment 1**  
**Customer Notice**