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Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of )  
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DSLnet Communications, LLC )  
Section 63.71 Application )

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SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION

DSLnet Communications, LLC ("DSLnet"), through its undersigned officer, hereby requests authority to discontinue service in selected areas defined herein. Pursuant to Section 63.71 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, DSLnet offers the following information:

1. Name and address of carrier

DSLnet Communications, LLC  
545 Long Wharf Drive, Fifth Floor  
New Haven, CT 06511

2. Date of planned service discontinuance

DSLnet proposes to discontinue service on January 31, 2006 in the selected markets described in paragraph 3 below.

3. Points of geographic areas of service affected

DSLnet proposes to discontinue services described herein in certain markets in the following states: Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, North Carolina and Tennessee.

4. Brief description of the type of service affected

DSLnet proposes to discontinue provision of its interstate special access DSL service, which is used for high-speed internet access.

**5. Brief description of the dates and methods of notice to all affected customers**

DSLnet provided written customer notice on December 1, 2005, in accordance with the requirements of Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's Rules. In addition to the information required by Rule 63.71, the notice explained to affected customers that, in order to avoid potential disruption to their business operations when DSLnet's service is discontinued, such customers will need to contract with an alternative broadband provider for new service installation before January 31, 2006, and provided each such affected customer with the ILEC circuit identification of the circuit over which current service is provided by DSLnet to such customer to enable, if possible, reuse of such circuit by such customer's alternative provider.

**6. Non-dominance of the carrier with respect to the service to be discontinued**

DSLnet is non-dominant with respect to the interstate special access services that it proposes to discontinue.

**7. Other Information Pursuant to Rule 63.71(b)(5)**

As the proposed service to be discontinued is interstate in nature pursuant to *GTE Telephone Operating Cos., GTOC Tariff No. 1, Trans. No. 1148*, 13 FCC Rcd. 22,466 (1998), DSLnet has not sought approval for the proposed discontinuation of service from any state utility commission. However, DSLnet has served a copy of this application on the state utility commissions of every state with affected customers in order to apprise them of DSLnet's proposed termination of service. DSLnet will cooperate fully with migration of affected service to other carriers and, in its letters to its affected customers DSLnet provided an irrevocable release to enable such customers to reuse their existing circuits with such customers' alternative providers. It should be noted that DSLnet does not propose to discontinue the provision of any

intrastate service and does not seek to cancel or amend any existing state or federal license or tariff.

**8. Service**

In accordance with FCC Rules 63.71 and 63.90(d) and (e), DSLnet has mailed a copy of this application to the Governor and State Commission (as defined by the Communications Act of 1934) of each of the states listed in paragraph 3 above, and to the Special Assistant for Telecommunications for the Secretary of Defense.

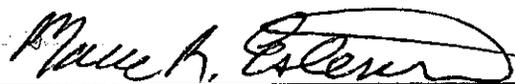
**9. Additional questions regarding this application may be addressed to:**

Marc R. Esterman  
Vice President and Secretary  
DSLnet Communications, LLC  
545 Long Wharf Drive, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New Haven, CT 06511  
Telephone: (203) 782-3264  
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Respectfully submitted,

DSLNET COMMUNICATIONS, LLC

By:

  
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Marc R. Esterman, Vice President and Secretary

DSLnet Communications, LLC  
545 Long Wharf Drive, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New Haven, CT 06511

Dated: December 2, 2005

November 30, 2005

*Insert Name*

*Insert Address*

*Insert Address*

*Insert City, State, Zip*

Important information regarding account *Insert Account Number*

Dear End User Customer,

DSLnet Communications, LLC ("DSLnet") regrets to inform you that on and as of January 31, 2006, DSLnet will no longer be providing broadband service at the address specified above. Accordingly, you will need to contract with an alternative provider for your broadband service and have such service up and running by January 31, 2006, to ensure that you do not encounter any disruption to your business when our broadband service with DSLnet is discontinued.

To assist you in your efforts to obtain broadband service from an alternative provider, we have set forth below specific information on the circuit that we ordered from the Telephone Company that supported your DSL service. Should you find a provider that is able to re-use this circuit (through an industry process known as a CLEC to CLEC Migration) please be advise that this letter will serve as our irrevocable permission to release such circuit to your new broadband provider. As you are aware, the process of procuring and having installed and tested broadband service with any provider may take several weeks. Accordingly, we would recommend that you begin your process finding an alternative broadband provider so that you have sufficient time to complete your transition before January 31, 2006.

ILEC Circuit ID: *Insert ILEC Circuit ID*

Please be advised that the FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service 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 within 15 days after receipt of this notification. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554, referencing the § 63.71 Application of DSLnet Communications, LLC. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

We at DSLnet thank you for the opportunity to be your broadband service provider and regret any and all inconvenience this situation may cause you. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter in greater detail, please do not hesitate to contact our Customer Care Team at 1-800-455-5546.

Customer Support  
DSLnet Communications, LLC  
545 Long Wharf Drive, Fifth Floor  
New Haven, CT 06511  
1-800-455-5546

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Section 63.71 Application of DSLnet Communications, LLC was served this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2005, by mailing true and correct copies thereof, postage prepaid, to the following persons at the addresses listed below.

Gov. Bob Riley  
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Montgomery, AL 36130

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Atlanta, GA 30334

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Georgia PSC  
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Atlanta, GA 30334

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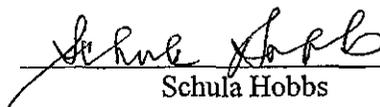
Gov. Michael F. Easley  
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Secretary of Defense  
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