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BY OVERNIGHT COURIER

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth St., SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Section 63.71 Application of Windstream Norlight, Inc.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Enclosed, please find an original and five copies of the above-referenced application. Please date-stamp the extra copy of this filing and return it to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope. Should you have any questions regarding this filing, please call me at (501) 748-5777.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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In the Matter of)
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Section 63.71 Application of)
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Windstream Norlight, Inc.)
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For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of)
the Communications Act of 1934 to)
Discontinue the Provision of Service in)
Glasgow, Kentucky)

WC Docket No. 11-_____

SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF WINDSTREAM NORLIGHT, INC.

Windstream Norlight, Inc. ("Windstream Norlight"), 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's") rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, hereby files this application to discontinue the provision of all local exchange and domestic long distance service in Glasgow, Kentucky. In support of this Application, Windstream Norlight 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)):

Windstream Norlight, Inc.
4001 Rodney Parham Rd.
Little Rock, AR 72212

b. Date of Planned Service Discontinuance, Reduction, or Impairment (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(2)):

Windstream Norlight plans to discontinue service on or after April 30, 2011.

c. Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(3)):

Glasgow, Kentucky and the immediate vicinity.

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

The services to be affected are all wireline local exchange services (telephone exchange service (including calling features) and exchange access service) and exchange access service).

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

Today, March 25, 2011, Windstream Norlight sent by First Class U.S. Mail written notice to all affected customers of the planned discontinuance. A copy of such notice is attached hereto as Attachment 1, which is compliant with, among other things, Section 63.71(a)(5) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(5).

3. Whether the Carrier is Considered Dominant or Non-Dominant with Respect to the Service to be Discontinued (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(4)):

Windstream Norlight is nondominant with respect to the services that it proposes to discontinue.

4. Service:

In conformance with Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a), Windstream is submitting a copy of this Application today by First Class U.S. Mail to the Kentucky Public Service Commission, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and 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.

Windstream Norlight, Inc. provides service to approximately customers in and around Glasgow, Kentucky on a full facilities basis in partnership with Farmers Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation (“FRECC”). Approximately one year ago, FRECC and Windstream Norlight (then known as Norlight, Inc., prior to acquisition of Norlight, Inc.’s parent company, Q-Conn Corporation, by Windstream Corporation) agreed that such operation was no longer financially beneficial and decided to terminate the arrangement. Windstream Norlight has made repeated efforts since then to suggest to its customers in Glasgow that an eventual end to service from Windstream Norlight would come. At this time, Windstream Norlight services approximately 120 customers in Glasgow, all residential.

The public will not be unduly harmed by Windstream Norlight’s discontinuance of the telecommunications services described above because customers have been provided ample and repeated warning about the eventual end of Windstream Norlight’s service in Glasgow and are being provided the additional notice described herein. The remaining customers have reasonably comparable options at reasonable comparable rates available to them from Windstream Norlight’s affiliate, Windstream Kentucky East, LLC.

7. Conclusion.

Windstream Norlight believes that the proposed discontinuance is reasonable and necessary. As outlined herein, Windstream Norlight will take all reasonable steps, to the extent that it is able, to assure that the discontinuance of service is not unduly disruptive to the present or future public convenience and necessity. Accordingly, Windstream Norlight respectfully requests that the Commission permit it to discontinue the provision of services to customers in Glasgow, Kentucky pursuant to Section 63.71.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Attachment 1: Customer Notice

Name
Address
City, State ZIP

To Our Valued Telephone Customers:

This is an urgent notice regarding your telephone service.

Windstream Norlight, Inc. (formerly known as Norlight, Inc.) will no longer offer telephone service in Glasgow, KY. Your telephone service will be disconnected on or after April 30, 2011. We recommend you establish service with another provider as soon as possible to ensure that you do not experience a disruption in your telephone 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. 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 Section 63.71 Application of Windstream Norlight, Inc. 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.

This letter serves as final notice. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please call **1-800-599-1000**.

Respectfully,

Windstream Norlight, Inc.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on March 25, 2011, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing
to be served on the following by the method indicated:

(By Overnight Courier)
The Honorable Steve Beshear
Governor, Commonwealth of Kentucky
700 Capitol Avenue, Suite 100
Frankfort, KY 40601

(By Overnight Courier)
Kentucky Public Service Commission
211 Sower Blvd.
Frankfort, KY 40602

(By U.S. First Class Certified Mail)
Secretary of Defense
Attn. Special Assistant for Telecommunications
Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301

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