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November 12, 2012

BY OVERNIGHT COURIER

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

Re: Section 63.71 Application of McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, L.L.C.

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 (636) 537-5743.

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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McLeodUSA Telecommunications)
Services, L.L.C.)
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For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of)
the Communications Act of 1934 to)
Discontinue the Provision of ADSL)
Service in Cedar Rapids, Iowa)

WC Docket No. 12-_____

SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF MCLEODUSA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, L.L.C.

McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, L.L.C. ("McLeodUSA"), 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 Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line ("ADSL") service in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. In support of this Application, McLeodUSA 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)):

McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, L.L.C.
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)):

McLeodUSA plans to discontinue this service on or after January 15, 2013.

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

Cedar Rapids, Iowa and the immediate vicinity.

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

The service to be affected is ADSL internet 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, November 12, 2012, McLeodUSA 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 1¹, 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)):

McLeodUSA is nondominant with respect to the service 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), McLeodUSA is submitting a copy of this Application today by First Class U.S. Mail to the Iowa Utilities Board, the Governor of the State of Iowa, 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.

¹ The notice reflected in Attachment 1 is being sent to all affected residential customers. A virtually identical version of the notice (only difference is a unique Customer Service call-in number) is being sent simultaneously to all business customers affected by this service discontinuance.

6. Circumstances of Discontinuance.

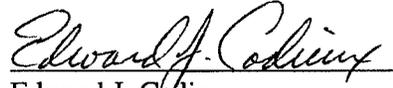
McLeodUSA provides ADSL service to fifty-eight (58) customers – twenty-seven (27) business customers and thirty-one (31) residential customers -- in and around Cedar Rapids, Iowa via its own switching equipment. McLeodUSA has made a business decision to decommission its Cedar Rapids switch. While other services provided to customers in the Cedar Rapids area (including POTS, SDSL and Ethernet over Copper) can feasibly be shifted to be served out of McLeodUSA's Davenport, Iowa switch, the same does not apply to ADSL service.

The public will not be unduly harmed by McLeodUSA's discontinuance of the service described above because these customers are being provided ample advanced notice -- approximately sixty (60)-days -- and have reasonably comparable options at reasonable comparable rates available to them from other broadband providers operating in the area.

7. Conclusion.

McLeodUSA believes that the proposed discontinuance is reasonable and necessary. As outlined herein, McLeodUSA will take all 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. Accordingly, McLeodUSA respectfully requests that the Commission permit it to discontinue the provision of ADSL service to customers in Cedar Rapids, Iowa pursuant to Section 63.71.

Respectfully Submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

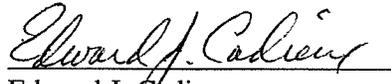
I hereby certify that on November 12, 2012, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing to be served on the following by the method indicated:

(By Overnight Courier)
The Honorable Terry E. Branstad
Office of the Governor
Iowa State Capitol
1007 East Grand Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50319

(By Electronic Filing System)
Iowa Utilities Board
1375 E. Court Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50319

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

(By Overnight Courier)
Competition Policy Division
Wireline Competition Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth St., SW
Washington DC 20554
(delivery to: 9300 East Hampton Dr., Capitol Heights, MD 20743)


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ATTACHMENT 1: CUSTOMER NOTICE

DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the Section 63.71 Application of McLeod USA Telecommunications Services, LLC. 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.

We apologize for the inconvenience. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact McLeodUSA Customer Care at 1.800.500.3453.

Sincerely,

McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services

McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, LLC (a Windstream Company).
4001 N. Rodney Parham Road
Little Rock, AR 72212

