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March 16, 2021

Florida Public Service Commission
Attn: Division of Records and Reporting
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399

**Re: INFORMATIONAL COPY
Windstream Services, LLC and DeltaCom, LLC and Windstream NuVox,
LLC For Authority to Discontinue Certain Services Pursuant to Section
63.71(i) and Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Windstream Services, LLC and DeltaCom, LLC and Windstream NuVox, LLC, respectfully provides this informational copy of the attached Application as filed with the FCC regarding the discontinuance of certain services. This informational copy is provided in compliance with Section 63.71(i) of the FCC's Rules – 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(i).

Any questions regarding this matter should be directed to my attention at 501-748-6313 or via email to Nicole.Winters@windstream.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Nicole Winters'.

Nicole Winters
Counsel II

Enclosure

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington D.C. 20554**

In the Matter Of The Application of)
)
Windstream Services, LLC and)
DeltaCom, LLC and)
Windstream Nuvox, LLC) WC Docket No. _____
)
For An Automatic Grant of Authority)
To Discontinue Services Pursuant to)
Rule Section 63.71(i) and Section 214)
of the Communications Act of 1934)

**SECTION 63.71(i) APPLICATION OF WINDSTREAM SERVICES, LLC AND
DELTACOM, LLC AND WINDSTREAM NUVOX, LLC**

DeltaCom, LLC and Windstream Nuvox, LLC, subsidiaries of Windstream Services, LLC (hereinafter, "Windstream"), through their undersigned counsel and pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §214, and Section 63.71(i) of the Federal Communications Commission's ("Commission") rules, 47 C.F.R. §63.71(i), hereby files this Application for automatic grant of authority to discontinue, pursuant to AT&T's discontinuance of AT&T Metro E and Opt-E-Man services in the areas hereinafter identified. 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)):

DeltaCom, LLC¹
Windstream Nuvox, LLC²

4001 North Rodney Parham Rd.
Little Rock, AR 72212

¹ FRN 0003775285

² FRN 0015799133

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 May 5, 2021.

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

The Affected Services will be discontinued in the following areas:

- Within the state of Alabama: Alexander City; Cullman; Decatur; Huntsville; Irondale; Montgomery; Opelika and Tarrant
- Within the state of Florida: Boynton Beach; Homestead; Miami Beach; Orlando; Palm Beach Gardens; Pompano Beach; Sanford; Sunrise; West Palm Beach
- Within the state of Georgia: Columbus; Dawson; Douglasville; Lawrenceville; Riverdale
- Within the state of Mississippi: Jackson
- Within the state of North Carolina: Cary; Charlotte; Garner; Salisbury; Statesville; Wilmington
- Within the state of Tennessee: Athens; Brentwood; Knoxville; Lebanon; Memphis; Morristown
- Within the state of Wisconsin: Milwaukee

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

The regulated services to be affected are Ethernet services supported by AT&T's Metro E and Opt-E-Man platforms, the ("Affected Services").

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

On March 5, 2021, Windstream sent by First Class U.S. Mail notice to the 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. Regulatory Classification of Carrier (47 C.F.R. § 63.71 (a)(4)):

Windstream is nondominant with respect to the services 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 Alabama Public Service Commission, Office of Alabama Governor Kay Ivey, Florida Public Service Commission, Office of Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, Georgia Public Service Commission, Office of Georgia Governor Brian Kemp, Mississippi Public Service Commission, Office of Mississippi Governor Tate Reeves, North Carolina Utilities Commission, Office of North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper, Tennessee Public Utility Commission, Office of Tennessee Governor Bill Lee, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, Office of Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers 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.

Windstream provides the Affected Services in the above-identified areas via network that Windstream leases from AT&T. AT&T is discontinuing its Metro-E and Opt-E-Man services in these locations. It is not technically feasible under the circumstances for Windstream to provide the Affected Services without AT&T's Metro-E or Opt-E-Man platforms -- i.e., the Affected Services are provided on end-of-life facilities that are scheduled to be decommissioned on or after May 5, 2021. A total of forty-five (45) Windstream business customers will be affected as a result

of AT&T's discontinuance. The affected customers will have the option to transition to alternative interconnected VoIP services delivered via Windstream or through another provider.

7. Conclusion

AT&T's discontinuance of services is the direct cause of Windstream's proposed discontinuance of the Affected Services. Thus, automatic approval on May 5, 2021 is available, contingent upon the submission of a certification by an authorized representative of the Applicant that the discontinuance is caused by the discontinuance,³ and upon the filing of the Application at least forty (40) days prior to the discontinuance effective date, which is satisfied here.⁴ Windstream will take reasonable steps, to the extent that is able, to assure that the discontinuance of this service is not unduly disruptive to the present or future public convenience and necessity. Accordingly, Windstream respectfully requests that the Commission process this Application pursuant to Section 63.71(i).

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Nicole Winters
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³ See Attachment 2.

⁴ 47 C.F.R. §63.71(i)(1) and (2).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Section 63.71 Application was served this 16th day of March, 2021, 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

Alabama Public Service Commission
Attn: Walter L. Thomas, PSC Secretary
100 North Union Street, Suite 850
Montgomery, AL 36104

Office of Alabama Governor Kay Ivey
600 Dexter Avenue
Montgomery, AL 36130

Florida Public Service Commission
Attn: Division of Records and Reporting
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Office of Florida Governor Ron DeSantis
400 S. Main Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Georgia Public Service Commission
Attn: Reece McAlister – Exec. Secretary
244 Washington Street
Atlanta, GA 30334

Office of Georgia Governor Brian Kemp
206 Washington Street, Suite 203
Atlanta, GA 30334

Mississippi Public Service Commission
501 North West Street
Jackson, MS 39201-1174

Office of Mississippi Governor Tate Reeves
550 High Street
Sillers Building, 19th Floor
Jackson, MS 39201

North Carolina Utilities Commission
Attn: Chief Clerk
4325 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-4300

Office of NC Governor Roy Cooper
20301 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-0301

Tennessee Public Utility Commission
Attn: Docket Center
502 Deaderick Street, 4th Floor
Nashville, TN 37243

Office of Tennessee Governor Bill Lee
State Capitol, 1st Floor
600 Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Blvd.
Nashville, TN 37243

Public Service Commission of Wisconsin
Attn: Sandra J. Paske – Commission Secty
4822 Madison Yards Way
Madison, WI 53705

Office of Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers
P.O. Box 7863
Madison, WI 53707

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Attachment 1 – Customer Notice

Windstream Services, LLC
4001 N. Rodney Parham Rd.
Little Rock, AR 72212

March 5, 2021

«CONTACT_FIRST_NAME» «CONTACT_LAST_NAME» «Contact_2»
«BILL_ACCOUNT_NAME»
«BILLING_ADDR_1» «BILLING_ADDR_2»
«BILLING_CITY», «BILLING_STATE» «BILLING_ZIP»

**If you are not the site contact
or administrator, please pass
this important notification on to
the appropriate party.**

IMPORTANT: Service Discontinuance Notification for Account # «BILLABLE_ACCOUNT_ID»,
Service Location «LOC_ADDR», «LOC_CITY», «LOC_STATE» «LOC_ZIP»

This Change in Service Requires Action on Your Part
Dear Valued Customer,

We wish to inform you of an important change we are making for services in your area.

One of our underlying providers (AT&T) is retiring the network facilities used to support certain Ethernet services effective May 5, 2021. As a result, customers who have Ethernet Services supported by the Metro E or Opt-E-Man platform will no longer have voice or data access after May 5, 2021. This change affects the service territories listed in the attached document.

Your account has been identified as an account that currently has circuits utilizing the platforms that will be discontinued at the service location specified above; please note, this network change does not affect other services or like services provisioned through another underlying provider. If you have recently renewed the services covered by this letter, this service discontinuance notice supersedes (or prevails) for those renewed services.

This change requires action on your part. Failure to contact us by April 5, 2021 to initiate a new contract may result in the inability to turn up your new service prior to the May 5, 2021 retirement date.

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 Windstream 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.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter. If you have any questions, please contact us at 800.600.5050.

Best regards,

Customer Care

Territories Impacted:

CITY	STATE	CITY	STATE	CITY	STATE
ALEXANDER CITY	AL	POMPANO BEACH	FL	GARNER	NC
CULLMAN	AL	SANFORD	FL	SALISBURY	NC
DECATUR	AL	SUNRISE	FL	STATESVILLE	NC
HUNTSVILLE	AL	WEST PALM BEACH	FL	WILMINGTON	NC
IRONDALE	AL	ATLANTA	GA	ATHENS	TN
MONTGOMERY	AL	COLUMBUS	GA	BRENTWOOD	TN
OPELIKA	AL	DAWSON	GA	KNOXVILLE	TN
TARRANT	AL	DOUGLASVILLE	GA	LEBANON	TN
BOYNTON BEACH	FL	LAWRENCEVILLE	GA	MEMPHIS	TN
HOMESTEAD	FL	RIVERDALE	GA	MORRISTOWN	TN
MIAMI BEACH	FL	JACKSON	MS	MILWAUKEE	WI
ORLANDO	FL	CARY	NC		
PALM BEACH GARDENS	FL	CHARLOTTE	NC		

Attachment 2

Certification Pursuant to Sec 63.71(i)(2)

I am Director, Access, for DeltaCom, LLC and Windstream Nuvox, LLC, Windstream Services, LLC subsidiaries. Pursuant to Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") Rule 63.71(i)(2), 47 C.F.R. §63.71(i)(2), I hereby certify, under penalty of perjury, that AT&T's service discontinuance is the basis for Windstream's foregoing application for discontinuance of service. I further certify that I am authorized to execute this certification.

Executed: March 12, 2021



Michael W. Crean
Director – Access
DeltaCom, LLC
Windstream Nuvox, LLC

