#### **BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH**

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IN THE MATTER OF THE
APPLICATION OF MCLEODUSA
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES,
LLC, PAETEC COMMUNICATIONS,
LLC, AND WINDSTREAM NUVOX, LLC
TO DISCONTINUE THE PROVISION OF
LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE AND
DIGITAL SUBSCRIBER LINE
SERVICES IN SPECIFIC AREAS

#### **DOCKET NO. 16-**

## APPLICATION TO DISCONTINUE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

Pursuant to Utah Admin. Code R746-350, McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, LLC, Paetec Communications, LLC, and Windstream NuVox, LLC (collectively "Windstream") files this Application to discontinue the provision of local exchange service and digital subscriber line service ("DSL") in the State of Utah more specifically the areas of Layton, Ogden, and Spanish Fork, on or about January 19, 2017, subject to the Public Service Commission of Utah's ("Commission") approval. All affected customers have been notified of the proposed service discontinuance and have access to alternative service providers. Windstream will continue to use its local and interexchange authority to provide services to Utah residents.

#### **DISCUSSION**

As technology improves Windstream is faced with end of life equipment that it cannot continue to use to provide reliable services to its customers. Windstream is decommissioning its end of life equipment and will cease providing services only to those customers served directly by the equipment at issue. As of this filing, Windstream has identified five (5) business customers and one (1) reseller customer that will be impacted. Simultaneous with this filing, Windstream is filing with the FCC an Application under 47 U.S.C. § 63.71 to discontinue the provision of local exchange and DSL services (collectively "Services") in certain areas on or about January 19, 2017. A copy of this filing is attached hereto as **Attachment A.** Notice is being provided to all affected customers. A copy of that notice is attached as **Attachment B.** 

## COMPLIANCE WITH COMMISSION RULE R746-350-.4(a)

1. The applicant's name and the names under which the applicant is providing services,

the mailing address, telephone number, and email address.

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# 2. The name, mailing address, telephone number, and email address of the person to contact for questions regarding the application.

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# **3.** *Identification of the associated service territory, or portion thereof, proposed for discontinuance.*

The specific areas impacted by this discontinuance are: Layton, Spanish Fork, and Ogden.

# 4. The intended date of discontinuance.

Windstream plans to discontinue services on January 19, 2017, or as soon thereafter as all regulatory approvals are obtained.

**5.** By signing this application, the applicant acknowledges that filing of this application does not constitute authority to discontinue any service, discontinuance does not constitute authority to discontinue any service, discontinuance shall occur as ordered by the Commission, and the applicant shall assist in the porting of any assigned telephone numbers to a replacement provider.

6. In support this Application, attached hereto are Attachments A through C. Attachment A is a copy of Windstream's Section 63.71 filing with the FCC. Attachment B is a copy of the customer notice. Attachment C is an affidavit of Kristi Moody, an officer of Windstream,

attesting under penalty of perjury that the contents of the application are true, accurate, and correct. Filing of this Application and serving it on the Division constitutes the required Notice to the Division.

WHEREFORE, Windstream requests authorization from the Commission to allow Windstream to discontinue the provision of the Services on or after January 19, 2017, to the impacted customers. Windstream will continue to provide local and interexchange services in accordance with its certificate of public convenience and necessity.

Respectfully submitted this  $\underline{18}^{\text{th}}$  day of November, 2016.

By: /s/ Cesar Caballero

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