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In the Matter of the Application of)
USLD Communications, Inc.,)
formerly US Long Distance, Inc.,)
for Abandonment of its Certifications)

No. _____

APPLICATION OF FOR ABANDONMENT OF ITS CERTIFICATIONS

USLD Communications, Inc., formerly known as US Long Distance, Inc., ("USLD") hereby submits this Application to the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission") to seek approval of its voluntarily abandonment of its certificates and withdrawal of its tariff to provide telecommunications services in Kentucky, along with all other related relief that may be required to fulfill the intents and purposes of this Application.

I. IDENTIFICATION OF APPLICANT

USLD is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Qwest Communications International, Inc. ("Qwest"), which is a Delaware corporation with its principal offices and place of business located at 1801 California, Suite 5100, Denver, Colorado 80202. According to our records, this Commission had granted USLD certifications, including under Utility ID 22213570 for operator services, and under Utility ID 13570 for long distance service. Copies of USLD's Certificates of Incorporation, registrations with the Secretary of State and the authorizations to provide telecommunications services within Kentucky are already on file with the Commission and are incorporated herein for all purposes.

II. DESIGNATED CONTACTS FOR APPLICANT

Pleadings, notices, orders, and other correspondence and communications concerning this Application and proceeding held thereon should be addressed to the undersigned counsel, as well as to:

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III. DESCRIPTION OF THE TRANSACTION

In thirty-seven states across the country, USLD is authorized to provide telecommunications services. When USLD originally began offering service over a decade ago, its service offerings and business plans were broad in scope in order to be able to remain flexible in an ever-changing telecommunications marketplace. Over time, USLD merged with LCI International, Inc., and then a few years later into Qwest Communications Corporation (“QCC”).¹ Since these mergers, USLD has focused its operations on provisioning operator services.

Having examined developments in the market for the services, Qwest has decided to have USLD exit the marketplace nationwide. USLD no longer has any customers or facilities in Kentucky. Accordingly, USLD with this filing surrenders the aforementioned certificates, and any other certificates or registrations held with the Commission without prejudice, and withdraws its Intrastate Telecommunications Services Tariff.

¹ QCC is also a wholly-owned subsidiary of Qwest, and is certificated in Kentucky to provide operator services, among other telecommunications services.

V. PROMOTION OF THE PUBLIC INTEREST

Indeed, approving this Application is in the public interest of consumers in Kentucky. Qwest has achieved economies by offering services, namely operator services in this case, through only one affiliate. Having only QCC offer operator services in Kentucky will allow QCC to enhance its ability to provide high quality, competitive offerings, and thus can service the marketplace in Kentucky more effectively. Granting this Application, therefore, is in the public interest.

VI. PROPER NOTIFICATIONS OF TRANSACTION

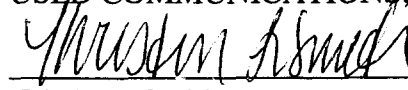
USLD has no customers in Kentucky, and therefore notification is necessary.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated above, Qwest respectfully requests the approval of the Commission to voluntarily surrender its certificates and withdraw its tariff, and granting such other relief deemed by the Commission just and proper to accomplish the purpose and intent of this Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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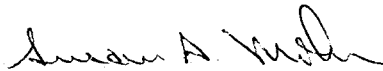
DATE: October 27, 2004

VERIFICATION

STATE OF COLORADO

COUNTY OF DENVER

I, Susan A. Mohr, hereby declare under penalty of perjury that I am the Acting Regional Director – Public Policy for USLD Communications, Inc. in Kentucky; that I am duly authorized to make this verification on USLD's behalf; that I have read the foregoing Application and know the contents thereof; and that the facts stated in the foregoing submission relating to USLD are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.



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