

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the)
Application of USLD Communications, Inc.) Case No. _____
to Cancel Certificates of Service Authority)
and Tariff in Missouri)

**APPLICATION OF USLD COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
TO CANCEL CERTIFICATES OF SERVICE AUTHORITY AND TARIFF**

USLD Communications, Inc., formerly known as US Long Distance, Inc., ("USLD") hereby submits this Application to the Missouri Public Service Commission pursuant to Section 392.410(5) and 4 CSR 240-2.060, to seek cancellation of: 1) its certificate of service authority to provide basic local and local exchange telecommunications services, 2) its certificate of service authority to provide interstate interexchange telecommunications services and 3) its sole effective telecommunications tariff, P.S.C. MO. No. 1, 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. This Commission granted USLD interexchange certification in Case No. TA-91-390 (Order issued 02/21/92), granted USLD basic local exchange and local exchange authority in TA-97-90, approved USLD's interconnection agreement with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in TO-97-94, and recognized the name change from U.S. Long Distance, Inc., to USLD Communications, Inc., in TO-98-189. A copy of USLD's Certificate of authority to transact

business in Missouri from the Secretary of State was filed in TO-98-189, remains accurate and is incorporated herein for all purposes pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.060(1)(G). USLD does not have any overdue PSC Annual Reports or assessments. In addition, USLD states that there are no pending actions or final unsatisfied judgments or decisions against it in any state, federal agency, or court which involve customer service or rates for which action, judgment, or decision has occurred within three (3) years of the date of this Application. Applicant's Officer's Verification was not available at the time this Application is filed, and will be late-filed pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.060(2).

II. DESIGNATED CONTACTS FOR APPLICANT

Pleadings, notices, orders, and other correspondence and communications concerning this Application and proceeding held thereon should be addressed to local counsel,

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III. DESCRIPTION OF THE TRANSACTION

In thirty-six (36) states across the country, USLD is certificated 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 Missouri. Accordingly, USLD with this Application seeks cancellation of its certificates of service authority and tariff.

V. PUBLIC INTEREST CONSIDERATIONS

Approving this Application is in no way detrimental to the public interest of consumers in Missouri. Qwest has achieved economies by offering services, namely operator services in this case, through only one affiliate. Having only QCC offer operator services in Missouri will allow QCC to enhance its ability to provide high quality, competitive offerings,¹ and thus can service the marketplace in Missouri more effectively. Granting this Application, therefore, is in the public interest. As USLD has no customers

in Missouri, no customers will be affected and no notification to customers is appropriate or necessary.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated above, USLD respectfully requests the cancellation of its certificates of service authority to provide interexchange, basic local exchange and local exchange telecommunications services and its currently effective tariff (P.S.C. MO. No. 1), and 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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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Application was served electronically on the Public Service Commission General Counsel's Office and the Office of the Public Counsel this 19th day of November 2004.

/s/Mary Ann Young
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¹ QCC is also a wholly-owned subsidiary of Qwest, and is certificated in Missouri.

OFFICER'S VERIFICATION

To Be Late-Filed Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.060(2)