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Burl W. Haar
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2147

RE: Comments of the Minnesota Department of Commerce in the Matter of the Relinquishment of the Certificate of Authority of Business Productivity Solutions, Inc.
Docket No. P6410/RL-14-90

Dear Dr. Haar:

Attached is the Department of Commerce (Department) checklist for processing relinquishment/revocation dockets. The checklist reflects the Department's analysis of the issues relating to the requirements of Minnesota law and the Commission's rules.

Business Productivity Solutions, Inc. originally received an operational certificate of authority to provide interexchange services in the Commission's January 5, 2005 Order in Docket No. P6410, P3143/PA-04-1724.

The petition was filed on January 30, 2014 by:

John Rossi
Regulatory Department
Metropolitan Telecommunications
55 Water Street, 32nd Floor
New York, NY 10041

Recommended Action: Approve the Relinquishment of the certificate of authority held by Business Productivity Solutions, Inc.

With the relinquishment of a certificate of authority, the Department normally petitions the Commission to require that all carriers discontinue their services to the carrier pursuant to Minn. Stat. 237.121 (a)(6). For administrative efficiency, this petition is filed at a future time with other carriers that have recently relinquished their authority or have recently had their authority revoked. A separate docket number will be assigned to that petition.

Conditions of Relinquishment:

1. The carrier remains responsible for any unpaid regulatory assessments or fees.

Sincerely,

/s/ DIANE DIETZ
Rate Analyst

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**CHECKLIST FOR PROCESSING RELINQUISHMENTS OF
CERTIFICATES OF AUTHORITY**

I. TYPE OF CERTIFICATION

- A. Local Certificate of Authority (Docket No. _____)
- B. Long Distance Certificate of Authority (Docket No. P6410, P3143/ PA-04-1724)
- C. Local Niche Certificate of Authority (Docket No. _____)

II. RELINQUISHMENT PROCESSES THAT APPLY TO LONG DISTANCE AND LOCAL NICHE CERTIFICATES

- A. Carrier has provided at least 30 days notice to customers. _____
 - Carrier has no customers in Minnesota.
- B. Carrier remains responsible for any remaining assessments or other fees currently unpaid to the Department or Commission. _____
 - Company is current with filing annual reports.
 - Intrastate jurisdictional revenue must be submitted to enable assessment for the following past years:

Intrastate jurisdictional revenue will need to be filed by May 1 of the following year if company had intrastate revenues in current year:
 Yes No
- C. Other: _____

Since Business Productivity Solutions jurisdictional revenues were less than \$5,000 for the last several years and exempt from assessment pursuant to Minn. Stat. 237.295, subd. 2, an annual report will not be pursued.

III. RELINQUISHMENT PROCESSES THAT APPLY ONLY TO LOCAL CERTIFICATES

- NA A. The carrier has provided at least 60 days written notice of relinquishment to its customers, the Commission, the Department and the Office of Attorney General-Residential Utilities Division (OAG-RUD) as required by Minn. Rules part 7812.0600, subpt. 6.
- NA B. The carrier's 911 plan, filed in Docket No. _____, should be cancelled. If the carrier has filed a 911 plan and has operational or conditional authority to provide local services, the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, and if applicable, the Metropolitan 911 Board will be notified of this recommendation by being placed on the service list for this docket.
- NA C. Any Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers (ILECs) that have interconnection agreements with the carrier should be notified that the carrier no longer has authority to provide telecommunications services in Minnesota and services should no longer be offered

under its interconnection agreement(s). The parties to the following interconnection agreements have been notified of this recommendation by being placed on the service list in this docket.

NA D. If the carrier has either filed a 911 plan or has been an operational provider of local services, the 911 system integrator, if known, will be notified of the relinquishment of the carrier's certificate of authority by being placed on the service list for this docket. Qwest is the 911 system integrator for the metropolitan area.

NA E. For facilities-based carriers, the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) should be notified of the relinquishment of the carrier's certificate of authority so that any NXX blocks assigned to the carrier may be returned to NANPA. _____
 NANPA has been added to the service list for this docket.
 NANPA has not been added to the service list for this docket. Explain.
 Carrier did not have operational facilities-based authority.

NA F. Any assessments or fees unpaid to the Department, Commission, Metropolitan 911 Board, or Department of Public Safety remain the responsibility of the carrier. _____
 Company is current with filing annual reports.
 Intrastate jurisdictional revenue must be submitted to enable assessment for the following past years:

Intrastate jurisdictional revenue will need to be filed by May 1 of the following year if company had intrastate revenues in current year:

Yes No

NA G. For competitive local exchange carriers, the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has been notified of the relinquishment, so they can discontinue paying funds to the affected carrier.

USAC has been added to the service list for this docket.¹ _____
 USAC has not been added to the service list for this docket. Explain.

H. Other issues (specify): _____

IV. RECOMMENDATION OF THE DEPARTMENT

A. Approve the carrier's request to relinquish its authority.

B. Approve the carrier's request to relinquish its authority subject to the above action (restate all actions that are to be taken): See cover letter.

¹ When handling relinquishments or revocation dockets, the Department analyst should check to see whether the affected carrier is on the list of high cost low-income companies by going to www.usac.org and clicking the blue tab entitled "high cost." Next click on "disbursement data search" under "high cost tools" in the left hand column and type "MN" into the box marked "State." The address of this page is <http://www.usac.org/hc/tools/disbursements/default.aspx>. Check the list of low-income companies for all names that the affected carrier has ever used. If the affected carrier is on the USAC list, then send the Department comments to Karen at USAC. Otherwise, send the Department comments to Legal at USAC.