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Via ECFS and Electronic Mail

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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In July 2015, Windstream accepted Connect America Fund (CAF) Phase II model-based support to provide voice and broadband service in more than 400,000 locations in 17 states. Thus far, Windstream has already enabled broadband service at speeds of 10/1 Mbps or higher to 290,713 locations in eligible areas in those states. Windstream met or exceeded the program's December 31, 2017 interim broadband deployment milestone in 16 states.

As of December 31, 2017, Windstream believed it had met the interim milestone in Iowa, and thus did not provide notice to the Commission by January 20, 2018, as required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.320(d). Since that date, however, a review and validation of Windstream's data by the company's Internal Audit organization revealed that the company's number of qualifying locations in Iowa fell short of the 40 percent interim deployment requirement (17,972 locations) by 10 locations. Because the compliance gap for Iowa is only 0.056 percent, the Commission's noncompliance measures are not triggered.

Windstream remains committed to meeting its CAF Phase II obligations and continues to deploy qualifying broadband to eligible locations. Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.320(d), Windstream is also providing this notice to the Universal Service Administrative Company and to the relevant state commission and Tribal governments.

Sincerely,

Tim Loken
Directory Regulatory Compliance

cc: Alexander Minard (via email)
Iowa Utilities Board (via EFS)
Sac and Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa (via USPS)