

October 23, 2014

**Ex Parte**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Technology Transitions*, GN Docket No. 13-5; *AT&T Petition to Launch a Proceeding Concerning the TDM-to-IP Transition*, GN Docket No. 12-353

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 21, 2014, I, on behalf of Windstream Communications, Inc. (“Windstream”), spoke with Matthew DelNero, Deputy Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau. Consistent with and as previously summarized in Windstream’s ex parte of April 28, 2014, at 8-9,<sup>1</sup> the Commission should reiterate existing rules, and, where necessary, adopt new rules to preserve the status quo with respect to the availability of last-mile access at equivalent rates, terms and conditions during the IP Transition and while the Commission completes its long-overdue review of the state of competition in the special access market.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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*Counsel to Windstream Communications, Inc.*

cc: Matthew DelNero

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<sup>1</sup> Letter from Eric Einhorn *et al.*, Windstream Communications, Inc., to Jonathan Sallet and Julie Veach, FCC at 8-9, GN Docket Nos. 13-5 & 12-353 (filed Apr. 28, 2014).