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EX PARTE

October 31, 2014

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

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

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 29, 2014, Jennie Chandra from Windstream Corporation spoke by telephone with Daniel Kahn of the Wireline Competition Bureau. Consistent with Windstream's ex parte filing earlier this week,¹ Ms. Chandra further discussed Windstream's position that 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. John Nakahata, of Harris, Wiltshire & Grannis, on behalf of Windstream, spoke with Matt DelNero, Deputy Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau on October 31, 2014 on the same points.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Malena F. Barzilai

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cc: Daniel Kahn
Matt DelNero

¹ Letter from John T. Nakahata, Counsel to Windstream, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, GN Docket Nos. 13-5, 12-353 (October 28, 2014).