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VIA Electronic Mail

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

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

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Windstream Services, LLC, on behalf of its incumbent local exchange carrier affiliates (“Windstream”), herein accepts the Connect America Fund (CAF) Phase II offers of model-based support for all of its ILEC states except New Mexico. Windstream commits, in exchange for this support, to satisfy the service obligations that have been set forth for CAF Phase II and acknowledges that failure to meet such service obligations may result in penalties and/or enforcement actions. For states in which Windstream’s model-based support is greater than its CAF Phase I support, Windstream elects to receive the lump sum payment in 2015.

Windstream declines to accept CAF Phase II model-based support for New Mexico.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tony Thomas