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VIA ECFS

EX PARTE

February 28, 2016

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

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

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February 24 and 25, 2016, Malena Barzilai of Windstream Services, LLC (“Windstream”) spoke by telephone with Stephanie Weiner, senior legal advisor to Chairman Wheeler; Nicholas Degani, wireline legal advisor to Commissioner Pai; Rebekah Goodheart, wireline legal advisor to Commissioner Clyburn; and Amy Bender, wireline legal advisor to Commissioner O’Rielly. In addition, on February 24, 2016, Eric Einhorn of Windstream spoke by telephone with Carol Matthey, deputy bureau chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau. Windstream urged that the Commission expeditiously clarify qualifying locations for round two of the Connect America Fund (CAF) Phase I program in a manner that maximizes the impact of both CAF Phase I and CAF Phase II while ensuring that no locations would be “double counted,” i.e., counted as fulfilling the obligations of both programs.

Please feel free contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Malena F. Barzilai

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cc: Stephanie Weiner
Amy Bender
Nicholas Degani
Rebekah Goodheart
Carol Matthey