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

Re: ***Ex Parte Communication***
Windstream's Petition for Conversion to Price Cap Regulation
and for Limited Waiver Relief, WC Docket No. 07-171

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Yesterday, Bill Kreutz from Windstream, William Maher of Morrison & Foerster LLP, and I met with Wireline Competition Bureau Front Office and Pricing Policy Division staff copied below to discuss Windstream's petition seeking to convert its rate-of-return study areas to price-cap regulation. During the meeting we urged the FCC to expeditiously grant Windstream's petition and further discussed the legal and factual basis for doing so. The conversation was consistent with the record and arguments already developed in this docket.

Please feel free to contact me if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

/s/

Eric N. Einhorn

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