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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> 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:

On January 18, William Maher and Frank Krogh, both with Morrison & Foerster LLP, and I met with Dana Shaffer, Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau, 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

cc (by e-mail): Dana Shaffer