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

Re: ***Ex Parte*** in WC Docket No. 08-71, CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Yesterday I spoke with Ernesto Beckford of the Wireline Competition Bureau regarding the Windstream Communications, Inc. (“Windstream”) Petition for Waiver of Section 54.301(e)(1) of the Commission’s Rules.¹ Mr. Beckford sought clarification regarding two issues. His specific questions and Windstream’s response follow below.

(1) Is Windstream aware of any other instance where it has failed to submit timely and accurate high-cost data to the Universal Service Administrative Company (“USAC”)?

No. Outside of the filing at issue in the Petition, Windstream, to the best of its knowledge, has had a flawless record in submitting timely and accurate high-cost data to USAC. This statement is based upon an assessment of all filings by Windstream affiliates to USAC, stretching from the company’s incorporation in 2006 to the present date.

(2) Did Windstream ever file the revised 2006 local switching support (“LSS”) true-up data with the Universal Service Administrative Company?

Yes. Windstream filed revised 2006 LSS true-up data with USAC on March 18, 2008. USAC confirmed receipt of Windstream’s revised LSS data on March 19, 2008.

¹ Petition by Windstream Communications, Inc. for Waiver of Section 54.301(e)(1) of the Commission’s Rules, CC Docket 96-45 (filed July 25, 2008) (filed on behalf of Windstream Communications Southwest).

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Jennie B. Chandra

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cc: Ernesto Beckford