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November 13, 2009

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

Re: *In the Matter of A National Broadband Plan for Our Future*, GN Docket No. 09-51

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Windstream Communications, Inc. (“Windstream”) is submitting the attached ex parte filing in the National Broadband Plan proceeding (GN Docket No. 09-51). Windstream requests highly confidential treatment of its submission, pursuant to the *Protective Order* in GN Docket No. 09-51 (A National Broadband Plan for Our Future) (“*Protective Order*”).¹

Consistent with instructions in the *Protective Order*, Windstream has marked the confidential version of its submission “**HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION – SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER IN GN DOCKET NO. 09-51 BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION.**” The redacted version is marked “**REDACTED – FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION**”. This cover letter contains no highly confidential information and is included with both the redacted and non-redacted versions.

Two copies of the non-redacted version are to be delivered to Elvis Stumbergs (Room 2-C125) or Simon Banyai (Room 4-C458) of the Federal Communication Commission’s Media Bureau. Windstream is filing the redacted version of its submission via ECFS. One copy of the non-redacted version and two copies of the redacted versions are to be submitted

¹ Protective Order, GN Docket No. 09-51 (rel. Oct. 8, 2009).

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by messenger to the Office of the Secretary, along with a copy to be stamped and returned to Windstream by the messenger.

Please contact Steve Long (202-223-7666) or me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/

Jennie Chandra

Attachments

cc: Elvis Stumbergs -- Room 2-C125
or
Simon Banyai -- Room 4-C458

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

Today Frank Schueneman, representing Windstream, spoke via telephone with Rohit Dixit of the FCC's National Broadband Plan team. Mr. Schueneman provided further details regarding the design of Windstream's broadband network and costs associated with offering broadband service. The conversation was consistent with the attached and with the positions Windstream has taken previously in the above-referenced proceeding.

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

Sincerely,

/s/

Jennie Chandra

Attachment

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