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Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Room TW-A325  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
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Re: *A National Broadband Plan for Our Future*, GN Docket No. 09-51; *Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime*, CC Docket No. 01-92; *Intercarrier Compensation for ISP-Bound Traffic*, CC Docket No. 99-68; *IP-Enabled Services*, WC Docket No. 04-36; *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90; *High-Cost Universal Service Support*, WC Docket No. 05-337; *Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers*, WC Docket No. 07-135

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 31, 2011, Jennie Chandra, from Windstream Communications, Inc. ("Windstream"), met with Angela Kronenberg, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Mignon Clyburn. Consistent with its filings in the above-referenced dockets, Windstream emphasized the importance of continued support for carriers of last resort that have aggressively deployed broadband service in high-cost areas and will require ongoing support to maintain existing facilities.<sup>1</sup> In addition, Windstream reiterated its call for the Commission to avoid taking actions that inappropriately suggest that VoIP traffic terminating on the PSTN is not subject to the existing intercarrier compensation regime

Sincerely,

/s/

Malena F. Barzilai

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<sup>1</sup> See Federal Communications Commission, *Connecting America: The National Broadband Plan at 137* (rel. March 16, 2010) ("National Broadband Plan") (recognizing that some current federal universal service funds indirectly support broadband).

cc: Angela Kronenberg