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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
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*EX PARTE* NOTICE

*Re:* CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 99-200, 96-98, 99-68; WC Docket Nos. 05-337, 07-135, 10-90, 03-109, 06-122, 04-36; GN Docket No. 09-51

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 29, 2011, Bill Kreutz and I, both of Windstream, met with Amy Bender, Joe Cavender, Brad Gillen, Patrick Halley, Katie King, and Craig Stroup, all in the FCC's Wireline Competition Bureau. We discussed how proposed universal service reforms could impact Windstream and other similarly situated broadband providers in the near term, and we reaffirmed Windstream's willingness to help ensure that the FCC has all the information it needs to assess the effects of reforms on rural consumers and the companies that serve them.

Please contact me if you require any further information.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Jennie B. Chandra*

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cc: Amy Bender, Joe Cavender, Brad Gillen, Patrick Halley, Katie King, Craig Stroup