

October 6, 2011

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

Re: **Notice of Oral *Ex Parte* Communication**

Applications of D&E Investments, Inc. and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (ULS File No. 0004448347), Windstream Iowa Communications, Inc. and AT&T Mobility Spectrum LLC (ULS File No. 0004681771), and Windstream Lakedale Inc. and AT&T Mobility Spectrum LLC (ULS File No. 0004681773); WT Docket No. 11-18; WT Docket No. 11-65

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, October 5, 2011, the undersigned, counsel to D&E Investments, Inc., Windstream Iowa Communications, Inc., and Windstream Lakedale, Inc. (collectively, “Windstream”), spoke with Rick Kaplan, Chief of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, regarding the status of the three pending wireless assignment of license applications referenced above.¹

Specifically, Windstream urged the Commission to complete its processing of the subject applications. Windstream reiterated that approval of the applications will serve the public interest, and stated that there is no compelling reason to further delay Commission action. Windstream expressed concern that the Department of Justice’s recent decision to oppose

¹ These applications are subject to a Joint Motion to Consolidate various wireless transfer and assignment applications involving AT&T, Inc. (“AT&T”). See Cincinnati Bell Wireless, LLC, MetroPCS Communications, Inc., nTelos, Rural Cellular Association, Rural Telecommunications Group and Sprint Nextel, Joint Motion to Consolidate (filed June 9, 2011), *available* at WT Docket Nos. 11-18 and 11-65. Windstream previously opposed the Joint Motion. See D&E Investments, Inc., Windstream Iowa Communications, Inc. and Windstream Lakedale, Inc., Opposition to Motion to Consolidate (filed June 22, 2011), *available* at WT Docket Nos. 11-18 and 11-65.

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AT&T's acquisition of T-Mobile could result in further, protracted delays.² Finally, Windstream noted that the earliest-filed of the referenced applications is subject to a contractual deadline.

Respectfully,

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² Press Release, United States Department of Justice, Justice Department Files Antitrust Lawsuit to Block AT&T's Acquisition of T-Mobile (Aug. 31, 2011), <http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/2011/August/11-at-1118.html>.