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

Re: *WC Docket No. 10-90, Connect America Fund; GN Docket No. 09-51, National Broadband Plan for our Future; WC Docket No. 07-135, Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers; WC Docket No. 05-337, High-Cost Universal Service Support; CC Docket No. 01-92, Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime; CC Docket No. 96-45, Federal State Joint Board on Universal Service; WC Docket No. 03-109, Lifeline and Link-Up*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 20, 2011, Mike Rhoda, Eric Einhorn, Cesar Caballero, and Jeff Small, all from Windstream Communications, Inc. ("Windstream"), had a phone conversation with Eddie Lazarus, Zachary Katz, Michael Steffen, and Kevin King of the Commission to answer additional questions about Windstream's financial forecasting for intercarrier compensation under the draft order as Windstream understands it. Pursuant to Commission rules, please include a copy of this filing in each of the above-referenced dockets. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Malena F. Barzilai

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cc: Eddie Lazarus
Zachary Katz
Michael Steffen
Kevin King