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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, Universal Service Reform – Mobility Fund, WT Docket No. 10-208*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February 3, 2012, Eric Einhorn, Malena Barzilai and I, from Windstream Communications, Inc., met with Sharon Gillett, Carol Matthey, Amy Bender, Joseph Cavender, and Steven Rosenberg, all of the FCC's Wireline Competition Bureau. Consistent with its Petition for Reconsideration and/or Clarification (jointly filed with Frontier), Windstream urged the FCC to reconsider its "one unserved location per \$775" deployment requirement for Connect America Fund Phase I support.¹ Windstream asked that this requirement be replaced with a more targeted accountability mechanism, which would account for differences in individual companies' service territories and ensure that companies are not punished as a result of having deployed broadband aggressively in rural areas.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this submission.

¹ See Petition for Reconsideration and/or Clarification filed by Frontier Communications Corp. and Windstream Communications, Inc., WC Docket 10-90, et al., at 12 (Dec. 29, 2011).

Sincerely,

/s/ Jennie B. Chandra

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cc: Sharon Gillett
Carol Matthey
Amy Bender
Joseph Cavender
Steven Rosenberg