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VIA ECFS

EX PARTE

July 23, 2013

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

Re: *WC Docket No. 05-25, Special Access for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 19, 2013, Steve Weeks, Milt Haws and the undersigned, from Windstream Corporation (“Windstream”), met by telephone with Jack Erb, Amy Goodman, William Layton, Ken Lynch, Betsy McIntyre, Belinda Nixon, Eric Ralph, Zach Rosenberg, Marvin Sacks and Deena Shetler, all from the Wireline Competition Bureau, to discuss the mandatory data request in the above-referenced proceeding. Windstream shared with the Bureau the difficulties it has encountered in gathering retail special access billing data as requested in the draft data collection.

In response to an inquiry from the Bureau, Windstream noted that it has already begun identifying information responsive to the data request and it would prefer that the Commission not change the timeframe of data sought from 2010 and 2012 to 2011 and 2013 if such a change would result in any delays to the data gathering process.

Please feel free contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Malena F. Barzilai

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cc: Jack Erb
Amy Goodman
William Layton
Ken Lynch
Betsy McIntyre
Belinda Nixon
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