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VIA ECFS

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

Re: *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90
Modified Election of Connect America Fund Phase I, Round 2 Incremental Support

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Windstream Corporation, on behalf of its incumbent local exchange carrier affiliates (“Windstream”), herein modifies its election of incremental support under Phase I, Round 2 of the Connect America Fund (“CAF”) in light of the resolution of challenges in the Wireline Competition Bureau’s Order of January 10, 2014.¹ Windstream elects to accept a total of \$86,706,625--\$11,488,125 more than has been released to it thus far.

As intended, CAF Phase I funding will provide an immediate boost to broadband deployment and will bring robust speeds to consumers who do not currently have it. With this support, Windstream intends to deploy broadband meeting the Commission’s standards to 143,077 locations—35,619 locations that are currently unserved by fixed, terrestrial Internet access with minimum speeds of 768 kbps downstream and 200 kbps upstream, and 107,458 locations that lack 3 Mbps/768 kbps Internet access.

Attachment 1 to this Election—submitted in PDF format for the ECFS filing—is an .xlsx file identifying, by 2010 Census Block FIPS code and wire center CLLI code, the locations where Windstream intends to deploy broadband service in satisfaction of the Commission’s requirements.

Because the resolution of challenges required Windstream to reexamine its CAF Phase I deployment plans, Windstream does not include in this modified election some census blocks

¹ See *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90, Order, at ¶ 2 (WCB rel. Jan. 10, 2014).

that it previously identified and that have been deemed eligible for CAF Phase I deployments. Windstream understands that, pursuant to the Commission's Order on Reconsideration adopted July 14, 2013, it may deviate from its current plans if necessary and use CAF Phase I incremental support to deploy to locations in those census blocks, which already have been "identified" and subjected to a challenge process.²

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need any more information.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Eric N. Einhorn

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² See *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90, Order on Reconsideration, at ¶¶ 1, 3, 5 (rel. July 16, 2013) (acknowledging that "there may be unforeseen circumstances that would result in revised plans" and setting forth a notice requirement when a company intends to deploy to census blocks that were not "initially identified").

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