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Hearing Date: May 7, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) Objection Deadline: April 30, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time)

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

WINDSTREAM HOLDINGS, INC., et al., 1

In re:

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 19-22312 (RDD)

(Jointly Administered)

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NOTICE OF THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that (a) on April 1, 2020, the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors") filed the Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization of Windstream Holdings, Inc. et al., Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code [Docket No. 1631] (as amended from time to time and including all exhibits thereto, the "Plan") and (b) on April 1, 2020, the Debtors filed the Disclosure Statement for the Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization of Windstream Holdings, Inc. et al., Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code [Docket No. 1632] (as amended from time to time and including all exhibits thereto, the "Disclosure Statement") and Debtors' Motion to Approve (I) the Adequacy of Information in the Disclosure Statement, (II) Solicitation and Notice Procedures, (III) Forms of Ballots and Notices in Connection Therewith, and (IV) Certain Dates with Respect Thereto [Docket No. 1633] (the "Disclosure Statement Motion"). A hearing (the "Hearing") on the Disclosure Statement Motion will be held before the Honorable Robert D. Drain, United States Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, at the

The last four digits of Debtor Windstream Holdings, Inc.'s tax identification number are 7717. Due to the large number of Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, for which joint administration has been granted, a complete list of the debtor entities and the last four digits of their federal tax identification numbers is not provided herein. A complete list of such information may be obtained on the website of the Debtors' claims and noticing agent at http://www.kccllc.net/windstream. The location of the Debtors' service address for purposes of these chapter 11 cases is: 4001 North Rodney Parham Road, Little Rock, Arkansas 72212.

Unless otherwise defined herein, all capitalized terms shall have the meanings given to them in the Disclosure Statement or Disclosure Statement Motion, as applicable.

United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, 300 Quarropas Street, White Plains, New York 10601, on May 7, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. (prevailing Eastern Time).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any responses or objections to the relief requested in the Disclosure Statement Motion shall: (a) be in writing; (b) conform to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the Southern District of New York, all General Orders applicable to chapter 11 cases in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, and the Final Order Establishing Certain Notice, Case Management, and Administrative Procedures [Docket No. 392] (the "Case Management Order") approved by the Court; (c) be filed electronically with the Court on the docket of In re Windstream Holdings, Inc., Case 19-22312 (RDD) by registered users of the Court's electronic filing system and in accordance with the General Order M-399 (which is available on the Court's website at http://www.nysb.uscourts.gov); and (d) be served so as to be actually received by April 30, 2020, at 4:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time, by (i) the entities on the Master Service List (as defined in the Case Management Order and available on the Debtors' case website at http://www.kccllc.net/windstream) and (ii) any person or entity with a particularized interest in the subject matter of the Disclosure Statement Motion.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if no Objections are timely filed and served with respect to the Disclosure Statement Motion, the Debtors shall, on or after the Objection Deadline, submit to the Court an order substantially in the form annexed as **Exhibit A** to the Disclosure Statement Motion, which order the Court may enter with no further notice or opportunity to be heard.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Hearing may be continued or adjourned thereafter from time to time without further notice other than an announcement of the adjourned date or dates at the Hearing. The Debtors will file an agenda before the Hearing, which may modify or supplement the Disclosure Statement Motion to be heard at the Hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a copy of the Disclosure Statement Motion may be obtained free of charge by visiting the website of Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC at http://www.kccllc.net/windstream. You may also obtain copies of any pleadings by visiting the Court's website at http://www.nysb.uscourts.gov in accordance with the procedures and fees set forth therein.

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Dated: April 2, 2020 New York, New York /s/ Stephen E. Hessler

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