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Via Electronic Filing

Mr. Adam Teitzman, Director Office of Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Notification Regarding a Pro Forma Intra-Corporate Transaction

Dear Director Teitzman:

The purpose of this letter is to notify the Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission") of a *pro forma* intra-company transaction that occurred involving Windstream Services, LLC ("Windstream Services"), Windstream Enterprise Holdings, LLC ("Windstream Enterprise") along with American Telephone Company, LLC, MassComm, LLC, Windstream KDL, LLC, Windstream Norlight, LLC, and Windstream NuVox, LLC (the "Windstream Licensees" and along with Windstream Services and Windstream Enterprise, collectively "Windstream"). A list of authorizations held by the Windstream Licensees is included as Exhibit A.

Over the past several years, Windstream has acquired a number of telecommunications entities that, either directly or through one or more operating subsidiaries, held federal and state authorizations and certifications to provide interstate and intrastate telecommunications services. Due to the overly complex corporate organizational structure resulting from these acquisitions, Windstream completed a series of *pro forma* intra-company transactions that created a more streamlined and simplified corporate structure. This simplification enables Windstream to function in a more efficient and nimble fashion. The transactions resulted in changes to the direct parent company of the customer-facing operating licensees listed in this notice but did not change the ultimate ownership of the entities. The organizational changes were transparent to customers.

I. <u>DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION</u>

American Telephone Company, LLC, MassComm, LLC, Windstream KDL, LLC, Windstream Norlight, LLC, and Windstream NuVox, LLC were all previously direct subsidiaries of Windstream Services, LLC. Windstream Services, LLC contributed 100% of the membership interests of each company to its subsidiary Windstream Enterprise Holdings, LLC. See Exhibit B for a pre and post transactional organizational chart.

II. <u>PUBLIC INTEREST CONSIDERATIONS</u>

The *pro forma* intra-company changes described herein are in the public interest and have helped to simplify Windstream's existing corporate structure, reduce its reporting and accounting burdens, and provide beneficial operational efficiencies that will allow Windstream to serve its customers in a more efficient and nimble fashion.

Because the *pro forma* changes occurred at the holding company level, there were no changes or impacts to customers' rates, terms, or services. Moreover, as previously stated, the changes were transparent to customers.

Finally, all Windstream subsidiaries, including the Windstream Licensees, have the same corporate officers. Therefore, there was no change in the managerial qualifications of the telecommunications provider serving the customer base.

If there are any questions regarding this notice, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Nicole Winters Senior Counsel

Enclosures

<u>Exhibit A</u> <u>Windstream Licensees</u>

- American Telephone Company, LLC operating under Certificate No. 8680.
- MassComm, LLC operating under Certificate No. 8790.
- Windstream KDL, LLC operating under Certificate No. 8717.
- Windstream Norlight, LLC operating under Certificate No. 8064.
- Windstream NuVox, LLC operating under Certificate No. 5638.







