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June 16, 2021

File Electronically
Carlotta Stauffer – Commission Clerk
Division of Communications Services
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

RE: Docket No. 20210108-TP Windstream Florida, LLC

Dear Ms. Stauffer:

This letter is to request that the Florida Public Service Commission notify the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) that Windstream Florida, LLC ("Windstream") is eligible to receive federal high cost support in accordance with the above referenced statute and federal rule.

The amount of federal high-cost support that Windstream will receive in 2022 will continue to be used for the services and functionalities outlined in 47 C.F.R. 54-101(a) and as the attached affidavit shows Windstream certifies that it will only use the federal high-cost support it receives for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

This state certification for federal support is an annual process. In order to receive federal support beginning January 1 of each year, the Florida Public Service Commission must file its annual certification on or before October 1 of the year before.

Windstream respectfully requests that the Commission notify the FCC prior to October 1 of this year that Windstream is eligible to receive federal high-cost support for 2022.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 501-748-6546.

Sincerely,

Danyell Carroll
Consultant – Regulatory Compliance

## **AFFIDAVIT**

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority appeared Tim Loken who deposed and said:

- 1. My name is Tim Loken. I am Windstream Florida, LLC's, ("Windstream" or the "Company") Director of Regulatory Reporting. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Florida Public Service Commission's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.313 and §54.314.
- 2. Windstream certifies that all federal high-cost and CAF support was used in the proceeding calendar year and will be used in the new calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.
- 3. Windstream is eligible for and receives Connect America Cost Model (CACM) and Connect America Fund Intercarrier Compensation (ICC). Attachment A represents the support Windstream received for 2020.
- 4. Windstream hereby certifies that it follows appropriate procedures for network outage reporting in accordance with the Federal Outage Reporting Order and State Outage Reporting Requirements. For the period between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020, Windstream had <u>58</u> FCC reportable outages. Windstream had <u>2</u> PSC reportable outages.
  - 5. Windstream hereby certifies that it had 53 unfulfilled (voice) requests for service from potential customers.
- 6. Windstream hereby certifies that for the period from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 it had <u>75</u> FCC complaint and <u>18</u> state PSC complaints were received.
- 7. Windstream hereby certifies that it is able to function in emergency situations, offers a tariffed local usage plan and provides equal access to long distance carriers.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Tim Loken

Director - Regulatory Reporting

STATE OF ARKANSAS COUNTY OF PULASKI

Acknowledged before me this 16th day of June 2021, by Tim Loken, as Director of Regulatory Reporting of Windstream Florida, LLC who is personally known to me or produced identification and who did take an oath.

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## **FUNDING DISBURSEMENT SEARCH RESULTS**

498 ID=Service Provider and Billed Entity Identification Number; HCL=High Cost Loop; HCM=High Cost Model; IAS=Interstate Access Support; ICLS=Interstate Common Line Support; LSS=Local Switching Support; SNA=Safety Net Additive Support; SVS=Safety Valve Support; FHCS=Frozen High Cost Support; IS=Incremental Support; ICC=Connect America Fund Intercarrier Compensation; Mobility I=Mobility Fund Phase One; CACM =Connect America Cost Model; RBE = Rural Broadband Experiments Fund; ACAM = Alternative Connect America Model; BLS = Connect America Fund Broadband Loop Support; AK PLAN = Alaska Plan Fund; CAFII AUC = Connect America Fund Phase II Auction; PR Mobile Fund = Uniendo PR Mobile Fund; USVI Mobile Fund = Connect USVI Mobile Fund; ACAM II = Alternative Connect America Model II.

**High Cost Disbursement Data** (498 ID = ALL , SAC = 210336 , SAN = ALL , Year = 2019 , Month = ALL , State = ALL ) This disbursement tool contains data from Jan 2003 through Apr 2020.

State	498 ID	Study Area Code	Study Area Name	HCL	нсм	IAS	ICLS	LSS	SNA	svs	FHCS	IS	ICC	Mobility I	CACM	RBE	ACAM	BLS	AK PLAN	CAFII	PR Mobile	USVI Mobile	ACA II
FL	143030766	210336	WINDSTREAM FL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	\$436,385	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.
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