

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

BRANDENBURG TELEPHONE COMPANY;)	
DUO COUNTY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE)	CASE NO.
CORPORATION, INC.; HIGHLAND)	2007-00004
TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.; MOUNTAIN)	
RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE)	
CORPORATION, INC.; NORTH CENTRAL)	
TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE CORPORATION;)	
SOUTH CENTRAL RURAL TELEPHONE)	
COOPERATIVE CORPORATION, INC.; AND)	
WEST KENTUCKY RURAL TELEPHONE)	
COOPERATIVE CORPORATION, INC.)	
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COMPLAINANTS)	
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V.)	
)	
WINDSTREAM KENTUCKY EAST, INC.)	
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DEFENDANT)	
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O R D E R

On December 13, 2007, Brandenburg Telephone Company, Duo County Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc., Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Mountain Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc., North Central Telephone Cooperative Corporation, South Central Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc., and West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc., collectively Rural Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers ("RLECs"), moved for an extension of time to comply with the Commission's November 13, 2007 Order ("November 13 Order"). In the November 13 Order, the Commission directed Windstream Kentucky East, Inc.

("Windstream East") to submit a cost-support study and status report on the alleged outstanding charges owed by the RLECs for local transit traffic. On December 4, 2007, Windstream East filed the requested information ("December 4 Filing") and also moved, separately, for the Commission to give confidential treatment to Appendices A and B of that filing.¹ In the November 13 Order, the RLECs were ordered to submit their responses within 10 days after Windstream East's filing.

In the motion for extension of time, the RLECs state that they require additional time to access and review Appendices A and B of Windstream East's filing. In their motion, the RLECs state that Windstream East has no objection to an extension and it will give access to Appendices A and B upon execution of a confidentiality agreement between the parties. Accordingly, the RLECs are requesting an extension from the Commission wherein they are allowed to submit their responses to Windstream East's December 4 Filing within 10 days after they have reviewed Appendices A and B.

Having reviewed the motion, the Commission finds that the RLECs' request for an extension of time is fair and reasonable. However, to ensure that the document review process between the RLECs and Windstream East occurs within a definite time period, the Commission will require Windstream East to allow the RLECs to review Appendices A and B no later than January 18, 2008, subject to the execution of the confidentiality agreement between the parties. Accordingly, the RLECs will be required to submit their responses to the Commission no later than January 31, 2008.

¹ Windstream East's motion for confidential treatment is currently being reviewed by the Commission. An Appendix C was also submitted by Windstream East, but the company did not request confidential treatment for that portion of the filing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The RLECs' motion for an extension of time to comply with the Commission's November 13, 2007 Order in this matter is granted.

2. Windstream East shall allow the RLECs to review Appendices A and B no later than January 18, 2008, subject to the execution of the confidentiality agreement.

3. The RLECs shall submit their responses to the Commission no later than January 31, 2008.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky this 20th day of December, 2007.

By the Commission

Commissioner Clark Abstains.

ATTEST:


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