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Re: Windstream Kentucky East and Windstream Kentucky West

Petition for Confidentiality received 8/28/08 PSC Reference –Administrative Case No. 381

Dear Mr. Overstreet:

The Public Service Commission has received Windstream Kentucky East and Windstream Kentucky West's Petition for confidential treatment requesting to protect as confidential certain information contained in the USF filings. The information is more specifically described as a listing of specific projects and costs to which Federal High Cost support will be applied; and detailed listing of proposed Capital Budget projects for the year 2009, including description and associated project costs.

Based upon a review of the information, the Commission has determined that the information contained in Attachment A for Windstream Kentucky East and Windstream Kentucky West meets the criteria for confidentiality and therefore, is entitled to the protection requested on the grounds relied upon in the Petition and should be withheld from public inspection.

If the information becomes publicly available or no longer warrants confidential treatment, Windstream Kentucky East and Windstream Kentucky West are required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7(9)(a), to inform the Commission so that the information may be placed in the public record.

Based upon a review of the remaining information contained in the request for confidential treatment, as submitted by each company, the Commission has determined that this information does not meet the criteria for confidentiality, and therefore, confidential treatment is denied.



The information denied confidentiality will be withheld from public inspection for 20 days from the date of this letter. If you disagree with the Commission's decision, you may seek rehearing with the Commission within 20 days of the date of this letter under the provision of KRS 278.400.

Sincerely

Stephanie Stumbo

Executive Director

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