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Beth O'Donnell
Executive Director
Kentucky Public Service Commission
211 Sower Blvd.
Frankfort, KY 40601

RE: Case Number 2006-00532

Dear Ms. O'Donnell:

Windstream appreciates the opportunity to provide an update regarding Windstream's progress to the modifications in the Elizabethtown Central Office ("CO") resulting from the September 2006 outage. As you will recall, Windstream experienced a significant outage in Elizabethtown on September 23rd and 24th, 2006 as a result of an intense storm that flooded the CO battery room with approximately eighteen inches of water. As a result of the flood, Windstream's rectifiers failed and 45,000 customers served out of the CO lost their phone service. Further, this outage also prevented Windstream's customers in the Leitchfield, Campbellsville, Clarkson, and Glasgow exchanges from making or receiving toll calls.

As previously communicated to the Commission, immediately after the September 2006 outage, Windstream began exploring possible building modifications for a new DC power room in the CO. Windstream estimates the cost for the new DC power room to be approximately \$150,000 and the cost of the new DC power equipment to be

approximately \$500,000. In October 2006, Windstream transferred CO facilities from the basement to the first floor. As of today, March 8, 2007, the building modifications are complete and battery racks and rectifier panels are in place.

The following is the updated schedule for the new Elizabethtown main power plant:

- Week of March 12th – Install buss bar transferred from Lexington
- Week of March 19th – Power up 4 battery strings moved from Lexington and install new batter ring
- Week of March 26th – Power up new battery string and install racking on second floor
- Week of April 2nd – Install isolated power bar on second floor along with new PDUF power bay
- Week of April 9th – Run power cables to new PDUF and both buss bars
- Week of April 16th – Terminate power cables and prepare for power transfer to new plant
- Week of April 23rd – Transfer power to new plant and finalize all work

Windstream had intended to have the modifications in the CO completed by the end of March 2007. However, issues with contractor availability delayed the schedule by 6 weeks.

Thank you again for allowing Windstream the opportunity to communicate an update about our efforts in Elizabethtown to the Commission.

Sincerely,



Daniel Logsdon

cc: Doug Brent, ESQ
Dennis Howard, ESQ