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RE: Case No. **2014-00283**

The Commission staff has reviewed the application in the above case and finds that it meets the minimum filing requirements and has been accepted for filing.

Enclosed please find a stamped filed copy of the first page of your filing. This case has been docketed and will be processed as expeditiously as possible.

If you need further assistance, please contact my staff at 502-564-3940.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Faulkner".

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter Of:

The Application Of Windstream Kentucky East, LLC And Windstream Kentucky West, LLC For A Declaratory Ruling That Approval Is Not Required For The Transfer Of A Portion Of Their Assets; (2) Alternatively For Approval Of The Transfer Of Assets; (3) For A Declaratory Ruling That Communications Sales and Leasing, Inc. Is Not Subject To KRS 278.020(1); and (4) For All Other Required Approvals And Relief

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CASE NO. 2014-00 283

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**APPLICATION**

Windstream Kentucky East, LLC (“WKE”) and Windstream Kentucky West, LLC (“WKW”) (collectively, “Applicants” or “Operating Companies”), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 19, respectfully request a Declaratory Order from the Kentucky Public Service Commission (“Commission”) that approval of the transfer of the assets described in this Application is not required under Kentucky law. Alternatively, the Applicants seek approval of the transfer pursuant to KRS 278.020(5) and (6) and all other applicable provisions of Chapter 278. The Applicants further seek a Declaratory Order that Communications Sales and Leasing, Inc. (“CSL”) is not required by KRS 278.020(1) to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity in connection with its ownership of the Subject Assets and its exclusive lease of the Subject Assets to Holdings for the benefit of WKE and WKW.

**I. INTRODUCTION**

1. The telecommunications industry continues to change dramatically due to rapidly increasing customer and business data needs, the entry of competition, and technological advancements. The Operating Companies exist in a highly competitive environment in which wireless, cable and over-the-top VoIP providers continue to expand their telecommunications