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RE: Case No. 2025-00128

Windstream Kentucky East, LLC, Windstream Kentucky West, LLC

(Transfer / Sale / Purchase / Merger)

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 file-stamped copy of the first page of the filing. This case has been docketed and will be processed as expeditiously as possible.

If you need further assistance, please contact Brian Thomas at 502-564-3940.

Sincerely,

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**Enclosure** 



## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF

Application of Windstream Kentucky East, LLC and Windstream Kentucky West LLC

for Approval for Proposed *Pro Forma* Changes in Indirect Ownership

Case No. 2025-00128

## **APPLICATION**

Windstream Kentucky East, LLC and Windstream Kentucky West, LLC ("Windstream ILEC Licensees" or "Applicants"), respectfully request that the Public Service Commission of Kentucky (the "Commission") grant authority, to the extent it may be required pursuant to KRS 278.020(6), for a series of transactions that will result in *pro forma* changes in the indirect intermediate ownership of the Applicants (the "*Pro Forma Changes*"). The *Pro Forma Changes* are planned, subject to receipt of required federal and state regulatory approvals, to take place

This filing also serves as notice of the Pro Forma Changes for the following non-ILEC affiliates of the Windstream ILEC Licensees holding authorizations from the Commission: Broadview Networks, Inc.; Business Telecom, LLC; DeltaCom, LLC; McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, LLC; Network Telephone, LLC; PAETEC Communications, LLC; Talk America, LLC; The Other Phone Company, LLC; US LEC of Tennessee, LLC; Windstream Communications, LLC; Windstream FiberNet, LLC; Windstream KDL, LLC; Windstream New Edge, LLC; Windstream Norlight, LLC; and Windstream NuVox, LLC (collectively, the "Windstream Competitive Licensees") (the Windstream ILEC Licensees and Windstream Competitive Licensees collectively, the "Windstream Licensees"). In addition, this filing services as notice of the *Pro Forma Changes* for the following subsidiaries of Uniti Group Inc. holding authorizations from the Commission: CSL Kentucky System, LLC; Southern Light, LLC; Uniti National LLC; and Uniti Dark Fiber LLC (collectively, the "Uniti Competitive Licensees"). See Exemptions for Providers of Local Exchange Service Other Than Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers, Admin. Case No. 370 (Ky. PSC Jan. 8, 1998) Exemptions For Interexchange Carriers, Long-Distance Resellers, Operator Service Providers And Customer-Owned, Coin-Operated Telephones. Admin. Case No. 369 (Ky. PSC June 21, 1996); 807 KAR 5:011, Section 11. The Windstream ILEC Licensees, Windstream Competitive Licensees and the Uniti Competitive Licensees are collectively referred to as the "Licensees."

For purposes of this Application, "Windstream" refers to New Windstream, LLC, the current ultimate parent of Windstream Licensees, and its subsidiaries and "Uniti" refers to Uniti Group Inc., the current ultimate parent of the Uniti Licensees, and its subsidiaries.

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