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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

A CERTIFICATION OF THE CARRIERS)
RECEIVING UNIVERSAL SERVICE)
HIGH COST SUPPORT)

ADMINISTRATIVE
CASE NO. 381

PETITION FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT

Windstream Kentucky East, Inc. ("WKE") and Windstream Kentucky West, Inc. ("WKW") move the Public Service Commission of Kentucky (the "Commission") pursuant to K.R.S. §61.878(1)(c)(1) and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7 to accord confidential treatment to the attached Filings through which WKE and WKW seek certification for Federal Universal Service Funds usage ("Filings"), and in support of this Petition for Confidential Treatment, WKE and WKW state the following:

1. On September 25, 2001, the Commission issued an order in Administrative Case No. 381 requiring all carriers to file their plans for the use of any high-cost federal support by September 1 of each calendar year. Included in this filing is to be a listing of specific projects and their costs to which the Federal High Cost support will be applied.

2. The attached Filings contain a detailed listing of the proposed Capital Budget projects for WKE and WKW for the year 2008, including project description and associated project costs.

3. K.R.S. §61.878(1)(c)(1) excludes the following records from the requirements of the Open Records Act:

records confidentially disclosed to an agency or required by an agency to disclosed to it, generally recognized as confidential or proprietary, which if openly disclosed would permit an unfair commercial advantage to competitors of the entity that disclosed the records.

4. The telecommunications market in which WKW and WKE participate as providers of local exchange services is highly competitive.

5. Public disclosure of the contents of the attached Filings could provide other entities an unfair competitive advantage by revealing proposed network upgrade and modernization plans, certain aspects of competitive pricing, and certain aspects of operational planning.

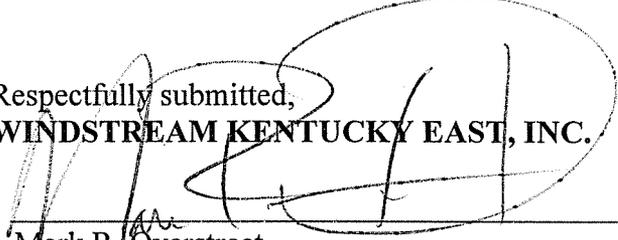
6. Because the attached Filings is confidential and proprietary, because it is protected from public disclosure by WKW and WKE and because its public disclosure would provide competitors of WKE and WKW an unfair competitive advantage, the Filing is exempted by K.R.S. §61.878(1)(c)(1) from disclosure under the Open Records Act. As a result, WKW and WKE are entitled under 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7 to confidential treatment by the Commission for the Filings.

7. Included with this Petition is one copy of the Filings that identifies by highlighting those portions of the Filings that are confidential. Also filed are ten copies of the Filing with the confidential information redacted.

WHEREFORE, Windstream Kentucky East, Inc. and Windstream Kentucky West, Inc. respectfully request that the highlighted information in the Filings be accorded confidential treatment and be placed in the confidential files of the Commission and that Windstream Kentucky East, Inc. and Windstream Kentucky West, Inc. be accorded all other relief to which they may be entitled.

Dated: August 27, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,
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