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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Via Hand-Delivery

Mr. Jeff R. Derouen **Executive Director Public Service Commission** 211 Sower Boulevard P. O. Box 615 Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615

Re:

Petition of Windstream Kentucky East, LLC ("Windstream") for Arbitration of an

Interconnection Agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, D/B/A

AT&T Mobility

Case No. 2009-00246

Dear Mr. Derouen:

Please find enclosed for filing in the above referenced case the original and five (5) copies of Windstream Kentucky East, LLC's Response to AT&T Mobility's Motion to Take Depositions.

Please call me if you have any questions concerning this filing, and thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted.

RCM/db **Enclosures**

Stacy Majors cc:

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:)		MAR 1 7 2010
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WINDSTREAM KENTUCKY EAST, LLC'S RESPONSE TO AT&T MOBILITY'S MOTION TO TAKE DEPOSITIONS

Comes Windstream Kentucky East, LLC ("Windstream"), by counsel, and for its Response to the Motion to Take Depositions filed by New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, d/b/a AT&T Mobility ("AT&T Mobility") states as follows:

KRS 278.340 provides that:

The commission itself may take depositions, or grant deposition rights at its discretion to any party in a proceeding before the commission. Depositions in commission proceedings shall be taken in accordance with the Rules of Civil Procedure.

AT&T Mobility requests the Public Service Commission ("Commission") to allow it to take the "depositions of the witnesses that will file written testimony in support of the cost study produced by Windstream" and "who, if not a testifying witness, can answer in —depth questions regarding the current discovery responses that have been produced by Windstream in this case." Windstream states that the procedural schedules entered by the Commission in this case providing for Data Requests, Second Data Requests, Follow-up Data Requests and Supplemental Data Requests provide more than sufficient opportunity for discovery. This is particularly true where each party will also have the right to cross examine witnesses at the hearing scheduled in this matter. Therefore, Windstream

respectfully requests the Commission to deny AT&T Mobility's Motion to Take Depositions.

Should the Commission allow any depositions to be taken in this case, the depositions should be limited to only those individuals that will be pre-filing testimony for consideration at the hearing, as they are the individuals designated by the parties as having the information that is important to the case. They will certainly have reviewed and have in-depth knowledge concerning the data that is relevant to the case. Of course, in the unlikely event that these individuals are unable to answer a question during deposition, the procedural schedule expressly provides for the filing of Supplemental Discovery Requests. Limiting the deponents to only those individuals pre-filing testimony will ensure that no party will undertake expensive, time consuming "fishing expeditions" to discover information that is irrelevant to this case.

For the reasons set forth above, Windstream requests the Commission to deny AT&T Mobility's Motion to Take Depositions. However, in the event the Commission grants said motion, AT&T Mobility should be limited to deposing only those individuals pre-filing testimony, and both parties should be allowed to take same.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

On this 15th day of March, 2010, true and correct copies of the foregoing Notice of Filing were transmitted via United States certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested to:

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