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Re: **Confidentiality Request dated March 19, 2010 -**
Windstream Exhibits and Answers in Response
to Follow-up Data Request
PSC Case No. 2009-00246

Mr. Moore and Ms. Majors:

The Public Service Commission has received the Confidentiality Petition you filed on March 19, 2010 on behalf of Windstream Kentucky East, LLC ("Windstream") to protect certain information filed with the Commission as confidential under Section 7 of 807 KAR 5:001 and KRS 61.878. Windstream seeks confidential treatment for Response 108(a) & (b)¹ and Exhibits A-G attached to its responses to the follow-up data requests submitted by New Cingular Wireless PCS, LL, d/b/a AT&T Mobility. Windstream states that its response to Request 108 contains details on the listings of material costs and specific component lists for Windstream's facilities, as contained within several purchase agreements provided as exhibits.

¹ shaded language only.

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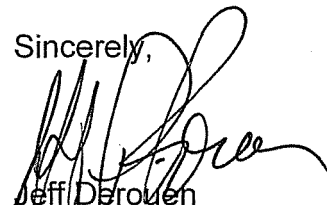
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In support of the petition, the company states that this information is confidential and has proprietary trade secrets as it contains sensitive information as to the company's costs expenditures and facilities deployment in Kentucky. Windstream states that public disclosure would result in irreparable harm to the company and its vendors with whom it has the contracts contained in the Response and Exhibits by providing competitors with non-reciprocal competitive advantage.

The Commission has carefully analyzed the information contained within the named Response and Exhibits and has determined that the information contained therein, if disclosed, would permit an unfair commercial advantage to Windstream's competitors and cause competitive injury. For these reasons, the Commission finds that this information satisfies the standard for protection under KRS 61.878(1)(c)(1) and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, and, therefore, those portions of the request for confidentiality are **GRANTED**.

As this information that has been **GRANTED** protection, the Commission will withhold the protected information contained in the current Petition from public inspection. If the information that has been granted protection becomes publicly available or no longer warrants confidential treatment, you are required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7(9)(a), to inform the Commission so that the information may be placed in the public record.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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cc: Parties of Record for Case No. 2009-00246