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Hazelrigg & Cox, LLP
Attention: Robert C. Moore
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Re: Windstream East and Windstream West
Petition for Confidential Treatment received 6/13/11
PSC Reference – Case No. 2010-00398

Dear Mr. Moore:

The Public Service Commission has received the Petition for Confidential Treatment you filed on June 13, 2011 on behalf of Windstream Kentucky East, LLC and Windstream Kentucky West, LLC ("Windstream") to protect certain information filed with the Commission as confidential pursuant to Section 7 of 807 KAR 5:001 and KRS 61.870. The information you seek to have treated as confidential is identified as being contained in their Responses to AT&T and Verizon's 1st Data Requests in their entirety, including Exhibits. The information is described containing specific dollar figures or minutes of use information relating to their costs and operations in Kentucky.

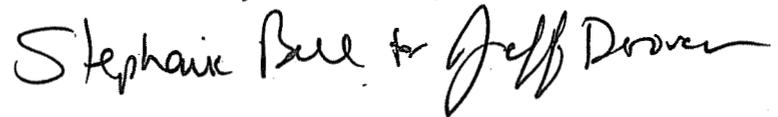
Your justification for having the Commission handle this material as confidential is that the public disclosure of the information would compromise Windstream's competitive position in the industry and reveal trade secrets, which would result in an unfair commercial advantage to Windstream's competitors.

Based on a review of the information and pursuant to KRS 61.878 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, the Commission has determined that the information requested to be held confidential is of a proprietary nature, which if publicly disclosed would permit an unfair commercial advantage to Windstream's competitors. Therefore, the information requested to be treated as confidential **meets the criteria for confidential protection** and will be maintained as a nonpublic part of the Commission's file in this case. The procedure for usage of confidential materials during formal proceedings may be found at Section 7(8) of 807 KAR 5:001.

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If the information becomes publicly available or no longer warrants confidential treatment, Windstream Kentucky East, LLC and Windstream Kentucky West, LLC are required by Section 8(9)(a) of 807 KAR 5:001 to inform the Commission so that the information may be placed in the public record.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephane Ball to Jeff Derouen". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Jeff Derouen
Executive Director

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cc: Parties of Record