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August 15, 2012

Hazelrigg & Cox, LLP
Attention: Robert C. Moore
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Re: Windstream Kentucky East, LLC ("Windstream")
Petition for Confidential Treatment received 6/4/12
PSC Reference – Case No. 2010-00398

Dear Mr. Moore:

The Public Service Commission has received the Petition for Confidential Treatment you filed on June 4, 2012 on behalf of US LEC of Tennessee, LLC, Windstream Kentucky East, LLC, Windstream Kentucky West, LLC, Windstream Norlight, Inc. and Windstream Nuvox, Inc. ("Windstream") to protect certain information filed with the Commission as confidential pursuant to Section 7 of 807 KAR 5:001 and KRS 61.878. The information you seek to have treated as confidential is identified as being contained in their Response to Commission Order dated May 30, 2012. The information is described as their ICC Access Reduction Forms containing specific data regarding local and switched access minutes of use and revenues.

Your justification for having the Commission handle this material as confidential is that the public disclosure of the information could result in an unfair commercial advantage to 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, US LEC of Tennessee, LLC, Windstream Kentucky East, LLC, Windstream Kentucky West, LLC, Windstream Norlight, Inc. and Windstream Nuvox, Inc. ("Windstream") 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, appearing to read "Jeff Derouen", written over the printed name.

Jeff Derouen
Executive Director

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cc: Parties of Record