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Jeff DeRouen, Executive Director  
Kentucky Public Service Commission  
P. O. Box 615  
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**Re: Application of Windstream Kentucky East, LLC and Windstream Kentucky West, LLC (1) for a Declaratory Ruling That Approval is Not Required for the Transfer of a Portion of their Assets; (2) Alternatively for Approval of the Transfer of Assets; (3) for a Declaratory Ruling that Communications Sales and Leasing, Inc. is not subject to KRS 278.020(1); and (4) for All Other Required Approvals and Relief  
Case No. 2014-00283**

Dear Mr. DeRouen:

Please be advised that the Communications Workers of America ("CWA") will not be filing a brief in the above-referenced proceeding. As a result of information obtained from the Applicants during the hearing in this matter on November 13, 2014, CWA is hereby withdrawing any opposition to the Application and will no longer actively participate in this matter.

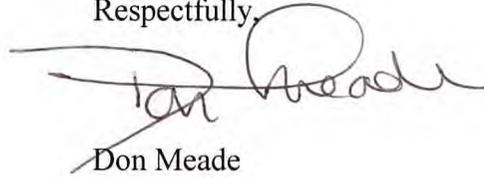
In particular, during the hearing, the Applicants stated unequivocally that the proposed transaction would not affect the work performed by CWA members, either within the Commonwealth of Kentucky or in other jurisdictions. Hearing at 14:34 to 14:36 (cross-examination of Mr. Fletcher).

In addition, the Applicants stated that all easements and rights of way would remain under the ownership of the Applicants (Hearing at 14:41 to 14:45), thereby ensuring that CWA members would continue to have safe and lawful access to poles and conduits.

Finally, the extensive testimony of Mr. Gunderman during the hearing provided additional information about the likely financial effects of the proposed transaction. While all of CWA's questions are not answerable at this time, CWA is satisfied that the transaction would not have an adverse financial effect on the Applicants, either in Kentucky or at the corporate level.

CWA appreciates the opportunity to participate in this proceeding. As a result of that opportunity, CWA was able to receive answers from the Applicants that satisfied CWA's major concerns with the proposed transaction.

Respectfully,



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