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PARTIES OF RECORD

RE: Case No. 2026-00069
Kinetic ABS KY LLC, Windstream Kentucky East, LLC
(Transfer / Sale / Purchase / Merger)

Commission Staff has reviewed the application in the above case and finds that it meets the minimum filing requirements and has been accepted for filing. Enclosed, please find a file-stamped copy of the first page of the filing. This case has been docketed and will be processed as expeditiously as possible.

If you need further assistance, please contact Brian Thomas at 502-564-3940.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Linda C. Bridwell".

Linda C. Bridwell, PE
Executive Director

Enclosure

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Joint Application of)
)
Kinetic ABS KY LLC and Windstream) Case No. 2026-00069
Kentucky East, LLC to Complete a *Pro Forma*)
Transfer)

APPLICATION

Kinetic ABS KY LLC (“Kinetic ABS”) jointly with its Kentucky incumbent local exchange carrier (“ILEC”) affiliate Windstream Kentucky East, LLC (the “ILEC Asset Transferor”),¹ respectfully requests that the Kentucky Public Service Commission (the “Commission”) grant authority, to the extent it may be required pursuant to KRS 278.020(6), for the Applicants to complete a *pro forma* transfer of telecommunications assets and certain associated residential customers from the ILEC Asset Transferor to Kinetic ABS (the “*Pro Forma* Transfer”).

Applicants are undertaking the *Pro Forma* Transfer concurrently with a proposed financing (the “Financing Arrangement”) which will provide funding for the *Pro Forma* Transfer.² As

¹ Kinetic ABS and the ILEC Asset Transferor are collectively referred hereto as the “Applicants.” As further described in this application, Kinetic ABS will also receive certain telecommunications assets and associated customers, as applicable, from its Kentucky competitive local exchange carrier (“CLEC”) affiliate CSL Kentucky System, LLC and its Kentucky interexchange carrier (“IXC”) affiliate Windstream Communications, LLC. These transfers do not require prior Commission approval. See *Exemptions for Providers of Local Exchange Service Other Than Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers*, Admin. Case No. 359 (Ky. PSC June 21, 1996); *Exemptions for Providers of Local Exchange Service Other Than Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers*, Admin. Case No. 370 (Ky. PSC Jan. 8, 1998). This filing therefore serves as a notice of these transfers.

² As further described in this application, the Financing Arrangement is exempt from the KRS 278.300 pre-approval requirement pursuant to Administrative Case Nos. 359 and 370. *Exemptions for Providers of Local Exchange Service Other Than Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers*, Admin. Case No. 359 (Ky. PSC June 21, 1996); *Exemptions for Providers of Local Exchange Service Other*

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