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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

August 30, 2011

Jeff R. Derouen
Executive Director
Kentucky Public Service Commission
211 Sower Boulevard
P.O. Box 615
Frankfort, KY 40602-0615

Re: A Certification of the Carriers Receiving Universal Service High-Cost

Support, Administrative Case No. 381

Dear Director Derouen:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter is the Affidavit of Michael D. Rhoda, Senior Vice President – Government Affairs for Windstream Kentucky East, LLC. This filing is made in accordance with the Kentucky Public Service Commission's September 27, 2002 Order in Administrative Case No. 381, which requires recipients of Federal Universal Service High-Cost Support to provide information and certification by September 1 annually regarding use of those funds.

Please contact me with any questions or if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Shearer

Enclosure

STATE OF ARKANSAS

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COUNTY OF PULASKI

AFFIDAVIT

Michael D. Rhoda, being duly sworn upon oath, deposes and states as follows:

- 1. My name is Michael D. Rhoda and I am Senior Vice President Government

 Affairs for Windstream Kentucky East, LLC ("WKE"). My business address is 4001 N Rodney

 Parham Rd., Little Rock, Arkansas, 72212.
- 2. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein. I am competent to testify to the facts, which are stated to the best of my knowledge and recollection.
- 3. In the Kentucky Public Service Commission's September 27, 2002 Order in Administrative Case No. 381, carriers were ordered to file with the Commission their plans for use of high-cost federal support by September 1st of each year.
- 4. WKE estimates its Federal Universal Service support for 2012 will be approximately \$10,128,136.
- 5. All Federal USF support received, for WKE properties in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, will only be used for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and

services for which the support is intended, consistent with section 254(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

This concludes my affidavit.

Michael D. Rhoda

Senior Vice President – Government Affairs

Windstream Kentucky East, LLC

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 to day of August, 2011.

Notary Public

NICOLE WINTERS
MY COMMISSION # 12381509
EXPIRES: April 8, 2021
Saline County