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Linda C. Bridwell, Executive Director Kentucky Public Service Commission 211 Sower Boulevard Frankfort, KY 40602

Re: PSC Case No. 2018-00157 (CMN-RUS v. Windstream Kentucky East); Read1st document for Joint Status Report

Dear Ms. Bridwell:

The parties, CMN-RUS, Inc. and Windstream Kentucky East, LLC, through CMN-RUS's counsel, submit this cover letter for their electronic filing in this case, serving as the Read1st introductory file. This electronic filing is the Joint Status Report periodically due from the parties pursuant to the Commission's 12/7/18 Order.

In reliance on the Commission's Order entered July 22, 2021, in Case No. 2020-00085, granting a universal, permanent deviation from the paper-filing requirement, counsel will not file one copy of this filing with the Commission in paper medium, either within two (2) business days days per 807 KAR 5:001 § 8(12)(a)(2) or within 30 days of the lifting of the state of emergency per the 3/24/2020 Order in Case No. 2020-00085. In accordance with 807 KAR 5:001 § 8(7), filing counsel certifies that the electronically filed document is a true representation of the same document (if any) to be filed in paper medium, that all materials in the paper document (if any) are included in the electronic filing, and that no party has been excused from electronic filing procedures or participation in electronic service.

Sincerely,

/s/ Katherine K. Yunker

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