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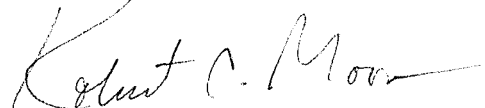
Mr. Jeff R. Derouen
Executive Director
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211 Sower Boulevard
P. O. Box 615
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Re: Windstream Kentucky East, LLC's Petition for Arbitration
Case No. 2009-00246

Dear Mr. Derouen:

Please find enclosed for filing Windstream Kentucky East, LLC's Petition for Confidential Treatment concerning the Cost Study prepared by Windstream in connection with the negotiation of an Interconnection Agreement between Windstream and New Cingular Wireless, PCS, LLC, d/b/a AT&T Mobility, which is the subject of the above-referenced arbitration. The original of the Petition has the Cost Study attached to same, and the 10 copies contain the redacted Cost Study. Please take the necessary steps to insure that Windstream's Petition for Confidential Treatment with the Cost Study attached is treated as containing confidential and proprietary information. Please let me know if I need to take any additional steps with respect to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,


Robert C. Moore

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Enclosures
cc: Stacy Majors

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

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Petition of Windstream Kentucky)
East, LLC for Arbitration of an)
Interconnection Agreement with New)
Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, D/B/A)
AT&T Mobility)

Case No. 2009-00246

WINDSTREAM KENTUCKY EAST, LLC'S
PETITION FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT

Comes Windstream Kentucky East, LLC (“Windstream”), by counsel, and pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, hereby petitions the Kentucky Public Service Commission (“Commission”) for an order granting confidential treatment to the attached Cost Study prepared by Windstream in connection with the negotiation of an Interconnection Agreement (“ICA”) between Windstream and New Cingular Wireless, PCS, LLC d/b/a AT&T Mobility (“AT&T”). The ICA is the subject of the above-referenced arbitration proceeding. The parties and Commission Staff believe that the information contained in the Windstream Cost Study is relevant to the determination of the issues raised in this arbitration proceeding. In support of its Petition, Windstream states as follows:

1. Windstream is requesting confidential treatment for its Cost Study and Attachments A, B, C & D to same, all of which contain proprietary, confidential information referenced and incorporated into the Cost Study (hereinafter referred to collectively as the “Cost Study”). Windstream’s Cost Study contains proprietary, confidential information that would aid competitors of Windstream, if released, and such confidential and proprietary trade secret information is subject to protection from disclosure pursuant to Kentucky law. See KRS 61.870 et seq.

2. Windstream's Cost Study contains specific dollar figures related to Windstream's costs of providing service in Kentucky. This information constitutes a trade secret because it is commercial information, that if disclosed, could cause substantial competitive harm to Windstream. This information is not publicly available. The financial information contained in the Cost Study is based on highly confidential and proprietary Windstream network and traffic information, as well as highly confidential and proprietary switching information, and represents highly confidential costs of providing service. It would be difficult (or impossible) for someone to discover this information from other sources. If this information were available to competitors in this form, they could use it to the competitive disadvantage to Windstream.

3. Providers of the services offered by Windstream, including wireless, retail and wholesale telephone services and telephone-related services, operate in a highly competitive marketplace where such confidential and proprietary information is closely guarded to insure it is not disclosed to competitors.

4. This information is not generally disclosed to non-management employees of Windstream and is protected internally by Windstream as confidential and proprietary information.

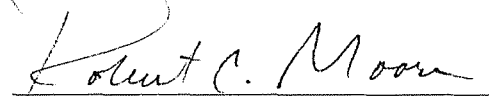
5. The disclosure of the confidential and proprietary information contained in the Cost Study would result in significant or irreparable competitive harm to Windstream by providing its competitors with non-reciprocal competitive advantage. No public purpose is served by the disclosure of such information and the regulations of the Commission contemplate the filing of such information under a confidentiality order.

6. Windstream seeks confidential treatment for the entire Cost Study because all of the information contained in same is highly confidential and proprietary financial information.

Pursuant to the above-referenced statements, Windstream requests that this information be deemed confidential by the Commission.

WHEREFORE, Windstream respectfully requests that the Commission enter all necessary orders granting confidential treatment as requested herein.

Respectfully Submitted,

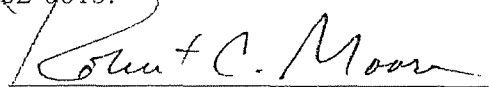


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing pleading was sent via hand delivery on this the 10th day of August, 2009 on Jeff R. Derouen, Executive Director, Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, P. O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615, and by first-class mail, postage prepaid on Mary K. Keyer, General Counsel/AT & T Kentucky, 601 West Chestnut Street, Room 407, Louisville, Kentucky, 40203, Paul Walters, Jr., 15 East 1st Street, Edmond, Oklahoma 73034 and Tiffany Bowman, Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, P. O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615.



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ATTACHMENT

CONFIDENTIAL COST STUDY consists of 92 pages.