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Re: **Confidentiality Request dated November 4, 2009 -**
Windstream Exhibits and Answers in Responses to Second Data Request
PSC Case No. 2009-00246

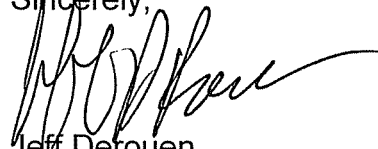
Dear Mr. Moore and Ms. Majors:

The Public Service Commission has received the Confidentiality Petition you filed on November 4, 2009 on behalf of Windstream Kentucky East, LLC ("Windstream") to protect certain information filed with the Commission as confidential under Section 7 of 807 KAR 5:001 and KRS 61.878. The information is identified as Windstream's Exhibits attached to and certain Responses contained within its Responses to AT&T Mobility's Second Data Requests. Specifically, Windstream seeks confidential treatment for Exhibits N to T attached to the Responses and confidential treatment for portions of Responses 74, 99 and 100. Windstream argues that the Exhibits and Responses contain proprietary and trade secrets relevant to the company's network and telecommunications traffic and the costs of providing service. Windstream argues that if this information were publicly available, competitors could use the details to disadvantage Windstream's operation in the marketplace.

The Commission has carefully analyzed the information contained within the named Exhibits and Responses and has determined that the information contained therein, if disclosed, would permit an unfair commercial advantage to Windstream's competitors and cause competitive injury. For these reasons, the Commission finds that this information satisfies the standard for protection under KRS 61.878(1)(c)(1) and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, and, therefore, those portions of the request for confidentiality are **GRANTED**.

As this information that has been **GRANTED** protection, the Commission will withhold the protected information contained in the current Petition from public inspection. If the information that has been granted protection becomes publicly available or no longer warrants confidential treatment, you are required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7(9)(a), to inform the Commission so that the information may be placed in the public record.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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cc: Parties of Record for Case No. 2009-00264