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Hon. Mark Overstreet  
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Re: **Administrative Case No. 381**  
**Windstream Kentucky East, LLC**  
**Confidentiality Request dated August 31, 2009**  
**2009 Universal Service High Cost Support Certification Report**

Dear Mr. Overstreet:

On August 31, 2009, the Public Service Commission received Windstream Kentucky East, LLC's ("Windstream East") request for confidential treatment of the Annual High Cost Certification and Report and Attachment A to the certification and report. In support of its motion, Windstream East states that this information contains details on proposed network upgrades and modernization plans, information on competitive pricing and certain information on operational planning. Windstream East states that this information qualifies proprietary information related to network infrastructure and operating costs, which would qualify as permitting an unfair commercial advantage to competitors, if publicly disclosed.

Having reviewed the information contained within the Petition and applicable law, the Commission has determined that the information contained therein is entitled to protection and, therefore, the request is **GRANTED, in part** and **DENIED, in part**.

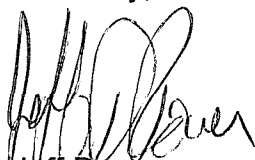
The Commission finds that public knowledge Attachment A and the information contained therein would qualify as causing competitive harm, if disclosed. See KRS 61.878, *et al.* Therefore, the request for confidential treatment of Attachment A is **GRANTED**.

However, the request for confidential protection of Windstream East's estimated Federal Universal Service Fund Support for 2010, as contained on page 1 of the certification and report, is **DENIED**. The Commission finds that this financial figure is publicly available and is not entitled to protection under KRS 61.878.

As for the portion of the petition which been **GRANTED** confidential treatment, the Commission will withhold the protected information 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.

As for the information that has been **DENIED** protection, it will be withheld from public inspection for 20 days from the date of this letter in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001. If you disagree with the Commission's decision, you may seek a rehearing with the Commission within 20 days of the date of this letter under the provisions of KRS 278.400.

Sincerely,



Jeff Derouen  
Executive Director

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