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LA Public Service Commission

VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Mr. Brandon Frey, Executive Secretary
Louisiana Public Service Commission
12th Floor, Records Division
602 North Fifth Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70821

Re: Notification Regarding a *Pro Forma* Intra-Corporate Transaction

Dear Mr. Frey:

The purpose of this letter is to notify the Louisiana Public Service Commission ("Commission") of various upcoming *pro forma* intra-company transactions involving Windstream Services, LLC ("Windstream Services"). Windstream Enterprise Holdings, LLC ("Windstream Enterprise") along with Windstream KDL, LLC and Windstream NuVox, LLC (the "Windstream Licensees" and, along with Windstream Services and Windstream Enterprise, "Windstream"). A list of authorizations held by the Windstream Licensees is included as Exhibit A. Windstream files this notice pursuant to Section 301(M) of the Commission's General Order No. R-31839, to the extent necessary.

Over the past several years, Windstream has acquired a number of telecommunications entities that, either directly or through one or more operating subsidiaries, held federal and state authorizations and certifications to provide interstate and intrastate telecommunications services. Due to the overly complex corporate organizational structure resulting from these acquisitions, Windstream proposes a series of *pro forma* intra-company transactions that, once complete, will result in a more streamlined and simplified corporate structure. As detailed in "Public Interest Considerations," below, this simplification will enable Windstream to function in a more efficient and nimble fashion. The changes will result in changes to the direct parent company of the customer-facing operating entities but will not change the ultimate ownership of the entities. The proposed organizational changes will be transparent to customers.

Windstream Services and Windstream Enterprise are both Delaware limited liability companies headquartered at 4001 North Rodney Parham Road, Little Rock, Arkansas 72212. Windstream Services, through its subsidiaries, is a leading provider of advanced network

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communications and technology solutions for consumers, businesses, enterprise organizations, and wholesale customers across the United States.

I. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION

Windstream KDL, LLC and Windstream NuVox, LLC are currently both direct subsidiaries of Windstream Services, LLC. Windstream Services, LLC will contribute 100% of the membership interests of each company to its subsidiary Windstream Enterprise Holdings, LLC. See Exhibit B for a current and post organizational chart.

II. PUBLIC INTEREST CONSIDERATIONS

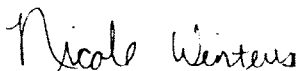
The pro forma intra-company changes described herein are in the public interest and will simplify Windstream's existing corporate structure, reduce its reporting and accounting burdens, and provide beneficial operational efficiencies that will allow Windstream to serve its customers in a more efficient and nimble fashion.

Because the pro forma changes will occur at the holding company level, there will be no change or impact to customers' rates, terms, or services as a result of the changes. Moreover, as previously stated, the changes will be transparent to customers.

Finally, all Windstream subsidiaries, including the Parties, have the same corporate officers. Therefore, there will be no change in the managerial qualifications of the telecommunications provider serving the customer base.

If there are any questions regarding this notice, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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Exhibit A

Windstream Licensees

- Windstream KDL, LLC is authorized to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services pursuant to Certificate No. TSP00622-A.
- Windstream NuVox, LLC is authorized to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services pursuant to Certificate No. TSP00198-F.

Exhibit B
Current Corporate Organizational Chart

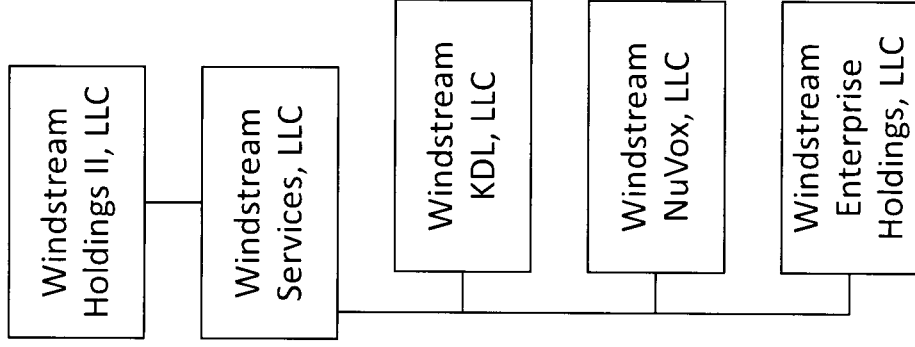


Exhibit B
Proposed New Corporate Organization

