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June 10, 2025
Via Overnight Delivery

Mr. Reece McAlister
Georgia Public Service Commission
244 Washington Street
Atlanta, GA 30334

Re: Windstream Standard, LLC - Universal Service Certification
47 USC 254(e); 47 CFR 54.314

Dear Mr. McAlister:

This letter is to request that the Georgia Public Service Commission notify the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Windstream Standard, LLC is eligible to receive federal high-cost support in accordance with the above-referenced statute and federal rule.

The amount of federal high-cost support Windstream Standard, LLC received in 2024 and the federal high-cost support that Windstream Standard, LLC will receive in 2026 will be used for the services and functionalities outlined in 47 C.F.R. 54.101(a) and, as the attached affidavit shows Windstream Standard, LLC certifies that it will only use the federal high-cost support it receives for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

This state certification for federal support is an annual process. In order to receive federal support beginning January 1 of each year, the Georgia Public Service Commission must file its annual certification on or before October 1 of the year before.

Windstream Standard, LLC respectfully requests that the Commission notify the FCC and USAC prior to October 1 of this year that Windstream Standard, LLC is eligible to receive federal high-cost support for 2026.

Sincerely,

Lezlie Young

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AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF ARKANSAS
COUNTY OF PULASKI

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, appeared Tim Loken, who deposed and said:

My name is Tim Loken. I am employed by Windstream Standard, LLC as its Director of Regulatory Reporting. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Georgia Public Service Commission's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. 54.314.

Windstream Standard, LLC certifies that all high-cost support provided to Windstream Standard, LLC was used in the preceding year (2024) and will be used in the coming calendar year (2026) only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Tim Loken
Director – Regulatory Reporting
Windstream Standard, LLC

STATE OF ARKANSAS
COUNTY OF PULASKI

Acknowledged before me this 10 day of June, 2025, by Tim Loken, as Director of Regulatory Reporting of Windstream Standard, LLC who is personally known to me or produced identification and who did take an oath.

NOTARY PUBLIC

Charlene Forth
Printed Name of Notary

CHARLENE FORTH
Notary Public - Arkansas
Pulaski County
Commission # 12714445
My Commission Expires May 20, 2031

Personally Known ✓
Produced Identification ✓
Type of Identification Produced ✓ Employee ID / State ID