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Ann Cole
Division of the Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Submission to the Federal Communications Commission Regarding Phase I of the
Connect America Fund

Dear Ms. Cole:

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.312(b)(3) of the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC's") rules, please find enclosed a copy of Windstream's Election and Petition for Waiver filed with the FCC today. As detailed in the enclosed document, Windstream is electing to accept only a small portion of the Connect America Fund ("CAF") Phase I support that has been allocated to it, and is petitioning for a waiver of the FCC's rules that would permit it to accept and utilize the remainder of its allocation.

With respect to Florida, if Windstream's Petition for Waiver is granted, Windstream would receive \$88,750 of Connect America Fund Phase I support to bring broadband to 19 currently unserved households in one wire center in the state.

The enclosed document includes redacted versions of Attachment 1—a .csv file identifying, by 2010 Census Block FIPS code and wire center CLLI code the locations where Windstream will deploy broadband service in satisfaction of its requirements if the Petition for Waiver is not granted—and Attachment 2—a .csv file identifying, by wire center CLLI code, where Windstream will deploy broadband service in satisfaction of its requirements if the Petition for Waiver is granted. These attachments have been submitted to the FCC under the Protective Order in CC Docket No. 01-92, WC Docket Nos. 05-337, 07-135, and 10-90 and GN Docket No. 09-51 (DA 10-1749, rel. Sept. 16, 2010) because they contain proprietary and confidential information about Windstream's network. Your state may obtain access to these confidential documents through the terms of the Protective Order, or Windstream would be happy to work with you to share the confidential documents pursuant to a state confidentiality process that provides comparable protection.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Malena F. Barzilai

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