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Public Utility Commission of Texas Attn: Filing Clerk 1701 N. Congress Ave. Austin, TX 78711-3326

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RE: Project No. 30240 — Workforce Diversity Waiver Project No. 30238 – Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Plan Waiver

Dear Filing Clerk:

Please be advised by this letter that Talk America Inc. d/b/a Cavalier Telephone also d/b/a Cavalier Business Communications also d/b/a PAETEC Business Services has less than 1'6 employees in Texas. For this reason, it is Talk America Inc. d/b/a Cavalier Telephone also d/b/a Cavalier Business Communications also d/b/a PAETEC Business Services' understanding that it is exempt from the requirements of Public Utilities Act §52.256 and is not required to submit a Workforce Diversity Plan or HUB Plan for implementation in Texas

Per Commission mailing instructions, original and 7 copies are included.

Please contact me at either (501) 748-5150 or <u>lezlie.p.young@windstream.com</u> should you have any questions on the enclosed letter.

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Sincerely,

Lezlie Young Consultant – Regulatory Compliance

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