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Re: Project No. _____; Notice Regarding the April 23, 2025 Intra-Company Reorganization Transactions of Texas Windstream, LLC; Valor Telecommunications of Texas, LLC dba Windstream Communications Southwest; Windstream Communications Kerrville, LLC; Windstream East Texas, LLC; Broadview Networks, LLC; Business Telecom, LLC; CTC Communications Corp.; Deltacom, LLC; LDMI Telecommunications, LLC; McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, LLC; PAETEC Communications, LLC; Talk America, LLC; US LEC Communications, LLC; Windstream Communications, LLC; Windstream KDL, LLC; Windstream Long Distance, LLC; Windstream New Edge, LLC; and Windstream Norlight, LLC

Dear Sir or Madam:

Texas Windstream, LLC; Valor Telecommunications of Texas, LLC dba Windstream Communications Southwest; Windstream Communications Kerrville, LLC; and Windstream East Texas, LLC; (collectively, the "Windstream ILEC Licensees") and Broadview Networks, LLC; Business Telecom, LLC; CTC Communications Corp.; DeltaCom, LLC; LDMI Telecommunications, LLC; McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, LLC; PAETEC Communications, LLC; Talk Amercia, LLC; US LEC Communications, LLC; Windstream Communications, LLC; Windstream KDL, LLC; Windstream Long Distance, LLC; Windstream New Edge, LLC; and Windstream Norlight, LLC (collectively, the "Windstream IXC Licensees") (together with the Windstream ILEC Licensees, the "Windstream Licensees")¹ hereby notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") of intra-company and reorganization transactions that occurred on April 23, 2025 (the "Reorganization").

The Reorganization, which took place entirely at the parent holding company level, resulted in New Windstream replacing Windstream Holdings II, LLC ("Windstream Holdings") as the ultimate parent of the Windstream Licensees and certain intermediate holding company changes. It did not cause any change in operations or customer service in Texas. While the relative ownership among Windstream's minority equity holders changed as a part of the Reorganization, it did not result in any investor acquiring

¹ A list of the Windstream Licensees' registrations and Certificates of Convenience and Necessity is included at <u>Attachment A</u>.

a majority or controlling interest in Windstream; indeed, it did not impact control of the Windstream Licensees at all, as Windstream's governance remains unchanged.

Windstream submits this letter for informational purposes to ensure the continuing accuracy of the Commission's records.²

DESCRIPTION OF THE REORGANIZATION

Windstream Holdings, the former ultimate parent of the Windstream Licensees, completed a *pro forma* reorganization on April 23, 2025. The Reorganization involved a change in the relative ownership shares of Windstream Holdings held by its existing equity holders—none of which resulted in a change of majority ownership or control of the Windstream ILEC Licensees or the Windstream Licensees—followed by a *pro forma* reorganization through which New Windstream, LLC, an immediate subsidiary of Windstream Holdings prior to the Reorganization, replacing Windstream Holdings as the ultimate parent of the Windstream Licensees. The Reorganization also added multiple intermediate holding companies between Windstream Licensees and New Windstream, LLC. Pre- and post-Reorganization charts are attached to this Notice as <u>Attachments B and C</u>.

The Commission was separately informed of the Reorganization, and provided approval for the same, in connection with the Reorganization's impact on Windstream's subsidiaries holding Texas Service Provider Certificates of Operating Authority in Docket No. 56812. As explained in the application in Docket No. 56812, the Reorganization did not impact ultimate ownership or control of Windstream Holdings' subsidiaries.

The Reorganization is separate from a proposed future transaction between Windstream and Uniti Group Inc., which the Commission approved on February 5, 2025 in Docket No. 56940 (the "Uniti-Windstream Transaction").³ Windstream and Uniti will submit a separate notice to the Commission in connection with the completion of the Uniti-Windstream Transaction, which may occur as early as July of 2025.

² The Windstream ILEC Licensees are electing companies under Chapter 58 of the Public Utility Regulatory Act, and are therefore exempt from any notice requirements under 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 26.74(a)-(b) and 26.75. See 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 26.74(e). The Windstream ILEC Licensees did not purchase the stock of another Texas utility or issue evidences of indebtedness to any of their holding companies under the Reorganization. The Reorganization thus also did not require notice under 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 26.74(e)-(d). Finally, the Reorganization also did not involve the sale, transfer, or merger of 50% or more of any Windstream ILEC, or sale, acquisition, or lease of facilities of any Windstream ILEC, that would trigger notice under 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 26.101(f)(1).

³ See Press Release, Windstream, Uniti to Merge with Windstream Creating Premier Insurgent Fiber Provider (May 3, 2024), https://news.windstream.com/news/news-details/2024/Uniti-to-Merge-with-Windstream-Creating-Premier-Insurgent-Fiber-Provider/default.aspx.

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CONCLUSION

Windstream respectfully advises the Commission of the April 23, 2025 Reorganization. If there are any questions concerning this submission, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned directly.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Tomsu

Attachments

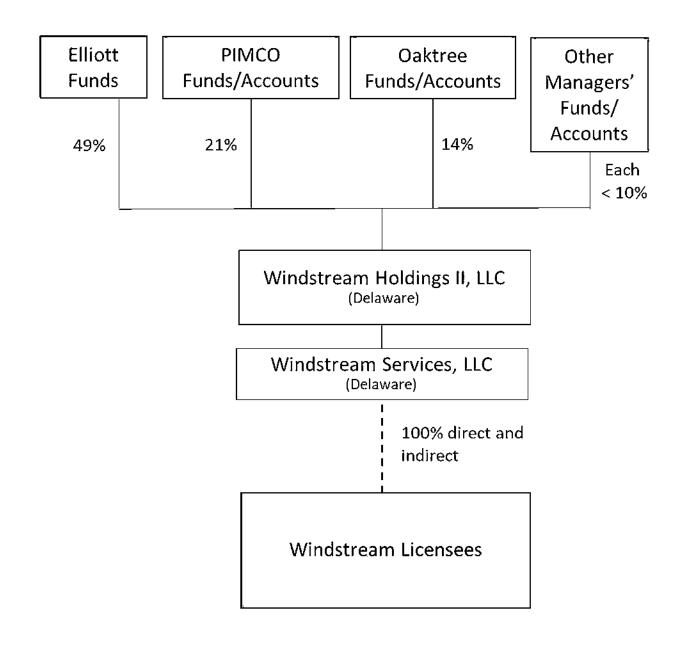
ATTACHMENT A

WINDSTREAM LICENSEES' AUTHORIZATIONS

- Broadview Networks, LLC holds IXC Registration IX010216.
- Business Telecom, LLC holds IXC Registration IX010230.
- CTC Communications Corp. holds IXC Registration IX010382.
- DeltaCom, LLC holds IXC Registration IX010719.
- LDMI Telecommunications, LLC holds IXC Registration IX010803.
- McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, LLC holds IXC Registration IX010836.
- PAETEC Communications, LLC holds IXC Registration IX011002.
- Talk America, LLC holds IXC Registration IX011241.
- Texas Windstream, LLC is an incumbent local exchange carrier and holds Certificate of Convenience and Necessity No. 40084.
- US LEC Communications, LLC holds IXC Registration IX011437.
- Valor Telecommunications of Texas, LLC dba Windstream Communications Southwest is an incumbent local exchange carrier and holds Certificate of Convenience and Necessity No. 40105.
- Windstream Communications Kerrville, LLC is an incumbent local exchange carrier and holds Certificate of Convenience and Necessity No. 40045.
- Windstream Communications, LLC holds Registration IX060001.
- Windstream East Texas, LLC is an incumbent local exchange carrier and holds Certificate of Operating Authority No. 40080.
- Windstream KDL, LLC holds Registration IX080012.
- Windstream Long Distance, LLC holds IXC Registration IX011470.
- Windstream New Edge, LLC holds IXC Registration IX110027.
- Windstream Norlight, LLC holds IXC Registration IX010945.

ATTACHMENT B

PRE-REORGANIZATION WINDSTREAM CORPORATE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



* All ownership shown as of Apr. 24, 2024.

ATTACHMENT C

POST-REORGANIZATION WINDSTREAM CORPORATE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

