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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Docketing Division
c/o Attorney Examiner Jay Agranoff
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Re: In the Matter of the Application of Windstream Holdings, Inc. et al. to Transfer Assets, Case No. 14-1438-TP-ATR; In the Matter of the Application of Talk America Services, LLC to Provide Competitive Local Exchange and Competitive Telecommunications Services, Case No. 14-1439-TP-ACE

Dear Mr. Agranoff,

Please be advised that the Communications Workers of America ("CWA") is hereby withdrawing any opposition to the above-referenced Applications and will no longer actively participate in this matter.

On November 13, 2014, a hearing was held before the Kentucky Public Service Commission in the parallel proceeding in that jurisdiction (Case No. 2014-00283). During that hearing, John Fletcher, the General Counsel of Windstream Holdings, Inc., testified unequivocally that the proposed transaction would not affect the work performed by CWA members, either within the Commonwealth of Kentucky or in other jurisdictions.

In addition, Mr. Fletcher stated that all easements and rights of way would remain under the ownership of the Applicants, thereby ensuring that CWA members would continue to have safe and lawful access to poles and conduits.

Finally, the extensive testimony of Windstream's Chief Financial Officer, Robert Gunderman, during that hearing provided additional information about the likely financial effects of the proposed transaction. While all of CWA's questions are not answerable at this time, CWA is satisfied that the transaction would not have an adverse financial effect on the Applicants.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions concerning this matter.

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