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October 11, 2013

Marianne Townsend, Chief of Telecommunications The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215

RE: Annual Certifications Related to Eligible Telecommunications Carrier's (ETC) Use of the Federal Universal Support

Pursuant to Section 54.313 and 54.422 of the Federal Communications Commission's rules, all reports pursuant to this section shall be filed with the FCC, Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) and relevant state commissions, I have enclosed a copy of the 2013 annual report and certification that has been filed with the Administrator for the Windstream Study Area Code 300665 located in Ohio.

This filing contains CONFIDENTIAL information which is not readily ascertainable to Windstream's competition. Release of this information would cause Windstream to reveal proprietary information and trade secrets and cause damage to its competitive position. Windstream requests that this data be treated as trade secret information.

Should you have any questions, please contact me via email at <u>jeff.l.heacox@windstream.com</u> or by phone at 501-748-5390.

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Ms. Mariene H. Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Ms. Karen Majcher Vice President · High Cost Low Income Division Universal Service Administrative Company 2000 L Street NW, Suite 200 Washington, D.C. 20036

RE: WC Docket No. 10-90: Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization, WC Docket No. 11-42

Pursuant to Section 54.313 and 54.422 of the Federal Communications Commission's rules and in accordance with the guidance of the Public Notice issued August 6, 2013, enclosed is the 2013 annual report and certifications for Windstream Study Area Code 300665 located in Ohio.

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Cc: Applicable State Public Utilities Commissions, State Public Service Commissions, and Tribal Governments

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If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes,No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached PDF, on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes: <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions;

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accu	racy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporti	ng for CAF or LI Recipients
certify that I am an officer of the reporting carries; my responsibilities recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reporte		quirements for universal service support
Name of Reporting Carrier: WINDSTREAM OH		
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Printed name of Authorized Officer: Tim Loken		
Title or position of Authorized Officer: Director Regulatory Repo	orting	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 501-748-7442		
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

I certify that (Name of Agent) also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my rea agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data	le authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier, ponsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized provided to the authorized agent is accurate.
Name of Authorized Agent:	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	
Signature of Authorized Officer:	Date.
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

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Attachments

FCC Form 481 Line 310 - Unfulfilled Voice Telephony Service Requests Resolution

300665 Study Area Code: Study Area Name:

Windstream Ohio, Inc.

2012 Year:

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Date the Request		How service was attempted/Reason it was Unfulfilled
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		Unfulfilled due to lack of cable facilities. Construction complete, dispatch was
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		Unfulfilled due to lack of cable facilities. Waiting on OSP Engineer to review.
12/18/2012	Newark	Completed:1/3/2013
		Unfulfilled due to lack of cable facilities. Waiting on OSP Engineer to review.
12/26/2012	Kenton	Completed:2/4/2013

Line 510-Description of Compliance with Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection:

The Windstream ILEC companies certify that they comply with applicable state and FCC service quality standards.

- 1. Service quality metrics are monitored and reviewed each month
- 2. Windstream is founded on integrity. All employees are required to complete a course on integrity each year.
- 3. Windstream employees have at their disposal our People Practices Overview Course which is a general overview of the guidelines that govern all Windstream employees.
- 4. Windstream's CPNI training manual documents when personnel are, and are not, authorized to use CPNI. This Manual constitutes Windstream's policies and procedures related to CPNI. All employees are required to follow the policies and procedures specified in this manual.
- 5. Windstream IT has in place numerous measures to insure the integrity of the network and the customer data that resides on the network. The network is monitored 24/7 and periodic reviews of the security processes are performed.
- Windstream makes every attempt to achieve one-call resolution on customer invoice issues.
- Windstream has developed a program to help spot the Red Flags of identity theft, which
 is consistent with the FTC's guidelines, and has procedures in place to mitigate the
 potential damage of identy theft.
- 8. Windstream has implemented our Customer Account Protection Plan (CAPP) to provide increased security against unauthorized changes (cramming) to customer accounts. This plan requires third-party carriers to have a customers passcode to change the customers service or or access the customers account information.

Line 610 - Description of Functionality in Emergency Situations

Windstream certifies that it is compliant with applicable rules on service provision in emergency situations. Windstream central offices are designed to withstand limited commercial power failures through the use of emergency batteries supplemented by on site or portable generators. Windstream personnel perform routine maintenance on this essential equipment based on the manufacturer's service recommendations and Windstream service practices. The backup batteries are load tested routinely and the on site generators are tested monthly.

Windstream's network is engineered to handle traffic spikes that can occur as the result of emergency situations. The network is monitored 24/7 by our Network Operations Center ensuring quick response whenever and where ever it is needed. Network redundancy is built into our network where ever possible to ensure alternate routing is available when necessary.

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Valor Telecommunications Investments, LLC		
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LIFELINE SERVICE

Definition

A. Lifeline Service is a retail local service offering available to qualifying low-income residential customers and is provided pursuant to the FCC Order 12-11 released on February 6, 2012.

Discounts

 The following credits will apply for customers deemed eligible for Lifeline assistance: Monthly Credit

> Federal Credit \$9.25 State Credit to Residential Access Line Varies by state

B. The monthly discounted residential rate for qualified low-income customers may not be reduced below zero. Therefore, the credit amount defined in A. above shall not exceed the total of the subscriber line charge and the customer's normal residential local exchange service rate.

General

- A. The Company shall offer toll blocking to all qualifying low income customers at no charge at the time such customers subscribe to Lifeline service. If the customer voluntarily elects to receive toll blocking, the service shall become part of the customer's Lifeline service and all service deposits will be waived.
- B. Lifeline program rate reductions do not apply to long distance service or any other services (i.e., Custom Calling, CLASS, construction charges, etc.) which may or may not be tariffed. Customers may obtain such services, where available, at their discretion, although the Lifeline program rate reduction does not apply.
- C. Lifeline program service will not be available on a retro-active basis.

Eligibility Requirements

- A. The Lifeline program rate reduction shall apply to one (1) telephone line per residential household, at the subscriber's principal place of residence. Service is limited to only one Service per qualified customer or household; within this section, 'household' is defined as "any individual or group of individuals who are living together at the same address as one economic unit," with an 'economic unit' defined as, "all adult individuals contributing to and sharing in the income and expenses of a household."
- B. The service must be provided in the eligible customer's name.
- C. An applicant whose household income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, or who participate in one of the following programs:

Medicaid
Food Stamps
Supplemental Security Income
Federal Public Housing Assistance
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
National School Lunch's Free Lunch Program

D. The customer must sign, under penalty of perjury, a document certifying:

He/she is receiving benefits from one of the programs listed in C. above.

Name of the program(s) from which they are receiving benefits.

That he/she will notify the company if he/she no longer participates in the program(s) named in C. preceding.

The applicant must also supply the name of the program(s) from which they are receiving benefits and provide documentation supporting participation in the program(s). That he/she will notify the company if he/she no longer participates in the program(s)named in C. preceding.

- E. Customers qualifying for Lifeline Service are offered the services or functionalities enumerated in 47 Code of Federal Regulations s54.101 (a) (1)-(8) (relating to Supported Service for Rural, Insular and High Cost Areas).
- F. The Company has certification processes in place which at the time of enrollment requires a documentation review that confirms the consumer's household eligibility. The Company will retain copies of the self-certification records of both the applicant and the Company. A Company officer will attest that these procedures are in place.
- G. The Company will annually verify the continued eligibility pursuant to the FCC Order 12-11 released on February 6, 2012.

Credits and Deposits

- A. The credit verification procedures available for all applicants who apply for service with the Company will also be used for applicants who apply for service under the Lifeline program.
- B. The deposit standards used for all applicants who apply for service with the Company will also be used for applicants who apply for service under the Lifeline Program with the exception that deposit requirements will be waived for Lifeline Service applicants who voluntarily elect to subscribe to toll blocking service.

Service Charges

- Service charges do not apply when eligible customers with existing residential service convert to Lifeline Service.
- B. A service order deposit is not applicable to customers who elect toll blocking when initiating Lifeline
- C. A service order charge does apply when:

At the time Lifeline Service billing is initiated, eligible residential local exchange access service customers also request additional optional calling features such as Custom Calling Features, CLASS features, etc.

Any subsequent moves or changes after the initial connection to Lifeline service are requested by the customer.

Service is established for new residential applicants (those without existing local exchange access service) eligible for Lifeline Service.

Payments and Disconnection of Service

- A. Lifeline service may not be disconnected for non-payment of toll charges. In addition, the Company will not deny re-establishment of local service to customers who are eligible for Lifeline Assistance and have previously been disconnected for nonpayment of toll charges.
- B. Partial payments that are received from Lifeline customers will first be applied to local service charges and then to any outstanding toll charges.

Windstream Residential Service Rates by Service Area Rates shown with and without state and federal Lifeline discounts applied

		Without Lifeline	Discounts	With Lifeline Discounts				
Year	SAC	Low	High	Low	High			
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