BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Windstream Ohio, Inc. to Introduce Wireless 9-1-1 Service.)	Case No. 07-587-TP-EMG
In the Matter of the Application of Windstream Western Reserve, Inc. to Introduce Wireless 9-1-1 Service.)	Case No. 07-588-TP-EMG

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) On February 1, 2005, House Bill 361 (H.B. 361) was signed into law. This legislation provides for the provision of wireless enhanced 9-1-1 service in Ohio. To aid in the establishment of this service, a \$.32 surcharge was added to the monthly bill of each wireless phone number in the state. On October 1, 2005, wireless service providers began remitting these funds to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, where they are being deposited into the Wireless 9-1-1 Government Assistance Fund. According to H.B. 361, these funds may be utilized to cover any costs of designing, upgrading, purchasing, leasing, programming, installing, testing, or maintaining the necessary data, hardware, software, trunking, and training required for the public safety answering point or points of the 9-1-1 system to provide wireless enhanced 9-1-1.
- (2) On May 14, 2007, Windstream Ohio, Inc. and Windstream Western Reserve, Inc. (Applicants) filed applications with the Commission requesting approval to revise its General Exchange Tariff No. 1 and General Exchange Tariff No. 8 respectively, to introduce Wireless 9-1-1 Service. This service routes emergency wireless calls to the appropriate Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) and provides a Mobile Directory Number (MDN) for callback information as well as the appropriate caller location information that supports the FCC's Phase I and Phase II requirements as established in CC Docket No. 94-102.

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(3)After reviewing Applicants' applications and the accompanying cost documentation, the Commission concludes that Applicants should be granted authority to provide Wireless 9-1-1 Service.

(4) These applications has been filed pursuant to Section 4909.18, Revised Code, and the Commission finds, as the Applicants alleges, that it is not for an increase in any rate, joint rate, toll classification, charge, or rental and does not appear to be unjust Therefore, the or unreasonable and should be approved. Commission finds it unnecessary to hold a hearing in these matters.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That these applications be approved. It is, further,

ORDERED, That Applicants are authorized to file complete copies of tariffs in final form consistent with this finding and order. Applicants shall file one copy in its TRF docket (or may make such filing electronically as described in Case No. 06-900-AU-WVR), and one copy in this case docket. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the effective date of the new tariffs should be a date not earlier than both the date of this Finding and Order and the date upon which three complete printed copies of final tariffs are filed with the Commission. The new tariffs shall be effective for services rendered on or after such effective date. It is, further,

ORDERED, That nothing in this Finding and Order shall be binding upon this Commission in any subsequent investigation or proceeding involving the justness or reasonableness of any rate, charge, rule, or regulation. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon Applicants.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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