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RE: Docket 06-00185: Petition of Windstream Communications, Inc. f/k/a Alltel Holding Corporate Services, Inc. – Responses to Data Request No. 2.

Dear Ms. Dillon:

Please find attached responses to Data Request No. 2 submitted by Carsie Mundy, Chief Competitive Markets & Policy Division on August 9, 2006. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding these answers or if you need additional information.

Sincerely

Cesar Caballero

Attachments

## Responses of Windstream Communications, Inc. f/k/a Alltel Holding Corporate Services, Inc. to Data Request No.2

1. The customer notification letter in Exhibit D of the Petition filed with the Authority on July 14, 2006, specifies a July 3, 2006, transfer date for the transaction. Advise whether or not the transfer was consummated on this date.

Response: The transfer of customers from Alltel Communications, Inc. to Windstream Communications, Inc. was consummated on July 17, 2006. The notice referred to in the question above stated "on or after" July 3, 2006.

2. Page 1 of the Petition filed with the Authority on July 14, 2006, certifies that Windstream has notified all affected customers of the proposed transfer in accordance with Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") rules. Advise the Authority of the date the customer notification letter was sent to customers.

Response: The letter was sent to customers as a bill insert in their May bill cycles.

3. The customer notification letter in Exhibit D of the Petition filed with the Authority on July 14, 2006, was not pre-approved by the Authority, and did not include the logos or names of both Alltel Communications, Inc. and Windstream Communications, Inc. on the letterhead and the exterior envelope pursuant to TRA Rule 1220-4-2-.56(2)(d)(2). In addition, consistent with TRA Rule 1220-4-2-.56(2)(d)(4), the customer notification letter did not state the acquiring provider agrees to provide to the affected customers a thirty (30) day written notice of any rate increase that may affect their service up to ninety (90) days from the date of the transfer of customers. Consistent with TRA Rule 1220-4-5-.56(2)(d), re-file and/or provide the Authority with a customer notification letter (see attachment) that meet the requirements and/or complies with the above referenced rule.

Response: Windstream believes it has complied with the spirit of all applicable rules and is filing concurrently with these responses a petition for waiver of any further customer notice requirement. Additionally, the Authority's provisions cited in the question above conflict with the FCC's anti-slamming rules which require that the acquiring carrier provide the notice.