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Via Overnight Courier

Chairman Mary W. Freeman
c/o Sharla Dillon, Dockets and Records Office
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Re: Notification Regarding the Indirect Transfer of Control of the PAETEC Regulated Entities

Dear Ms. Freeman:

PAETEC Holding Corp. ("PAETEC") and its wholly owned indirect subsidiaries Network Telephone Corporation ("NTC"), The Other Phone Company, Inc. ("TOPC"), Talk America, Inc. ("TA"), US LEC of Tennessee, LLC ("USLEC-TN"), PaeTec Communications, Inc. ("PCI"), and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, LLC ("McLeodUSA") (NTC, TOPC, TA, USLEC-TN, PCI and McLeodUSA collectively, the "PAETEC Regulated Entities")¹ together with Windstream Corporation in its limited capacity as the acquiring entity ("Windstream") (collectively, the "Parties") notify the TRA of a proposed transaction between PAETEC and Windstream through which Windstream will acquire indirect control of the PAETEC Regulated Entities, which themselves are wholly owned indirect subsidiaries of PAETEC (the "Transaction").² Windstream has subsidiary local exchange and interexchange carrier operations throughout

¹ NTC is authorized to provide facilities-based local exchange and resold interexchange telecommunications services pursuant to certification granted in Docket Nos. 00-00009 and 98-00349, respectively. TOPC is authorized to provide facilities-based local exchange and resold interexchange telecommunications services pursuant to certification granted in Docket Nos. 99-00694 and 98-00351, respectively. TA is authorized to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services pursuant to certification granted in Docket No. 02-00991. USLEC-TN is authorized to provide local exchange, exchange access, and interexchange telecommunications services pursuant to certification granted in Docket No. 97-00387. PCI is authorized to provide resold interexchange telecommunications services and operator services pursuant to certification granted in Docket No. 98-00691. McLeodUSA is authorized to provide resold and facilities-based local exchange and intrastate interexchange telecommunications services pursuant to certification granted in Docket No. 00-00906 and operator services pursuant to certification granted in Docket No. 96-01632.

² Additional details regarding the Transaction are available in PAETEC's 8-K filing with the SEC, which includes the Agreement and Plan of Merger. *See Agreement and Plan of Merger among Windstream Corporation, Peach Merger Sub, Inc., and PAETEC Holding Corp.*, at Exhibit 2.1 (July 31, 2011), available at: <http://sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1372041/000119312511204606/0001193125-11-204606-index.htm>.

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the United States but is, itself, not a regulated entity.³ As the PAETEC Regulated Entities have each elected market regulation,⁴ the Parties submit this letter for informational purposes only to ensure the continuing accuracy of the TRA's records.

PAETEC is a publicly traded Delaware corporation (NASDAQ GS: PAET) with principal offices located at One PAETEC Plaza, 600 Willowbrook Office Park, Fairport, New York 14450. PAETEC, through its regulated operating subsidiaries including the PAETEC Regulated Entities, has a presence in 86 of the nation's top 100 MSAs, delivering communications solutions primarily to business customers in 49 states and the District of Columbia. Additional information regarding PAETEC, including its most recent Securities and Exchange Commission Form 10-Q, is available at www.paetec.com/investors.

Questions or inquiries concerning this Notification may be directed to:

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³ Windstream Corporation, a Delaware corporation headquartered at 4001 Rodney Parham Road, Little Rock, Arkansas 72212, is a publicly traded (NASDAQ: WIN) S&P 500 diversified communications and entertainment company. Windstream's subsidiaries provide local and long distance telephone services, broadband and high-speed data services and video services to customers primarily in rural areas. Windstream's operations currently have approximately 3.3 million access lines and approximately \$4 billion in annual revenues. More information can be found at www.windstream.com.

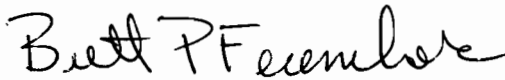
⁴ See Docket Nos. 11-00085 (election of market regulation by NTC), 11-00086 (election of market regulation by TOPC), 11-00087 (election of market regulation by USLEC-TN), 11-00088 (election of market regulation by TA), 11-00089 (election of market regulation by McLeodUSA) and 11-00090 (election of market regulation by PCI).

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As a result of the Transaction described above, PAETEC will become a wholly owned subsidiary of Windstream. Thus, Windstream will be the new ultimate parent company of the PAETEC Regulated Entities. This change in ultimate control does not involve a transfer of operating authority, assets or customers, and the Transaction is expected to be virtually seamless to customers. The only immediate change resulting from the Transaction will be that the PAETEC Regulated Entities will be ultimately owned by Windstream. As subsidiaries of Windstream, the PAETEC Regulated Entities may subsequently change their names to reflect the "Windstream" brand.

An original and thirteen (13) copies of this letter are enclosed for filing. Please date-stamp the extra copy and return it in the envelope provided. Should you have any questions regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to contact Brett Ferenchak at 202-373-6697.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brett P. Ferenchak". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Brett" and last name "Ferenchak" clearly legible.

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