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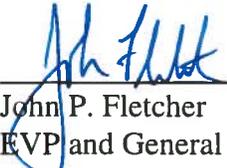


### CERTIFICATION

I am EVP and General Counsel for Windstream Communications, Inc. I hereby certify that I have overall responsibility for the preparation of all data supporting the Windstream Telephone System Tariff F.C.C. No. 7 tariff filing required by the Commission in its Order regarding the Joint Petition of Price Cap Holding Companies for Conversion of Average Schedule Affiliates to Price Cap Regulation and for Limited Waiver Relief (WC Docket No. 12-63, Released December 13, 2012), and that I am authorized to execute this certification.

Based upon the information provided to me by employees responsible for the preparation of, or for the supervision of the preparation of, the data submitted in support of this rate of return filing, I hereby certify that the data has been examined and reviewed and is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that the Windstream ILECs have complied with sections 51.917(d), 51.917(e) and 51.917 (f) of the Commission's rules. Therefore, the Windstream ILECs are eligible to receive CAF ICC recovery. Additionally, I hereby certify that the Windstream ILECs are not seeking duplicative recovery in the state jurisdiction for any Eligible Recovery subject to the recovery mechanism.

Executed: December 19, 2012

  
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John P. Fletcher  
EVP and General Counsel  
Windstream Communications, Inc.