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Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

ATTN: Wireline Competition Bureau

The accompanying tariff material issued on behalf of Windstream Telephone System ("WTS"), bearing FCC Nos. 6 and 7 is sent to you for filing in compliance with the requirements of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

This filing, to become effective January 1, 2016, amends the following Check Sheets:

WTS F.C.C. No. 6 58th Revised Page 1

WTS F.C.C. No. 7 16th Revised Page 1

This filing proposes to change the Federal Universal Service Contribution factor for WTS Tariff FCC Nos. 6 and 7, based on a recent FCC Order¹.

Supporting information is required and attached. Payment in the amount of \$910.00 has been electronically transmitted to the Mellon Bank in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in accordance with Section 61.32(b) of the Commission's Rules. This filing, along with Form 159, is being transmitted electronically via ETFS, under FRN: 0014409924.

Any questions or comments concerning this filing should be directed to Mr. Chris Cranford at the address listed at the top of this transmittal or at telephone number (501)748-6856. Mr. Cranford's FAX number is (501)748-6583.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: Description & Justification
 Tariff Pages

¹ See FCC Public Notice, Proposed First Quarter 2016 Universal Service Contribution Factor DA 15-1412, released December 11, 2015.

FCC Registration Numbers for Tariff Participants

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