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Transmittal No. 86

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 October 1, 2016, amends the following Check Sheets:

WTS F.C.C. No. 6      62nd Revised Page 1

WTS F.C.C. No. 7      19th 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 Order<sup>1</sup>. In addition, this filing proposes to correct rates which were inadvertently filed under the wrong entities in Transmittal No. 84 for Tariff FCC No. 6.

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

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<sup>1</sup> See FCC Public Notice, Fourth Quarter 2016 Universal Service Contribution Factor DA 16-1024 released September 12, 2016.

## FCC Registration Numbers for Tariff Participants

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