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RE: State Universal service Support of Basic Local Service included in a Bundled Service Offering or Contract Offering, Docket No. 2009-326-C

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Please accept this in response to the Petition for Rehearing and Reconsideration filed by the South Carolina Cable Television Association and tw telecom (hereinafter "Petitioners"). Windstream South Carolina, LLC ("Windstream") hereby requests that the Petition be denied because it fails to identify errors in Commission Order 2010-337 ("the Order") but, instead, sets forth the same arguments that it advanced previously in its case-in-chief. While Petitioners argue that certain findings in the Order are clearly erroneous, they fail to set forth new arguments not already considered by the Commission in issuing its Order. The Commission has thoroughly considered Petitioners' evidence and arguments and issued a well reasoned decision taking into account the very arguments contained in the Petition presently before this Commission.

The Commission articulated detailed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and specifically rejected Petitioners' argument that continuing State USF support for basic local service included in bundles will "expand" State USF to "deregulated services."(Order, page 26) It further found that continuing USF support for basic local service that is included in bundles and contracts is in the public interest, and that finding otherwise would be harmful to consumers. (Order, page 27)

Therefore, in opposition to Petitioner's Petition for Reconsideration and Rehearing, Windstream reasserts the arguments set forth in its Post–Hearing Brief and respectfully prays that the Commission deny said Petition and affirm Order No. 2010-337.

Respectfully,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned employee of Windstream does hereby certify that he has served below listed parties with a copy of the document(s) indicated below via electronic mail and by mailing a copy of same to them in the United States mail, by regular mail, with sufficient postage affixed thereto and return address clearly marked on the date indicated below:

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