

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Joint Notification by Iowa)
Telecommunications Services, Inc. d/b/a Iowa)
Telecom, Windstream Corporation, and Buffalo) **File No. IM-2010-0186**
Merger Sub, Inc, of Agreement and Plan of Merger;))
And the Application of Buffalo Merger Sub, Inc.)
For Issuance of Certificates of Service Authority)
And Waiver of Commission Rules.)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and for its recommendation states as follows:

1. On December 18, 2009, Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom, Windstream Corporation, and Buffalo Merger Sub, Inc. (“NewCo”) filed a Joint Notification of Agreement and Plan of Merger, and an Application for Certificates of Service Authority and Waiver of Commission Rules. On February 1, 2010, the Commission granted the necessary certificates to allow the merger to take place.

2. On June 3, 2010, the companies notified the Commission that the merger had taken place; that “NewCo” had been renamed “Windstream Iowa Communications, Inc.” and filed tariffs that reflected the new name and adopted verbatim the entirety of Iowa Telecom’s Tariffs Nos. 1 and 2. The Companies also request expedited approval of those adoption notices.

3. As this matter has already been presented to the Commission and approved by it, and as the adoption of the tariffs does not alter any rate, term or condition of the existing effective tariffs, the Staff has no objection to the name change, the adoption notice or the expedited treatment.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends that the Commission grant expedited approval of the Adoption Notices filed by Windstream Iowa Communications, Inc. of Iowa Telecom’s Tariffs Nos. 1 and 2, which also reflect the Company’s name change, and after which this matter may be closed.

Respectfully submitted,



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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 10th day of June, 2010.

