

**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.)

ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE AND SETTING INTERVENTION DATE

Issue Date: December 21, 2009

Effective Date: December 21, 2009

On December 18, 2009, Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom, Windstream Corporation, and Buffalo Merger Sub, Inc.¹, filed a Joint Notification of Agreement and Plan of Merger. The notification explains that Windstream is acquiring Iowa Telecom through the merger between Iowa Telecom and Buffalo Merger Sub. As part of the merger, Iowa Telecom will merge with and into Buffalo Merger Sub and the separate corporate existence of Iowa Telecom will cease.

Iowa Telecom currently provides local exchange service to approximately seventy customers in Missouri that are served from three Iowa exchanges that extend into Clark, Nodaway and Putnam Counties in Missouri. After the merger, Buffalo Merger Sub will provide service to those customers.

The applicants contend the Commission has no jurisdiction over the merger transaction so they do not ask the Commission to approve that transaction. However, Buffalo Merger Sub will need certificate of service authority to serve its customers after

¹ Buffalo Merger Sub is a temporary name for purposes of the merger transaction. After the transaction is complete, the company's name will be changed to Windstream Iowa Communications, Inc.

the merger and the applicants ask the Commission to grant Buffalo Merger Sub certificates of basic local exchange and interexchange service authority. The applicants also ask the Commission to waive certain rules and statutes.

The Commission will provide notice of the application to potentially interested parties and to the public. The Commission will also set a date for the filing of intervention requests.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Public Information Office shall make notice of this order available to the media serving Clark, Nodaway and Putnam Counties in Missouri, and to the members of the General Assembly representing those areas.

2. The Commission's Data Center shall mail a copy of this notice to every company authorized to operate as an ILEC, CLEC, or IXC in the State of Missouri.

3. Any person wishing to intervene in this matter shall file an application to do so no later than January 11, 2010. Such application shall be filed with:

Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
Post Office Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

and a copy served on:

Larry DORITY
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Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

and

Office of the Public Counsel
Post Office Box 2230
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

4. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Steven C. Reed
Secretary

Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 21st day of December, 2009.