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State of Missouri
Public Service Commission

**In the Matter of a Repository Case in Which to)
Gather Information About the Lifeline Program)
And Evaluate the Purposes and Goals of the)
Missouri Universal Service Fund)** **File No. TW-2014-0012**

**WINDSTREAM COMMUNICATIONS' COMMENTS REGARDING THE POSSIBLE CREATION
OF MISSOURI UNIVERSAL SERVICE HIGH-COST FUND**

Windstream Communications ("Windstream") has had an opportunity to review in advance the Comments that will be submitted by CenturyLink, which are in response to the Commission's January 15, 2014 Invitation to Comment About the Possible Creation of a Missouri Universal Service High-Cost Fund. Windstream generally concurs in the responses provided by CenturyLink and supports the continued examination of creating a high-cost fund in the state. Windstream appreciates the opportunity to provide these brief comments and looks forward to participating in any further dialog in this inquiry.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill R. Garcia".

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