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October 16, 2012

Secretary Rosemary Chiavetta
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
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Re: Petition of Core Communications, Inc. for Arbitration of Interconnection Rates, Terms and Conditions with Windstream Pennsylvania, Inc. f/k/a Alltel Pennsylvania, Inc. (now Windstream Pennsylvania LLC) Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(b)
Docket No. A-310922F7004

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

By Secretarial Letter issued on October 4, 2012, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("Commission") directed the parties to the above-captioned proceeding to submit supplemental briefs and technical evidentiary affidavits by November 5, 2012, and reply briefs by November 26, 2012.

The purpose of this letter is to respectfully request an extension of the supplemental briefing deadlines set forth in the October 4, 2012 Secretarial Letter. Core Communications, Inc. ("Core") has several significant document submissions due on and around the first week of November, including testimony in a highly technical ongoing formal complaint proceeding and a brief in the *USF/ICC Transformation Order*¹ appeal pending in the United States Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit. As a result, the Core personnel who will be preparing the supplemental briefs and evidentiary affidavits will have limited availability until those document submissions are concluded.

Core's counsel has discussed the possibility of an extension with counsel for Windstream, and Windstream has indicated that it is agreeable to an extension. Furthermore, the parties have agreed to confer regarding the possibility of resolving some or all of the contested

¹ *In re Connect America Fund, et al.*, WC Docket No. 10-90 et al. (FCC, Rel. Nov. 18, 2011), Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, *slip op.* FCC 11-61, 26 FCC Rcd 17663 (2011), and subsequent Reconsideration and Clarification rulings (collectively *USF/ICC Transformation Order*), *appeals pending*.

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issues in this arbitration, and possibly narrow the final list of issues in dispute. An extension of the supplemental briefing schedule will allow time for these discussions to occur.

With Windstream's consent, Core respectfully requests that the deadline for submitting the supplemental initial briefs and accompanying affidavits be extended until December 14, 2012, and the deadline for supplemental reply briefs and accompanying affidavits be extended until January 18, 2013.

Thank you for your consideration of this request, and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Best regards,

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