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Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
Commonwealth Keystone Building  
400 North Street, P.O. Box 3265  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

In re: Docket No. A-\_\_\_\_\_ Application of Windstream Pennsylvania, LLC for Approval of a Crossing of Norfolk Southern Railroad (AAR DOT #502549U) along Little Beaver Rd, Enon Valley, Darlington Township, Beaver County, PA

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Windstream Pennsylvania, LLC are an original and three (3) copies of an Application for Approval of an Norfolk Souther Railroad Company (AAR DOT #502549U) along Little Beaver Rd, Enon Valley, Darlington Township, Beaver county, PA. Due to concerns with meeting the established timeline, the Company would very much appreciate expedited processing of the Application. Copies of the Application are being served upon the persons and in the manner set forth on the certificate of service attached to it.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicole Winters". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nicole Winters

Enclosure

cc: Certificate of Service

**BEFORE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

In re: Application of Windstream Pennsylvania, LLC for approval of the alteration of the crossing (AAR DOT# 502549U) by the installation of aerial fiber facilities where Little Beaver Rd. crosses above grade, the tracks of Norfolk Southern Railroad Company, located in Enon Valley, Darlington Township, Beaver County

Application  
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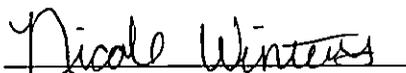
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To Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission:

1. The name and address of applicant are Windstream Pennsylvania, LLC 4001 Rodney Parham Road, Little Rock, AR 72212.
2. Windstream Pennsylvania, LLC (Windstream) is an incumbent local exchange carrier certificated by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission to provide local exchange service to the public in portions of Pennsylvania. Windstream submits this application pursuant to Chapter 27 of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa.C.S. Chapter 27.
3. Along the west side of Little Beaver Rd, approximately 1691' East of MP#47, Windstream intends to attach a 177' span of one (1) 24-count fiber optic cable to two (2) existing Penn Power Company poles in Enon Valley, Darlington Township, Beaver County, Pennsylvania to expand its service capabilities and improve service quality. The fiber optic communication facility will be aerial. See attached pole/construction detail map (Exhibit A), and location map (Exhibit B), and miscellaneous supporting information (Exhibit C).
4. The public utilities, municipalities, corporations and property owners concerned in, or affected by the crossing alteration, to the best of the Applicant's knowledge, are identified in Exhibit D.
5. Windstream will pay all costs of construction of the aerial communication line, as well as be responsible for installing, maintaining and inspecting the facilities.
6. The alteration is necessary or proper in order for Windstream to provide adequate, efficient, and reasonable service to the public.

Wherefore, applicant prays your Honorable Commission to approve the application:

Respectfully submitted,

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Nicole Winters, Paralegal  
Windstream Pennsylvania, LLC  
(501) 748-6313

## VERIFICATION

I, Nicole Winters, hereby state that the facts above set forth are true and correct (or are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief) and that I expect to be able to prove the same at a hearing held in this matter. I understand that the statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

Date: 10/26/12

Nicole Winters  
(Signature)

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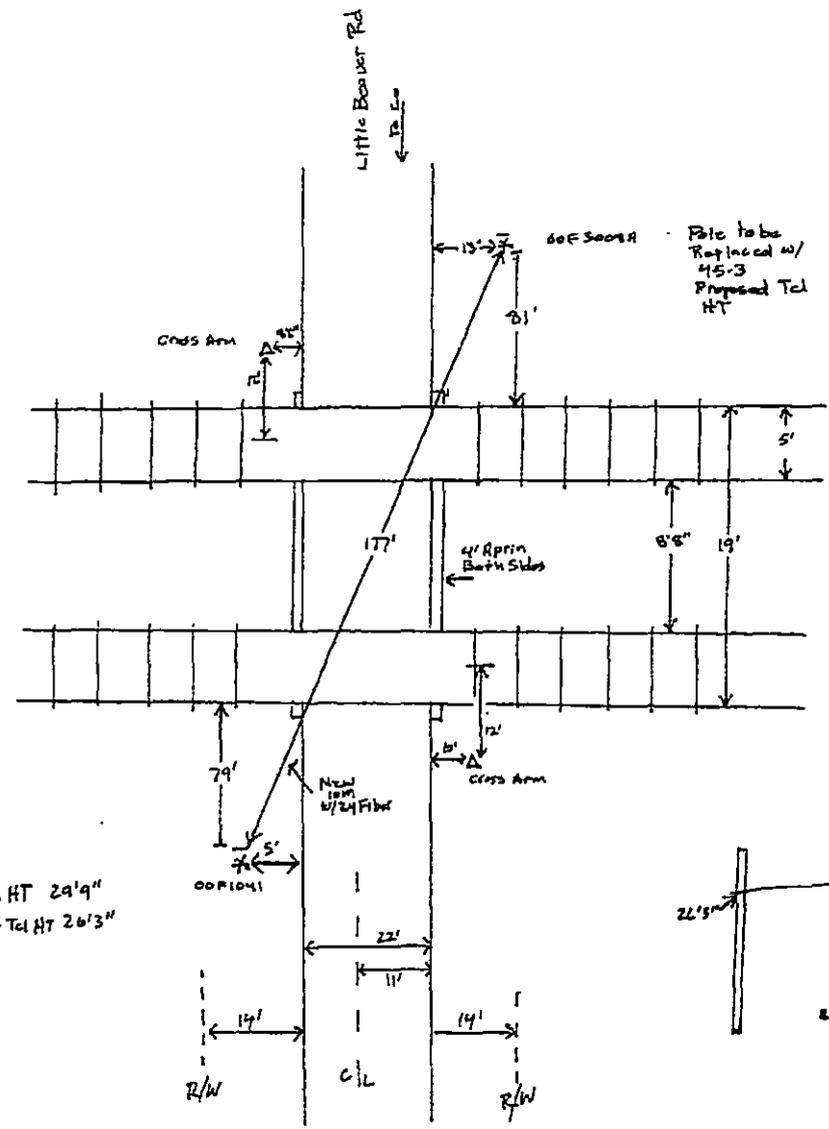
**EXHIBIT A**

**POLE/CONSTRUCTION DETAIL  
MAP**

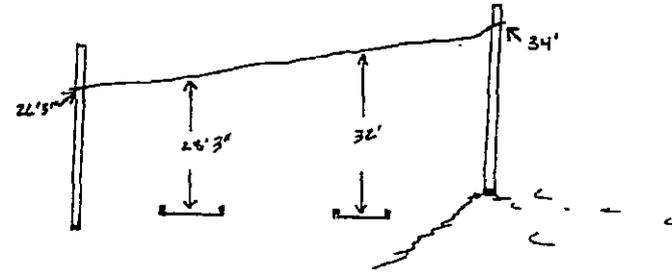
No. 61K Southern  
 Crossing #  
 502549 u  
 Little Beaver Rd  
 877-201-4265  
 Fort Wayne LINC

MP 46  
 3691'

Prop HT 29'9"  
 Proposed Tel HT 26'3"



Profile Detail



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**EXHIBIT B**  
**LOCATION MAP**



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**EXHIBIT C**

**MISCELLANEOUS SUPPORTING  
INFORMATION**

APPLICATION FOR PIPE OR WIRE OCCUPANCY

Please answer all questions and direct cover letter / project description, completed application, application fee, and three (3) copies of project plans to:

AECOM  
1700 Market Street  
16<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
(215) 735-0832  
Attn: NS Pipe and Wire Administrator

- 1) Legal name and address of Project Sponsor (i.e. the party that will operate and maintain the facility) for use in preparation of official documents:

Legal Name: Windstream Pennsylvania, LLC  
Street: 11317 Mercer Pike  
City: Meadville State: Pa Zip: 16335  
Taxpayer ID#: 20-079-2300

\*Please ensure that the exact legal name is provided with no abbreviations.

Sponsor's Contact Information:

Contact Name: Linda Gilligan  
Title: Outside Plant Engineer  
Street: 11317 Mercer Pike  
City: Meadville State: Pa Zip: 16335  
Telephone: 814-333-0285 Fax: 814-333-3797  
E-Mail Address: Linda.Gilligan@windstream.com

Sponsor is a:

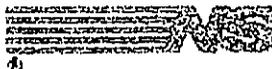
- Corporation - give state of formation: Delaware
- Limited Partnership - give state of formation: \_\_\_\_\_
- Limited Liability Company - give state of formation: \_\_\_\_\_
- General Partnership - give state of formation: \_\_\_\_\_
- Sole Proprietorship - give state of formation: \_\_\_\_\_
- Individual
- Government Entity
- Other (and state of formation): \_\_\_\_\_

- 2) Name and Address of Project Sponsor's Representative or Consultant (i.e. the party that will coordinate the project, leave blank if none or same as Sponsor):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ **AECOM**  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

SEP 17 2012 *[Signature]*

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3) Provide location information as outlined below:

City/Municipality: Enon Valley / Darlingtown County: Beaver State: Pa

GPS Coordinates: Latitude: 40°50'26.65" N Longitude: 80°29'38.45" W

Distance 1891 (feet) and direction East from Railroad Mile Post No. 47 or from centerline of public grade crossing or bridge carrying Little Beaver Rd (name of road), AAR/DOT Crossing Number 502548U

4) Will the portion of the project that impacts railroad property lie entirely within an existing public road right of way?

Yes\*  No

\* If yes, provide conclusive evidence in the form of a letter or memo from the appropriate Road Authority indicating that proposed installation is acceptable to the Road Authority

Street pavement width: 22' Street Right of Way width: 50'

Road Authority Responsible for Street Maintenance:

Name: Penn Dot  
Street: 155 Stewart Ave  
City: Rochester State: Pa Zip: 15074  
Telephone: 724-774-6610 Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

5) Proposed work involves (check all that apply):

- Installation of a new facility
- Inspection or routine maintenance of an existing facility\*
- Replacement or change in the character and content of an existing facility\*

\*Please include with the application a copy of the existing agreement between the Project Sponsor and Norfolk Southern (or its predecessor) to ensure prompt handling

6) Proposed timeframe for construction:

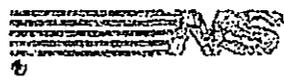
Start Date: ASAP Duration: 1 day

7) Is this project being performed per Norfolk Southern request? If so, provide the following information about the Norfolk Southern employee who requested the work:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Reason for Request: \_\_\_\_\_

Submission of this application does not guarantee project acceptance by Norfolk Southern or convey any right to enter Norfolk Southern property.

Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 9-6-12



Aerial Wire Lines or Cable Lines (Complete all Applicable Information)

- a) Type of Proposed Installation:
- i)  Transverse Crossing Only
  - ii)  Longitudinal (parallel to tracks) Occupancy Only
  - iii)  Longitudinal and Transverse Crossing(s)
  - iv)  Wire line in highway under railroad bridge
  - v)  Wire line on highway bridge over railroad
- b) Type of wire:  Cable TV  Telephone  Electric Power  Fiber Optic  
 Other - please specify: \_\_\_\_\_
- c) Are the poles existing or new poles? Steel or wood poles?  
 Existing:  Steel or  Wood  
 New:  Steel or  Wood
- d) Will there be any guy wires on or over the Railroad right of way?  
 Yes, number of guy wires - \_\_\_\_\_  No
- e) Will wire line cross existing Railroad communication and/or signal lines?  
 Yes  No
- f) Minimum height of wire above top of rail at 65°F 28'3" (feet)  
 Minimum height of wire above railroad communication and signal wires at 66°F \_\_\_\_\_ (feet)
- g) Specification of Wire Line:  
 Gauge of Wire: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Number of Wires: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Material of Wire: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Maximum circuit voltage: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Number of Fibers or Pairs in Cable: 24

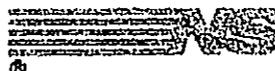
All wire line applications shall include a Plan and Profile View of the proposed facility. See the NSCE-4 for the required format. Below is a suggested check-list for your plan development.

Plan View (See NSCE-4 Specification, Plate I for sample plan)

- All railroad tracks shown
- Indicates distance (in feet) to Norfolk Southern Mile Post or Grade Crossing
- Angle of Crossing relative to railroad track(s)
- Dimensioned Property Lines
- Location of Poles and distance from edge of pole to nearest railroad track centerline
- Location of all existing railroad communications lines and all utility lines
- Indicate span length across tracks from pole to pole
- If proposed wire line is within highway limits or in the vicinity of a grade crossing, location and type of grade crossing traffic control devices (Mast flashers, cantilever flashers, gates, etc.) and clearance from existing devices to proposed wire line / poles

Profile View (See NSCE-4 Specification, Plate II for sample plan)

- All railroad tracks shown
- Dimensioned Property Lines
- Location of Poles and distance from edge of pole to nearest railroad track centerline
- Vertical clearance from top of rail to bottom of sag for all tracks
- Location of all existing railroad communications lines and all utility lines
- Vertical clearance between existing railroad pole lines and proposed wire line
- Indicate span length across tracks from pole to pole
- If proposed wire line is within highway limits or in the vicinity of a grade crossing, location and type of grade crossing traffic control devices (Mast flashers, cantilever flashers, gates, etc.) and clearance from existing devices to proposed wire line



Underground Wires and Conduits (Complete all Applicable Information)

- a) Type of Proposed Installation:
- i)  Transverse Crossing Only
  - ii)  Longitudinal (parallel to tracks) Occupancy Only
  - iii)  Longitudinal and Transverse Crossing(s)
  - iv)  Wire line in highway under railroad bridge
  - v)  Wire line on highway bridge over railroad
- b) Type of wire:  Cable TV  Telephone  Electric Power  Fiber Optic  
 Other – please specify: \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Gauge of Wire: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Number of Wires: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Material of Wire: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Maximum circuit voltage: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Number of Fibers or Pairs in Cable: 24

All underground conduit applications shall include the following:

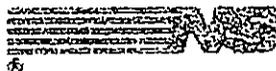
Conduit Data Sheet (next page)

Plan View of Crossing (See NSCE-8 Specification Plate II for sample, below is a checklist for your plan development)

- All railroad tracks, including distance to any track switches or turnouts from proposed conduit
- Indicates distance (in feet) to Norfolk Southern Mile Post or Grade Crossing
- Angle of Crossing relative to railroad track(s)
- Dimensioned Property Lines
- Location of Conduit Marker Signs (preferably located at edge of Property or Right of Way Lines)
- Location of all existing railroad communications lines and all utility lines
- Location of any fiber-optic cables parallel to tracks
- Conduit casing pipe length
- If proposed conduit is within highway limits, show the location and type of grade crossing traffic control devices (Mast flashers, cantilever flashers, gates, etc.)
- Location of launching and receiving pits

Profile View of Crossing (See NSCE-8 Specification Plate III for sample, below is a checklist for your plan development)

- All Railroad Tracks
- Profile of ground above crossing
- Dimensioned Property Lines
- Theoretical Railroad embankment lines (see NSCE-8, Section 4.3.1.F.6)
- Proposed location and elevations of launching and receiving pits
- Casing pipe length
- Bottom of rail elevation
- Depth of cover between bottom of rail and top of conduit or casing pipe
- Location of and the minimum depth of cover from ground line to top of conduit or casing pipe on right of way (including ditches)



**CONDUIT DATA SHEET**  
(For Telecom and Power Conduits only, 6" in diameter or less)

|  | CONDUIT / CASING<br>PIPE |
|--|--------------------------|
| NOMINAL SIZE OF PIPE                     |                          |
| MATERIAL                                 |                          |
| OUTSIDE DIAMETER                         |                          |
| INSIDE DIAMETER                          |                          |
| WALL THICKNESS - must be at least 0.188" |                          |
| TYPE OF COATING                          |                          |

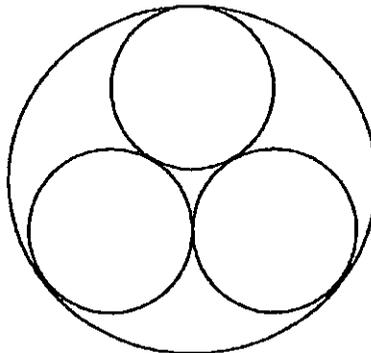
Proposed Method of Installation (Given sections refer to NSCE-8 Specification)

- Jack & Bore (Section 5.1.3)
- Directional Boring Method "A" (Section 5.1.6) – *must have at least 10' depth below base of rail*
- Directional Boring Method "B" (Section 5.1.6) – *only for casings 6 inches or less in diameter*
- Open Cut (Section 5.1.2) – *All installations directly under any track must be designed as a bored installation. Open cut installations will be considered on a case-by-case basis by Norfolk Southern's Division Superintendent at the time of installation.*
- Other – Please Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**MULTIPLE INNERDUCTS**

NUMBER OF INNERDUCTS WITHIN CASING PIPE: \_\_\_\_\_

- Provide a detail or cross section of the casing pipe with innerducts (see below).
- Clearly mark the type of facility that will be installed within each innerduct. If innerduct will be left spare or empty, please identify as such.



Pipeline (Complete all Applicable Information)

Type of Proposed Installation:

- i)  Transverse Crossing Only
- ii)  Longitudinal (parallel to tracks) Occupancy Only
- iii)  Longitudinal and Transverse Crossing(s)
- iv)  Pipeline in highway under railroad bridge
- v)  Pipeline on highway bridge over railroad
- vi)  Pipeline bridge over railroad

All proposed transverse pipeline crossing applications shall include the following:

Pipe Data Sheet (next page)

Plan View of Crossing (See NSCE-8 Specification Plate II, below is a checklist for your plan development)

- All railroad tracks, including distance to any track switches or turnouts from proposed pipeline
- Indicates distance (in feet) to Norfolk Southern Mile Post or Grade Crossing
- Angle of Crossing relative to railroad track(s)
- Dimensioned Property Lines
- Location of Valves (NSCE-8 section 4.8)
- Location of Vents (if required by NSCE-8 section 4.6)
- Location of Pipeline Marker Signs (preferably at edge of Property or Right of Way Lines)
- Location of all existing railroad communications lines and all utility lines
- Location of any fiber-optic cables parallel to tracks
- If proposed pipeline is within highway limits, show the location and type of grade crossing traffic control devices (Mast flashers, cantilever flashers, gates, etc.)
- Casing pipe length
- Location of launching and receiving pits

Profile View of Crossing (See NSCE-8 Specification Plate III, below is a checklist for your plan development)

- All railroad tracks
- Profile of ground above crossing
- Distance to Valves
- Distance to Vents and height above ground (If required by NSCE-8)
- Distance to Pipeline Marker Signs
- Dimensioned Property Lines
- Theoretical Railroad embankment lines (per section 4.3.1.F.6 of the NSCE-8)
- Proposed location and elevations of launching and receiving pits
- Casing pipe length
- Bottom of rail elevation
- Depth of cover between bottom of rail and top of casing pipe (or carrier pipe if casing pipe not required)
- Location of and the minimum depth of cover from ground line to top of casing pipe (or carrier pipe if casing not required) on right of way (including ditches)

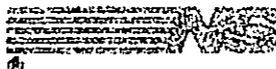
General Notes

All plans shall include the following General Notes:

Contractor shall follow all requirements of Norfolk Southern's NSCE-8 Specifications

Pipeline and Crossing to be installed and maintained in accordance with last approved AMERICAN RAILWAY ENGINEERING AND MAINTENANCE OF WAY ASSOCIATION Specifications for Pipelines Conveying Flammable and Non-flammable Substances

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# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the foregoing document upon the participants, listed below, in accordance with the requirements of § 1.54 (*relating to service by participant*).

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Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2012.

Nicole Winters  
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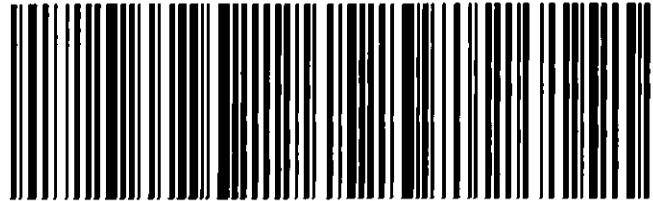
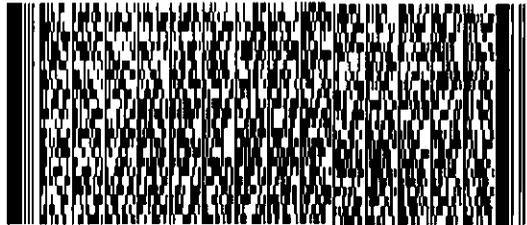
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