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December 12, 2012

Secretary Rosemary Chiavetta Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Commonwealth Keystone Building 400 North Street Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: <u>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)</u>

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.

On October 16, 2012, Core filed a letter (with the concurrence of Windstream) to request that the deadline for submitting the supplemental briefs and accompanying affidavits be extended.

By Secretarial Letter issued on October 19, 2012, the Commission found that there was good cause for the requested extension, and extended the period for filing supplemental briefs and accompanying affidavits in the above-captioned matter until December 14, 2012, and the period for filing supplemental briefs until January 18, 2013.

The purpose of this letter is to respectfully request a further extension of the supplemental briefing deadlines set forth in the October 19, 2012 Secretarial Letter. Since the prior extension was granted on October 19, 2012, the parties have conferred on multiple occasions regarding the possibility of resolving some or all of the contested issues in this arbitration. At this time no final agreement has been reached, but the parties believe that at least some of the proposals that have been suggested warrant further consideration. Accordingly, Core's counsel has discussed

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the possibility of a further extension of the supplemental briefing schedule with counsel for Windstram and Windstream has indicated that it is agreeable to a further extension.

Therefore, with Windstream's consent, Core respectfully requests that the deadline for submitting the supplemental initial briefs and accompanying affidavits be extended until January 11, 2013, and the deadline for supplemental reply briefs and accompanying affidavits be extended until February 15, 2013.

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

Best regards,

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cc: Cesar Caballero, Esq., Windstream, 4001 Rodney Parham Rd., Little Rock, AR, 72212 Robert A. Marinko, Deputy Director – Technical, Office of Special Assistants