

May 23, 2018

Via Electronic Filing

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street, 2nd Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Windstream D&E, Inc. PSI/SPI Filing for Year 2018
Docket Nos. P-00981430F1000 and R-2018-3001133

Office of Consumer Advocate v. Windstream D&E, Inc.
Docket No. C-2018-3001870

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

I am counsel to Windstream D&E, Inc. ("Company") in the above-referenced matters and am writing to respectfully request an **extension of approximately twenty (20) days, or until June 25, 2018**, in which to file an Answer and/or any other responsive pleading to the Formal Complaint of Tanya J. McCloskey, Acting Consumer Advocate ("OCA"), relating to the Company's annual Price Stability Index/Service Price Index (PSI/SPI) Report for Year 2018. The Answer is currently due to be filed on June 4, 2018.

An extension is being sought to assess the impact of the Commission's ongoing investigation at Docket No. M-2018-2641242 concerning the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, which directly addresses matters raised by the OCA in its Formal Complaint. Additional time is also need to discuss a possible coordination and/or consolidation of this complaint with nine other substantially similar complaints.

I have discussed the matter with Barrett C. Sheridan, Assistant Consumer Advocate, and she has authorized me to represent that the OCA does not oppose the proposed extension.

Thank you for your consideration, and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Very truly yours,

THOMAS, NIESEN & THOMAS, LLC

By



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