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Re: Docket No. 25-2249-02- McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, LLC – Notice of New Windstream, LLC and its Subsidiaries Regarding an Upcoming Indirect Transfer of Control

Docket No. 25-2287-02- Windstream New Edge, LLC & DeltaCom, LLC – Notice of New Windstream, LLC and its Subsidiaries Regarding an Upcoming Indirect Transfer of Control

Docket No. 25-2441-02 - PAETEC Communications, LLC - Notice of New Windstream, LLC and its Subsidiaries Regarding an Upcoming Indirect Transfer of Control

Docket No. 25-2514-02 - Broadview Networks, Inc. - Notice of New Windstream, LLC and its Subsidiaries Regarding an Upcoming Indirect Transfer of Control

Docket No. 25-2538-02 - Windstream NuVox, LLC - Notice of New Windstream, LLC and its Subsidiaries Regarding an Upcoming Indirect Transfer of Control

All,

The Public Service Commission (PSC) has reviewed the Notice ("Notice") filed on May 1, 2025, by New Windstream, LLC ("New Windstream"), with its subsidiaries holding Utah certificates (the "Windstream Licensees"), and Uniti Group Inc. ("Uniti"), and Windstream Parent, Inc. ("Windstream Parent") in the referenced dockets of a

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Merger under which Uniti and New Windstream will become subsidiaries of Windstream Parent (the "Merger").

The Notice states that the Merger will not cause any disruption of, or diminishment to, existing services and Utah customers will continue to have high-quality communications services at competitive rates. The Notice claims because the Windstream Licensees are competitive local exchange and interexchange carriers that do not receive high-cost support from the Utah Universal Public Telecommunications Service Support Fund, formal PSC approval of the Merger is not required.

The Division of Public Utilities (DPU) filed comments on May 21, 2025. DPU confirms that the Windstream Licensees under New Windstream do not receive high-cost support from the Utah Universal Public Telecommunications Support Fund. DPU concludes that the Notice complies with Utah Code § 54-8b-3.4 and recommends that the PSC acknowledge the Notice.

No party has identified a statutory or other legal requirement for the PSC to approve the Merger, and no party has requested a declaratory ruling on the issue pursuant to Utah Admin. Code R746–101–1, et seq. Accordingly, the PSC acknowledges that the Notice was filed and gives notice it will take no further action in the referenced dockets unless a party files a request for agency action and explains the basis on which the PSC may or should act.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg PSC Secretary