

APPENDIX C



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Tuesday, June 23, 2026

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ALABAMA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DEVON BEATY, SECRETARY

June 16, 2026

Mr. Walter Thomas Jr.
Secretary Alabama Public Service Commission
100 North Union Street, Suite 850a
Montgomery, AL 36104

RE: Brightspeed of Alabama, LLC Certification of Eligibility to Receive High-Cost Support

Mr. Thomas:

Enclosed please find the notarized affidavit for Brightspeed of Alabama, LLC's certification of eligibility to receive federal high-cost support. This affidavit was also submitted electronically through the Alabama Public Service Commission's E-Filing System on June 16, 2026.

Should you have any questions regarding this filing, please feel free to contact me at (704) 314-2216 or by email at daniel.ostroff@brightspeed.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Daniel Ostroff", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Daniel Ostroff
Manager Regulatory Reporting

Enclosures

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF MARYLAND)
) SS.
COUNTY OF FREDERICK)

I, Daniel G. Ostroff, being duly sworn upon oath, do hereby depose and state as follows:

I am the Manager, Regulatory Reporting of Brightspeed of Alabama, LLC ("Brightspeed"). My business address is P.O. Box 1330, Fayetteville, NC 28302. I am authorized by Brightspeed to make this Affidavit on its behalf, and it is given upon my personal knowledge. This Affidavit is given in support of the Company's Application for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") in Docket No. 25980.

On behalf of Brightspeed of Alabama, LLC, I declare the following:

- (1) I fully understand the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") rules for ETC qualification and will abide by them;
- (2) I fully understand and will comply with the FCC's rules requiring that the Company provide service through its own facilities or a combination of its own facilities and resale of another carrier's services;
- (3) Regarding Local Exchange Carriers (LEC) from which the Company acquires UNEs and/or resale facilities in Alabama, Brightspeed of Alabama, LLC consents to their releasing to the Alabama Public Service Commission ("Commission") any information the Commission requests for purposes of ensuring future compliance with FCC rules, provided the Commission treats the released information as proprietary, and provided the Commission notifies the Company of any such request for information; and
- (4) The aforesaid consent supersedes any statement included within the applicable interconnection agreement(s) regarding disclosure.

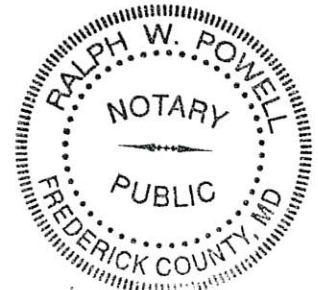
Daniel G. Ostroff
Manager – Regulatory Reporting
Brightspeed of Alabama, LLC

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of JUNE, 2026.

Ralph W. Powell, RALPH W. POWELL
Notary Public

My Commission expires:

06-28-2029



4005 N. Rodney Parham Road
1170 – B1F1-1116A
Little Rock, AR 72212



June 22, 2026

The Honorable Walter Thomas
Alabama Public Service Commission
RSA Union Building
100 North Union Street
Montgomery, AL 36104

**RE: APSC Certification of Eligibility to Receive High Cost Support
Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.314; APSC Docket 25980**

Dear Mr. Thomas:

In conjunction with the Commission's annual certification requirements, please find attached an original and one copy of an affidavit filed on behalf of Windstream Alabama, L.L.C. This affidavit certifies that Windstream Alabama, L.L.C. is eligible to receive federal high cost support for high-cost universal service support.

Please contact me at the email address below with questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lezlie Young".

Lezlie Young
Consultant – Regulatory Compliance
lezlie.p.young@uniti.com

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF ARKANSAS)

)

COUNTY OF PULASKI)

I, Tim Loken, being duly sworn upon oath, do hereby depose and state as follows:

I am the Director – Regulatory Reporting of Windstream Alabama, L.L.C. My business address is 4005 N. Rodney Parham Rd., Little Rock, AR 72212. I am authorized by Windstream Alabama, L.L.C. to make this Affidavit on its behalf, and it is given upon my personal knowledge. This Affidavit is given in support of the Company's Application for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") in Docket No. 25980.

On Behalf of Windstream Alabama, L.L.C., I declare the following:

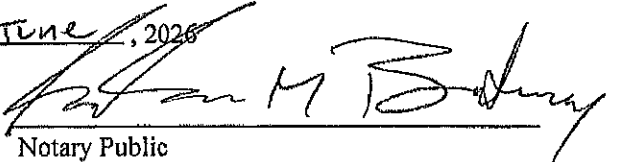
- (1) I fully understand the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") rules for ETC qualification and will abide by them;
- (2) I fully understand and will comply with the FCC's rules requiring that the Company provide service through its own facilities or a combination of its own facilities and resale of another carrier's services;
- (3) Regarding Local Exchange Carrier (LEC) from which the Company acquires UNEs and/or resale facilities in Alabama, Windstream Alabama, L.L.C. consents to their releasing to the Alabama Public Service Commission ("Commission") any information the Commission requests for purposes of ensuring future compliance with FCC rules, provided the Commission treats the released information as proprietary, and provided the Commission notifies the Company of any such requests for information; and
- (4) The aforesaid consent supersedes any statement included within the applicable interconnection agreement(s) regarding disclosure.



Tim Loken, Director – Regulatory Reporting

Windstream Alabama, L.L.C.

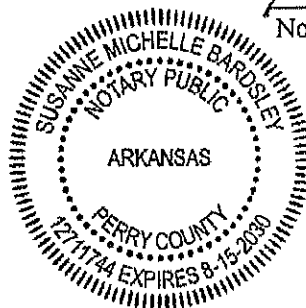
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of June, 2020



Notary Public

My Commission expires:

8-15-30





July 3, 2026

The Honorable Walter Thomas
Alabama Public Service Commission
RSA Union Building
100 North Union Street
Montgomery, AL 36104

Re: Consolidated Communications of Florida Company– Compliance with 47 CFR
§54.313 and §54.314

Dear Secretary:

Enclosed please find Consolidated Communications of Florida Company's affidavit in support of its use of federal universal service funds and to facilitate certification by the Alabama Public Service Commission to the Federal Communications Commission as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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

Beth Westman
Sr. Regulatory Services Specialist
Consolidated Communications
beth.westman@fidium.com



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Monday, July 6, 2026

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ALABAMA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DEVON BEATY, SECRETARY

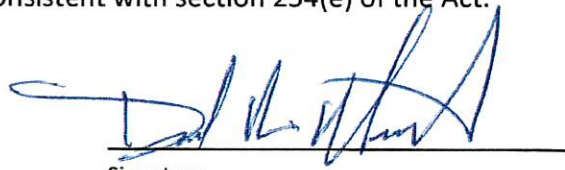
AFFIDAVIT

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority appeared David R. Herrick, who deposed and said:

1. My name is David R. Herrick. I am employed by Consolidated Communications of Florida Company, LLC (the "Company") as its SVP and Chief Accounting Officer. I am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the **Alabama** Public Service Commission's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. The Company hereby certifies that the federal high-cost universal service support the Company received in the previous year and will receive in coming year was and will be used for the services and functionalities outlined in 47 C.F.R. §54.101(a), and that it will only use the federal high-cost support it receives for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended, consistent with section 254(e) of the Act.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.



Signature

SVP and Chief Accounting Officer

Title

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

Acknowledged before me, a notary public, this _____ day of _____, 2026,
by _____, as _____ for Consolidated
Communications of Florida Company, LLC, who is personally known to me or produced identification and who did
take an oath.

Notary

SEE ATTACHED

06-22-2026

VGUPTA

CALIFORNIA ALL-PURPOSE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

CIVIL CODE § 1189

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California)

County of SUTTER)

On 06-22-2026 before me, VANNI GUPTA - Notary Public
Date Here Insert Name and Title of the Officer

personally appeared DAVID R. HERRICK
Name(s) of Signer(s)

who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.



Signature VGUPTA
Signature of Notary Public

Place Notary Seal Above

OPTIONAL

Though this section is optional, completing this information can deter alteration of the document or fraudulent reattachment of this form to an unintended document.

Description of Attached Document

Title or Type of Document: Affidavit

Document Date: 06-22-2026 Number of Pages: (1)

Signer(s) Other Than Named Above: _____

Capacity(ies) Claimed by Signer(s)

Signer's Name: _____

☐ Corporate Officer — Title(s): _____

☐ Partner — ☐ Limited ☐ General

☒ Individual ☐ Attorney in Fact

☐ Trustee ☐ Guardian or Conservator

☐ Other: _____

Signer Is Representing: _____

Signer's Name: _____

☐ Corporate Officer — Title(s): _____

☐ Partner — ☐ Limited ☐ General

☐ Individual ☐ Attorney in Fact

☐ Trustee ☐ Guardian or Conservator

☐ Other: _____

Signer Is Representing: _____



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Tim Loken, Director
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June 10, 2026

Via Electronic Filing and Overnight Mail

Honorable Walter Thomas, Secretary
Alabama Public Service Commission
100 N. Union Street-8th Floor
Montgomery, AL 36104

**RE: Implementation of the Universal Service Requirements of Section 254 of the
Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Certification of Non-Rural Carriers Receiving
Federal High-Cost Support)
Docket No. 25980**

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Pursuant to the Alabama Public Service Commission's Order entered in this case on September 27, 2016, Eligible Telecommunications Carriers ("ETCs") in Alabama were ordered to file their proposals for utilization of projected federal high-cost universal support. Windstream Alabama, LLC ("Windstream") is hereby transmitting information on its plan for the 2025 Rural Digital Opportunity Fund ("RDOF").

Windstream intends to meet all its obligations in the deployment of the RDOF locations. The first deployment milestone for RDOF is 12/31/2025 where 40% of the required number of locations are to be deployed.

Windstream is providing information included in Attachment A as required from Docket No. 25980.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if you would like to discuss.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tim Loken".

Tim Loken

Attachment

Cc: Hon. John Garner, Chief ALD
Darrell A. Baker, Director (email)
Mac McArthur (email)

ATTACHMENT A

ALABAMA YEAR 2022 RDOF FUNDING UTILIZATION BROADBAND INVESTMENTS

Broadband deployment and maintenance in substantially unserved areas: Year 2025

On October 20, 2021, the FCC offered Windstream Alabama, LLC (Windstream) approximately \$2.8M in Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) per year starting in 2022.

By accepting the RDOF offer, Windstream agreed to provide qualifying broadband services to 10,193 locations identified by the FCC.

The first RDOF buildout milestone was December 31, 2025, requiring deployment to 40% of eligible locations. As of December 31, 2025, Windstream had deployed service to 921 RDOF locations at 1 Gbps, below the 40% requirement. Since that time, the company has continued deployment in 2026, adding 1,437 additional locations. As of June 1, 2026, total deployed locations reached 2,358, representing 23% of required locations.