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UNITED STATES
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SCHEDULE 14A

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YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT
PLEASE VOTE YOUR PROXY TODAY

Dear Stockholder:

According to our latest records, we have not received your voting instructions for the important annual meeting of Windstream Corporation to be held on Wednesday, May 4, 2011. **Your vote is extremely important, no matter how many shares you hold. We strongly encourage you to submit your voting instructions immediately and exercise your right to vote.**

For the reasons set forth in the proxy statement, dated March 24, 2011, the Board of Directors unanimously recommends that you vote " **FOR"** Proposals 1, 2, and 4, **"1 YR"** on Proposal 3, and **"AGAINST"** Proposals 5 and 6. **Please sign, date and return the enclosed proxy card as soon as possible or, alternatively, you can vote via the Internet or telephone (see the instructions below).** If you sign and return the enclosed proxy card without indicating a voting choice with respect to each proposal, your shares will be voted as recommended by the Board of Directors.

On behalf of your Board of Directors, thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

Sincerely,

Jeffery R. Gardner
President and Chief Executive Officer

You may use one of the following simple methods to promptly provide your voting instructions:

To vote by Internet:

- Log-on to www.investorvote.com .
- Have your proxy card ready. You will need to provide the information in the shaded bar on the front the proxy card you received.
- Enter the information requested on your computer screen and follow the simple instructions.

To vote by telephone:

- Call toll-free 1-800-652-VOTE (8683) in the United States or Canada any time on a touch tone telephone. There is no charge to you for the call.
- Have your proxy card ready. You will need to provide the information in the shaded bar on the front the proxy card you received.
- Follow the simple instructions provided by the recorded message.

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