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**WINDSTREAM CORPORATION**

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**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the**

**Windstream Corporation Stockholder Meeting to be Held on May 9, 2012**

Under Securities and Exchange Commission rules, you are receiving this notice that the proxy materials for the annual stockholders' meeting are available on the Internet. Follow the instructions below to view the materials and vote online or request a copy. The items to be voted on and location of the annual meeting are on the reverse side. Your vote is important!

**This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting. The proxy statement and annual report to stockholders are available at:**

**[www.envisionreports.com/WIN](http://www.envisionreports.com/WIN)**

**Easy Online Access – A Convenient Way to View Proxy Materials and Vote**

**When you go online to view materials, you can also vote your shares.**

**Step 1:** Go to [www.envisionreports.com/WIN](http://www.envisionreports.com/WIN) to view the materials.

**Step 2:** Click on **Cast Your Vote** or **Request Materials**.

**Step 3:** Follow the instructions on the screen to log in.

**Step 4:** Make your selection as instructed on each screen to select delivery preferences and vote.

**When you go online, you can also help the environment by consenting to receive electronic delivery of future materials.**

**Obtaining a Copy of the Proxy Materials – If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. Please make your request for a copy as instructed on the reverse side on or before April 20, 2012 to facilitate timely delivery.**



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delivery of future meeting materials.

- ® **Telephone** Call us free of charge at 1-866-641-4276 using a touch-tone phone and follow the instructions to log in and order a paper copy of the materials by mail for the current meeting. You can also submit a preference to receive a paper copy for future meetings.
- ® **Email** Send email to [investorvote@computershare.com](mailto:investorvote@computershare.com) with `Proxy Materials Windstream` in the subject line. Include in the message your full name and address, plus the number located in the shaded bar on the reverse, and state in the email that you want a paper copy of current meeting materials. You can also state your preference to receive a paper copy for future meetings.

To facilitate timely delivery, all requests for a paper copy of the proxy materials must be received by April 20, 2012.

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**\*\*\* Exercise Your *Right* to Vote \*\*\***

**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the  
Shareholder Meeting to Be Held on May 09, 2012**

*WINDSTREAM CORPORATION*

**Meeting Information**

**Meeting Type:** Annual Meeting

**For holders as of:** March 15, 2012

**Date:** May 09, 2012      **Time:** 11:00 AM CDT

**Location:** The Capital Hotel

111 West Markham Street

Little Rock, Arkansas

72201

You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the above named company.

This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy materials online at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side).

We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

**See the reverse side of this notice to obtain proxy materials and voting instructions.**



## Before You Vote

### How to Access the Proxy Materials

#### Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:

1. 2011 Annual Report, Proxy Statement and Form 10K

#### How to View Online:

Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow  $\delta$  (located on the following page) and visit: [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).

#### How to Request and Receive a PAPER or E-MAIL Copy:

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- 1) *BY INTERNET*: [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com)
- 2) *BY TELEPHONE*: 1-800-579-1639
- 3) *BY E-MAIL\**: [sendmaterial@proxyvote.com](mailto:sendmaterial@proxyvote.com)

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Requests, instructions and other inquiries sent to this e-mail address will NOT be forwarded to your investment advisor. Please make the request as instructed above on or before April 25, 2012 to facilitate timely delivery.

## How To Vote

### Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

**Vote In Person:** If you choose to vote these shares in person at the meeting, you must request a *legal proxy*. To do so, please follow the instructions at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) or request a paper copy of the materials, which will contain the appropriate instructions. Many shareholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance.

**Vote By Internet:** To vote now by Internet, go to [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com). Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow  $\delta$  available and follow the instructions.

**Vote By Mail:** You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a voting instruction form.

**Voting items**

**The Board of Directors recommends you**

**vote FOR the following proposal (s):**

**1. Election of Directors**

**Nominees**

01 Carol B. Armitage

02 Samuel E. Beall, III

03 Dennis E. Foster

04 Francis X. Frantz

05 Jeffery R. Gardner

06 Jeffrey T. Hinson

07 Judy K. Jones

08 William A. Montgomery

09 Alan L. Wells

**4** To ratify the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as Windstream's Independent registered public accountant for 2012

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote AGAINST the following proposal (s):**

**5** Stockholder Proposal - Ban on Accelerated Vesting of Restricted Stock

**6** Stockholder Proposal - Transparency and accountability in corporate spending on political activities

**The Board of Directors recommends you**

**vote FOR the following proposal (s):**

**2.** To approve Windstream's Performance Incentive Compensation Plan

**3** To vote on an advisory (non-binding) resolution on executive compensation

**Voting items Continued**

**NOTE:** Such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof. Please bring this notice or proof that you are a stockholder to enter the meeting.

**Voting Instructions**