

EchoStar, Windstream Sign Extension to Agreement

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. & LITTLE ROCK, Ark.-- EchoStar Communications Corporation (Nasdaq: DISH) and Windstream Corporation (NYSE: WIN) today announced a multi-year extension to their existing agreement to offer DISH Network™ satellite TV service to Windstream customers throughout its 16-state territory. The satellite TV service has been available to customers as part of a discounted bundle of communications and entertainment services since 2005.

Both new and existing Windstream | DISH Network customers will continue to have a single point of contact and single monthly Windstream bill, and qualify for bundled discounts.

“DISH Network satellite TV service bundled with Windstream voice and broadband service offers added value and convenience for our customers,” said Keith Paglus, chief operating officer of Windstream. “Extending our relationship with EchoStar strengthens our strategy to bundle services as a communications and entertainment company.”

“This extension solidifies our strategic relationship with Windstream to offer our customers the best all-digital TV, high-speed Internet, and local and long distance services,” said Thomas Stingley, senior vice president of Alliance Management at EchoStar. “We look forward to providing customers the benefits of receiving a single bill for DISH Network and Windstream services – all for an unparalleled value.”

Windstream residential customers can order DISH Network service and schedule installation by calling 1-866-961-WIND. Bundled service packages and prices vary by market.

About EchoStar Communications

EchoStar Communications Corporation (Nasdaq:DISH) serves more than 13 million satellite TV customers through its DISH Network(TM), the fastest-growing pay-TV provider in the country since 2000. DISH Network's services include hundreds of video and audio channels, Interactive TV, HDTV, sports and international programming, together with professional installation and 24-

hour customer service. EchoStar has been a leader for more than 25 years in satellite TV equipment sales and support worldwide. EchoStar is included in the Nasdaq-100 Index (NDX) and is a Fortune 500 company. Visit EchoStar's Web site at www.echostar.com or call 1-800-333-DISH (3474).

About Windstream

Windstream Corporation provides voice, broadband and entertainment services to customers in 16 states. The company has approximately 3.3 million access lines and about \$3.2 billion in annual revenues. For more information, visit www.windstream.com.

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