

**PERPETUAL BOND COVERING CABLE, CONDUIT AND/OR POLE LINE
ACTIVITY IN, UNDER, ACROSS OR ALONG FORT BEND COUNTY ROADS**
(AUTHORIZED)

BOND NO. K08097604

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

COUNTY OF FORT BEND §

THAT WE, Windstream Sugar Land, Inc. whose address is the Principal,
and Westchester Fire Insurance Company, a Corporation existing under and by virtue of
the laws of the State of PA and authorized to do an indemnifying business in the State
of Texas, and whose principal office is located at 436 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106, whose
officer residing in the State of Texas, authorized to accept service in all suits and actions brought
within said State is Pam Humphrey and whose address is Two Riverway, Suite 900, Houston, TX 77056,
hereinafter called the Surety, are held and firmly bound unto, Robert E. Hebert, County Judge
of Fort Bend County, Texas, or his successors in office, in the full sum of Fifty Thousand and No/100
Dollars (\$50,000.00) current, lawful money of the United States of America, to be paid to said
Robert E. Hebert, County Judge of Fort Bend County, Texas, or his successors in office, to which
payment well and truly to be made and done, we, the undersigned, bind ourselves and each of us,
our heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns, and legal representatives, jointly and
severally, by these presents.

THE CONDITION OF THIS BOND IS SUCH THAT, WHEREAS, the above bounden
principal contemplates laying, constructing, maintaining and/or repairing one or more cables,
conduits, and/or pole lines in, under, across and/or along roads, streets and highways in the
County of Fort Bend, and the State of Texas, under the jurisdiction of the Commissioners' Court
of Fort Bend County, Texas, pursuant to the Commissioners' Court order adopted on the 1st day
of December, A.D. 1980, recorded in Volume 13, of the Commissioners' Court Minutes of Fort
Bend County, Texas, regulating same, which Commissioners' Court order is hereby referred to
and made a part hereof for all purposes as though fully set out herein.

AND WHEREAS, the principal desires to provide Fort Bend County with a perpetual
bond covering all such cable, conduit and/or pole line activity;

NOW, THEREFORE, if the above bounden principal shall faithfully perform all its cable,
conduit and/or pole line activity (including, but not limited to the laying, constructing,
maintaining and/or repair of cables, conduits and/or pole lines) in, under, across and/or along
roads, streets and highways in the County of Fort Bend and State of Texas, under the
jurisdiction of the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, pursuant to and in
accordance with minimum requirements and conditions of the above mentioned Commissioners'
Court order set forth and specified to be by said principal done and performed, at the time and
in the manner therein specified, and shall pay over and make good and reimburse Fort Bend
County, all loss and damages which Fort Bend County may sustain by reason of any failure or
default on the part of said principal, then this obligation shall be null and void otherwise to
remain in full force and effect.

This bond is payable at the County Courthouse in the County of Fort Bend and State of
Texas.

It is understood that at any time Fort Bend County deems itself insecure under this bond,
it may require further and/or additional bonds of the principal.

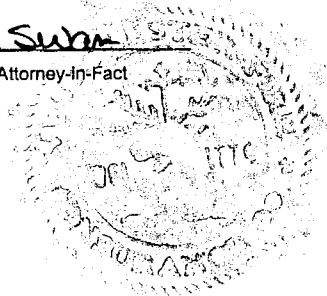
EXECUTED this 1st day of June, 2009.

Windstream Sugar Land, Inc.
PRINCIPAL

[Signature]
BY

Westchester Fire Insurance Company
SURETY

Mary K. Swan
BY Mary K. Swan, Attorney-in-Fact



Power of Attorney

WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

Know all men by these presents: That WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, a corporation of the State of New York, having its principal office in the City of Atlanta, Georgia pursuant to the following Resolution, adopted by the Board of Directors of the said Company on December 11, 2006, to wit:

entered into the ordinary course of business (each a "Written Commitment"):

- (1) Each of the Chairman, the President and the Vice Presidents of the Company is hereby authorized to execute any Written Commitment for and on behalf of the Company, under the seal of the Company or otherwise.
- (2) Each duly appointed attorney-in-fact of the Company is hereby authorized to execute any Written Commitment for and on behalf of the Company, under the seal of the Company or otherwise, to the extent that such action is authorized by the grant of powers provided for in such persons written appointment as such attorney-in-fact.
- (3) Each of the Chairman, the President and the Vice Presidents of the Company is hereby authorized, for and on behalf of the Company, to appoint in writing any person the attorney-in-fact of the Company with full power and authority to execute, for and on behalf of the Company, under the seal of the Company or otherwise, such Written Commitments of the Company as may be specified in such written appointment, which specification may be by general type or class of Written Commitments or by specification of one or more particular Written Commitments.
- (4) Each of the Chairman, the President and Vice Presidents of the Company is hereby authorized, for and on behalf of the Company, to delegate in writing any other officer of the Company the authority to execute, for and on behalf of the Company, under the Company's seal or otherwise, such Written Commitments of the Company as are specified in such written delegation, which specification may be by general type or class of Written Commitments or by specification of one or more particular Written Commitments.
- (5) The signature of any officer or other person executing any Written Commitment or appointment or delegation pursuant to this Resolution, and the seal of the Company, may be affixed by facsimile on such Written Commitment or written appointment or delegation.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing Resolution shall not be deemed to be an exclusive statement of the powers and authority of officers, employees and other persons to act for and on behalf of the Company, and such Resolution shall not limit or otherwise affect the exercise of any such power of authority otherwise validly granted or vested.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Company adopted at the meeting held on November 8, 1999 relating to the authorization of certain persons to execute, for and on behalf of the Company, Written Commitments and appointments and delegations, is hereby rescinded.

Does hereby nominate, constitute and appoint Brenda Smith, Cynthia W Thessing, Dianne Cowan, Fred B Stone, James R Hill, John Gerety, Jr., Mary K Swan, Michael L Wilson, Richard Simon, William T Brookshire, all of the City of LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas, each individually if there be more than one named, its true and lawful attorney-in-fact, to make, execute, seal and deliver on its behalf, and as its act and deed any and all bonds, undertakings, recognizances, contracts and other writings in the nature thereof in penalties not exceeding Twenty Five million dollars & zero cents (\$25,000,000.00) and the execution of such writings in pursuance of these presents shall be as binding upon said Company, as fully and amply as if they had been duly executed and acknowledged by the regularly elected officers of the Company at its principal office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Stephen M. Haney, Vice-President, has hereunto subscribed his name and affixed the Corporate seal of the said WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY this 30 day of March 2009.

WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

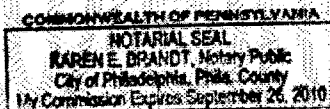


Stephen M. Haney
Stephen M. Haney, Vice President

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA ss.

On this 30 day of March, AD. 2009 before me, a Notary Public of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in and for the County of Philadelphia came Stephen M. Haney, Vice-President of the WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY to me personally known to be the individual and officer who executed the preceding instrument, and he acknowledged that he executed the same, and that the seal affixed to the preceding instrument is the corporate seal of said Company; that the said corporate seal and his signature were duly affixed by the authority and direction of the said corporation, and that Resolution, adopted by the Board of Directors of said Company, referred to in the preceding instrument, is now in force.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at the City of Philadelphia the day and year first above written.



Karen E. Brandt
Notary Public

I, the undersigned Assistant Secretary of the WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, do hereby certify that the original POWER OF ATTORNEY, of which the foregoing is a substantially true and correct copy, is in full force and effect.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name as Assistant Secretary, and affixed the corporate seal of the Corporation, this 1st day of June, 2009.



William L. Kelly
William L. Kelly, Assistant Secretary

THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY MAY NOT BE USED TO EXECUTE ANY BOND WITH AN INCEPTION DATE AFTER March 26, 2011.