

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

In re:)	Chapter 11
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WINDSTREAM HOLDINGS, INC., <i>et al.</i> , ¹)	Case No. 19-22312 (RDD)
)	
Debtors.)	(Jointly Administered)
)	

**ORDER EXTENDING THE TIME TO FILE
NOTICES OF REMOVAL OF CIVIL ACTIONS**

Upon the motion (the “Motion”)² of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”) for entry of an order (this “Order”) granting the Debtors an extension to file notices of removal of all Actions pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1452, section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, and Bankruptcy Rules 9006(b) and 9027, all as more fully set forth in the Motion; and this Court having jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157(a)-(b) and 1334 and 1334 and the *Amended Standing Order of Reference from the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York*, dated February 1, 2012; and this Court having found that this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b) that this Court may decide by a final order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution; and this Court having found that venue of the Motion in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and this Court having found that the Debtors’ notice of the Motion and opportunity for a hearing on the Motion were appropriate under the circumstances and that no other notice need be provided;

¹ The last four digits of Debtor Windstream Holdings, Inc.’s tax identification number are 7717. Due to the large number of Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, for which joint administration has been granted, a complete list of the debtor entities and the last four digits of their federal tax identification numbers is not provided herein. A complete list of such information may be obtained on the website of the Debtors’ claims and noticing agent at <http://www.kccllc.net/windstream>. The location of the Debtors’ service address for purposes of these chapter 11 cases is: 4001 North Rodney Parham Road, Little Rock, Arkansas 72212.

² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.



and upon the record of the hearing held by the Court on the Motion on May 14, 2019; and there being no opposition to the requested relief; and after due deliberation this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion establish just cause for the relief granted herein; now, therefore, it is HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Motion is granted as set forth herein.
2. The time by which the Debtors may file notices of removal in this Court with respect to the Actions pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9027(a)(2) is extended through and including the later of (a) November 22, 2019 and (b) the first day that is 30 days after entry of an order terminating the automatic stay provided by section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code with respect to the particular Action sought to be removed.
3. This Order is without prejudice to the Debtors' right to request a further extension of time to file notices of removal of any or all of the Actions.
4. This Order shall be without prejudice to any position the Debtors may take regarding whether section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code applies to stay any Action.
5. Notice of the Motion as provided therein shall be deemed good and sufficient notice of such Motion and the requirements of the Local Rules are satisfied by such notice.
6. The Debtors are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted in this Order in accordance with the Motion.

7. This Court retains exclusive jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Order.

Dated: White Plains, New York
May 15, 2019

/s/ Robert D. Drain

THE HONORABLE ROBERT D. DRAIN
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE