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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re

WINDSTREAM HOLDINGS., et al,

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 19-22312 (RDD)

(Jointly Administered)

ORDER GRANTING SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, LP'S MOTION TO SEAL DOCUMENTS FILED IN CONNECTION WITH ITS MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM THE AUTOMATIC STAY

Upon consideration of Sprint Communications Company, LP's ("Sprint") unopposed Motion to Seal Documents Filed in Connection with its Motion for Relief from the Automatic Stay (the "Motion"), seeking entry of an order under 11 U.S.C. § 107(b) allowing (i) certain portions of the Motion for Relief from the Automatic Stay (the "362 Motion"), (ii) the Fiber Optic Lease Agreement attached to the 362 Motion as "Exhibit A" (the "Agreement"), and (iii) certain portions of the Declaration of James B. Farris, attached to the 362 Motion as Exhibit "B" (the "Declaration") (collectively, the "Sealed Documents") to be filed under seal and permitting Sprint to file redacted versions of the Sealed Documents on the public docket of these cases; and the Court having jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157(a)-(b) and 1334(b) and having found that this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2); and venue of the Motion in this district being proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and it appearing that Sprint provided due and sufficient notice of the Motion and that no other notice or hearing is required; and upon the record of the hearing held by the Court on the Motion on January 15, 2020; and, after due deliberation, this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion establish sufficient cause for the relief granted herein, in that the proposed redacted portions of the Sealed Documents contain commercial information properly protected under



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section 107(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, it is hereby ORDERED that:

1. The Motion is granted as set forth herein.

2. Sprint is authorized (a) to file the Sealed Documents under seal, by providing the complete Sealed Documents to the Clerk's Office at 300 Quarropas Street, White Plains, New York, Attn. Mimi Correa, in a file, paper or electronic, prominently marked "TO BE FILED UNDER SEAL" along with a copy of this Order, and (b) to file a redacted version thereof on the public docket of this case; <u>provided</u>, that Sprint only redact that information that is considered confidential and commercially sensitive pursuant to section 107(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules 9018, and the Local Bankruptcy Rules 9018-1, as set forth in the Motion.

3. Except upon further order of the Court after notice to Sprint and the Debtors herein, the Sealed Documents shall remain under seal, and shall not be made available to anyone without the consent of Sprint and the Debtors, with the exception that unredacted copies of the Sealed Documents shall be provided to (a) the Court, (b) the United States Trustee, (c) counsel to the Debtors, and (d) any other party as may be ordered by the Court or agreed to by the Sprint and a counterparty to any such Sealed Document, in each case, under appropriate confidentiality agreements satisfactory to Sprint. Each party to whom disclosure is made shall keep the Sealed Documents confidential.

4. Sprint is authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the ruling set forth in this Order.

5. This order is without prejudice to the rights of any party in interest, or the United States Trustee, to seek to unseal the documents, or any part thereof.

Sprint is to retrieve and dispose of all Sealed Documents at the conclusion of the
362 Motion. If Sprint fails to do so, the Clerk of the Court is authorized to destroy the Sealed

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Documents.

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: January 22, 2020 White Plains, New York

> /s/Robert D. Drain UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE