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## **Windstream Wholesale's nationwide high-capacity, long-haul network joins Switch CONNECT portfolio**

### **Windstream's fiber network expands connectivity options between Switch's U.S. superscale campus locations**

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., May 11, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Windstream (NASDAQ:WIN), a leading provider of advanced network communications, announced today that Switch, the technology infrastructure ecosystem corporation, has added Windstream to the diverse Switch CONNECT portfolio of carriers. Windstream Wholesale will provide additional high-capacity transport connectivity between three rapidly growing Switch data center campus locations in Las Vegas, Nev. (The Core Campus), Tahoe Reno, Nev. (The Citadel Campus), and Grand Rapids, Mich. (The Pyramid Campus).

"Adding Windstream Wholesale to Switch CONNECT and leveraging their significant, rapidly expanding national on-net footprint gives our customers great high-speed connectivity options to securely access our superscale campus locations across the U.S., as well as any location within the Windstream footprint," said Scott Gutierrez, senior vice president of Connectivity Sales at Switch. "During implementation, the Windstream Wholesale team performed exceptionally well in meeting timelines and collaborating with us to get things done with the same mission-critical mindset we have at Switch."

Switch's deployment of Windstream Wholesale's diverse and unique, hyper-scalable fiber network augments the robust portfolio of carriers aggregated on Switch's campus locations and provides next-generation, ultra-flexible connectivity options for clients. Switch data center clients now have access to Windstream's coast-to-coast 147,000-mile fiber network - one of the largest in the country - as well as to Windstream Wholesale's portfolio of highly available, scalable and secure solutions including:

- | Optical Wave services at bandwidths up to 100Gbps
- | MEF 2.0 Certified layer 2 E-Access connections at bandwidths up to 1Gbps
- | MPLS service with bandwidths up to 1Gbps
- | Dedicated Internet Access (DIA) at bandwidths up to 10Gbps

"The addition of Switch's dynamic, world-class facilities to Windstream Wholesale's network is a significant strategic investment for us, as we continue broadening and expanding our solutions to meet the increasing bandwidth capacity demands of today's 'always on, always connected' world," said Joe Scattareggia, senior vice president of sales for Windstream Wholesale. "Partnering with Switch - a recognized world leader in colocation design, development and mission critical operations - brings even greater connectivity options to wholesale and large-scale enterprise customers across the United States as they seek to grow and expand their own network capabilities."

### **About Windstream**

Windstream Holdings, Inc. (NASDAQ:WIN), a FORTUNE 500 company, is a leading provider of advanced network communications and technology solutions for consumers, small businesses, enterprise organizations and carrier partners across the U.S. Windstream offers bundled services, including broadband, security solutions, voice and digital TV to consumers. The company also provides data, cloud solutions, unified communications and managed services to business and enterprise clients. The company supplies core transport solutions on a local and long-haul fiber-optic network spanning approximately 147,000 miles. Additional information is available at [windstream.com](http://windstream.com). Please visit our newsroom at [news.windstream.com](http://news.windstream.com) or follow us on Twitter at [@Windstream](https://twitter.com/Windstream).

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