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## Photo Release -- Windstream Makes Senior Leadership Appointments

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Jan. 20, 2015 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Windstream (Nasdaq:WIN) today announced two senior leadership appointments.

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Kevin Halpin has been named senior vice president of process development and improvement and will work with business unit leaders across the company to enhance the customer experience.

Kristi Moody has been named senior vice president of law and corporate secretary for the board of directors.

"Kevin has a proven record of improving the customer experience through both process reengineering and information technology initiatives by enhancing collaboration throughout organizations," said Tony Thomas, president and chief executive officer.

Halpin has worked in the communications industry for more than 20 years. He previously served as vice president of information technology for Allied Wireless Communications Corp. In this role, he helped oversee over a five-year period the buildout of the information technology infrastructure to support Allied Wireless' acquisition of Alltel Wireless customers and their later migration to AT&T, which purchased the assets in September 2013. Prior to that, Halpin served as vice president of process development for Alltel Corp. from 2004 to 2008, where he designed the company's strategic planning process to improve the customer experience. Halpin also held a number of leadership roles at Alltel in marketing, operations and finance.

Halpin earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Illinois. He is a certified public accountant.

Moody will provide counsel for various key company functions, including corporate governance, securities law compliance, investor relations, capital markets, treasury, external communications and corporate development, in her expanded role in the legal organization. She also will retain oversight of dispute resolution and contingencies.

"Kristi has excelled throughout her career at Windstream and consistently provided exceptional judgment and effective counsel," said John Fletcher, executive vice president and general counsel. "The board and I are pleased to have her in this expanded governance and compliance role."

Moody joined Windstream in 2006 as senior litigation counsel. She was named vice president of law in 2012 and deputy general counsel in 2013. Prior to joining Windstream, Moody was in private practice for 11 years at Wright, Lindsey & Jennings LLP.

She has a juris doctorate from the William H. Bowen School of Law at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and a bachelor of arts degree in political science from Louisiana Tech University.

### About Windstream

Windstream, a FORTUNE 500 and S&P 500 company, is a leading provider of advanced network communications and



technology solutions, including cloud computing and managed services, to businesses nationwide. The company also offers broadband, phone and digital TV services to consumers primarily in rural areas. For more information, visit the company's online newsroom at [news.windstream.com](http://news.windstream.com) or follow on Twitter at [@WindstreamNews](https://twitter.com/WindstreamNews).

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