

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

In re:)	Chapter 11
)	
WINDSTREAM FINANCE, CORP., <i>et al.</i> , ¹)	Case No. 19-22397 (RDD)
)	
Reorganized Debtors.)	(Formerly Jointly Administered under Lead Case: Windstream Holdings, Inc., Case No. 19-22312)

**ORDER GRANTING REORGANIZED DEBTORS'
TWENTIETH OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO THE NO LIABILITY CLAIMS,
SUBSTANTIVELY DUPLICATE CLAIMS, AND CLAIMS TO BE MODIFIED**

Upon the objection, dated August 31, 2021 (the “20th Objection”)² of the above-captioned reorganized debtors (collectively, the “Reorganized Debtors”) for entry of an order, among other things, disallowing and expunging or modifying the claims as identified on **Schedules 1** and **2** attached hereto and pursuant to section 502(b) of the Bankruptcy Code and the Objection Procedures Order [Docket No. 1141], all as more fully set forth in the 20th Objection; and upon the Wagner Declaration; and upon the Bixler Declaration; and the Court having found that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157(a)-(b) and 1334(b) and the *Amended Standing Order of Reference from the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York*, dated January 31, 2012 as a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2); and the Court having found that venue in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409;

¹ The last four digits of the Reorganized Debtor Windstream Finance, Corp.’s tax identification number are 5713. Due to the large number of Reorganized Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, for which joint administration was granted, a complete list of the Reorganized 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 Reorganized Debtors’ claims and noticing agent at <http://www.kccelle.net/windstream>. The location of the Reorganized Debtors’ service address for purposes of these chapter 11 cases is 4001 North Rodney Parham Road, Little Rock, Arkansas 72212.

² Capitalized terms used in this Order and not defined herein have the meanings given to such terms in the 20th Objection.



and the Court having found that the Reorganized Debtors provided due and sufficient individualized notice of the 20th Objection and the opportunity for a hearing thereon; and there being no opposition to the relief granted herein; and no additional notice or a hearing being required under the circumstances; and after due deliberation the Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the 20th Objection establish just cause for the relief granted herein, in that the 20th Objection rebutted any presumption of the validity of the claims at issue and the respective claimants have not carried their burden of proof; and the relief granted herein being in the best interests of the estates, creditors, and other parties in interest; now, therefore, it is HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The 20th Objection is granted as set forth herein.
2. The No Liability Claims listed on **Schedule 1** attached hereto are disallowed and expunged in their entirety.
3. The Substantively Duplicate Claims listed in the column labeled “Claims to be Disallowed” on **Schedule 2** attached hereto are disallowed and expunged in their entirety.
4. Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC is authorized to update the claims register to reflect the relief granted in this Order.
5. Entry of this Order is without prejudice to the Reorganized Debtors’ right to object to any other claims in these chapter 11 cases or to further object to the claims as addressed in the 20th Objection and as identified on **Schedules 1** and **2** attached hereto (to the extent they are not disallowed and expunged pursuant to this Order) on any grounds whatsoever at a later date.
6. Each objection to each claim as addressed in the 20th Objection and as identified on **Schedules 1** and **2** attached hereto constitutes a separate contested matter as contemplated in Bankruptcy Rule 9014. This Order shall be deemed a separate order with respect to each claim as

addressed in the 20th Objection and as identified on Schedules 1 and 2 attached hereto. Any stay of this Order shall apply only to the contested matter that involves such claim and shall not act to stay the applicability or finality of this Order with respect to the other contested matters covered hereby.

7. Notice of the 20th Objection shall be deemed good and sufficient, and the applicable requirements of the Bankruptcy Rules and Local Bankruptcy Rules have been satisfied.

8. The terms and conditions of this Order shall be immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

9. The Reorganized Debtors are authorized to take any and all actions reasonably necessary or appropriate to effectuate the relief granted pursuant to this Order.

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

White Plains, New York
Dated: October 1, 2021

/s/Robert D. Drain

THE HONORABLE ROBERT D. DRAIN
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

Schedule 1 to the Order

No Liability Claims

Windstream Finance, Corp. 19-22397
 Twentieth Omnibus Claims Objection
 Schedule 1 - No Liability Claim

NAME	DATE FILED	CASE NUMBER	DEBTOR	CLAIM #	ASSERTED CLAIM AMOUNT
1 JOHNNY R. WILKERSON HASSAKIS AND HASSAKIS, P.C. 206 SOUTH NINTH STREET, SUITE 201 MOUNT VERNON, IL 62864	5/30/2019	19-22460	Valor Telecommunications of Texas, LLC	1710	\$ 5,000,000.00

Reason: Pursuant to the Debtors' books and records, no amounts are due and no liability exists for this claimant. The Reorganized Debtors are not liable for such amounts.

TOTAL \$ 5,000,000.00

Schedule 2 to the Order

Substantively Duplicate Claims

Windstream Finance, Corp. 19-22397
 Twentieth Omnibus Claims Objection
 Schedule 2 - Substantively Duplicate Claim

CLAIMS TO BE DISALLOWED

REMAINING CLAIMS

	NAME	DATE FILED	CASE NUMBER / DEBTOR	CLAIM #	CLAIM AMOUNT	NAME	DATE FILED	CASE NUMBER / DEBTOR	CLAIM #	CLAIM AMOUNT
1	JOHNNY R. WILKERSON HASSAKIS AND HASSAKIS, P.C. 206 SOUTH NINTH STREET, SUITE 201 MOUNT VERNON, IL 62864	05/30/19	Windstream Holdings, Inc. 19-22312	1708	\$ 5,000,000.00	JOHNNY R. WILKERSON HASSAKIS AND HASSAKIS, P.C. 206 SOUTH NINTH STREET, SUITE 201 MOUNT VERNON, IL 62864	05/30/19	Valor Telecommunications of Texas, LLC 19-22460	1710	\$ 5,000,000.00
Reason: The underlying liability asserted in the claim to be disallowed is included in the surviving claim.										
Total					\$ 5,000,000.00					
						Total				
						\$ 5,000,000.00				