WINDSTREAM HOLDINGS, INC. Form 10-Q August 07, 2014

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D. C. 20549 FORM 10-Q x QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2014

or

.. TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

| | State or other | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Exact name of registrant | jurisdiction of | Commission | I.R.S. Employer |
| as specified in its charter | incorporation or | File Number | Identification No. |
| | organization | | |
| Windstream Holdings, Inc. | Delaware | 001-32422 | 46-2847717 |
| Windstream Corporation | Delaware | 001-36093 | 20-0792300 |
| - | | | |

4001 Rodney Parham Road Little Rock, Arkansas (Address of principal executive offices)

72212 (Zip Code)

(501) 748-7000 (Registrants' telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Windstream Holdings, Inc. ý YES "NO Windstream Corporation ý YES "NO

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Windstream Holdings, Inc. ý YES "NO

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Windstream Corporation ý YES "NO

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definition of "large accelerated filer", "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

| Windstream Holdings, Inc. | Large accelerated filer ý | Accelerated filer " |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Non-accelerated filer " | Smaller reporting company " |
| Windstream Corporation | Large accelerated filer ý | Accelerated filer " |
| | Non-accelerated filer " | Smaller reporting company " |

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined by Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Windstream Holdings, Inc. "YES ý NO Windstream Corporation "YES ý NO

As of July 31, 2014, 602,673,743 shares of common stock of Windstream Holdings, Inc. and 1,000 shares of common stock of Windstream Corporation were outstanding. All of Windstream Corporation's outstanding common stock, for which there is no trading market, is held by Windstream Holdings, Inc.

This Form 10-Q is a combined quarterly report being filed separately by two registrants: Windstream Holdings, Inc. and Windstream Corporation. Windstream Corporation is a direct, wholly-owned subsidiary of Windstream Holdings, Inc. Accordingly, Windstream Corporation meets the conditions set forth in general instruction H(1)(a) and (b) of Form 10-Q and is therefore filing this form with the reduced disclosure format. Unless the context indicates otherwise, the use of the terms "Windstream," "we," "us" or "our" shall refer to Windstream Holdings, Inc. and its subsidiaries, including Windstream Corporation, and the term "Windstream Corp." shall refer to Windstream Corporation and its subsidiaries.

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Item 1. Financial Statements

WINDSTREAM HOLDINGS, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (UNAUDITED)

| Three Months Ended June 30, | | Six Months Ended | |
|-----------------------------|---|--|--|
| | | June 30, | |
| 2014 | 2013 | 2014 | 2013 |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| \$903.8 | \$914.3 | \$1,813.8 | \$1,830.1 |
| 316.8 | 325.8 | 629.8 | 652.7 |
| 141.0 | 150.7 | 282.7 | 302.6 |
| 56.1 | 54.6 | 111.1 | 111.3 |
| 1,417.7 | 1,445.4 | 2,837.4 | 2,896.7 |
| 48.3 | 56.3 | 93.5 | 101.5 |
| 1,466.0 | 1,501.7 | 2,930.9 | 2,998.2 |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| 652.3 | 646.6 | 1,296.9 | 1,287.8 |
| | | | |
| 40.0 | 49.4 | 81.1 | 92.0 |
| 250.6 | 237.0 | 502.8 | 474.5 |
| 344.0 | 332.2 | 682.9 | 661.5 |
| 8.1 | 6.9 | 16.0 | 12.0 |
| 3.8 | 2.6 | 16.2 | 7.5 |
| 1,298.8 | 1,274.7 | 2,595.9 | 2,535.3 |
| 167.2 | | | |
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