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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

IN THE MATTER OF THE
APPLICATION OF UINTAH BASIC DOCKET NO. 04-053-03
TELECOMMUNICATIONS
ASSOCIATION, INC. AND UBET
TELECOM, INC.

**MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME WITHIN WHICH TO FILE TESTIMONY AND
MOTION FOR RESCHEDULING OF HEARING**

Under the provisions of the Utah Code Title 54, Chapter 7, and the provisions of the Public Service Commission Administrative Rules, Rule R746-100-10, the Utah Committee of Consumer Services (Committee) respectfully requests that if necessary as explained below, the Public Service Commission of Utah (Commission) extend to November 24, 2004, the time within which the Committee may file its responsive testimony, and extend to December 3, 2004, the time within which rebuttal testimony may be filed. Further, the Committee requests that the hearing upon this Application be rescheduled to December 10, 2004. The good cause for granting these requests follows.

1. In recent weeks, the applicants Uintah Basin Telecommunications Association and UBET Telecom, the Division of Public Utilities (Division) and the Committee have engaged in good-faith discussions and negotiations of a stipulation that could jointly be submitted to the Commission, recommending the terms and conditions for an order approving the combination of these telecommunication utilities. The Committee is hopeful that ongoing negotiations will be successful and that the stipulation can be presented at the November 22, 2004 hearing, as currently scheduled.

2. Discussions up to date have, however, revealed some differences that must be discussed internally in an effort to continue negotiations. If these issues prove to be barriers to a stipulation, then the Committee and

possibly the Division will be unable to prepare testimony upon those issues that remain in dispute as well as delineate those issues that have been resolved.

3. In addition, the applicants responded to the Committee and Division's most recent proposal only late this morning. The applicants' response is also conditional as their counsel has not reviewed nor approved it.

4. Accordingly, in the event that the parties' negotiations do not culminate in a stipulation that resolves all currently disputed issues, the Committee requests additional time as stated above, within which it can prepare testimony.

Dated this 3rd day of November 2004.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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