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P R O C E E D I N G S

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3 JUDGE GOODWILL: Let's go on the record.
4 This is the public witness hearing in the Matter of
5 the Request of Manti Telephone Company to Obtain
6 county-wide EAS for Sanpete County, Public Service
7 Commission Docket Number 05-046-01.

8 I am Steve Goodwill, the Administrative
9 Law Judge for the Public Service Commission, and I
10 have been assigned by the Commission to hear this
11 matter.

12 The proceedings this evening are being
13 transcribed verbatim by our court reporter that we've
14 brought along with us.

15 Let me just go through the purpose of this
16 evening's hearing as the Commission laid it out in
17 its notice.

18 The Notice of Public Hearing was issued by
19 the Commission on July 31st, 2006 with the stated
20 purpose as follows:

21 "On April 5, 2005, Manti Telephone Company
22 filed a letter with the Commission requesting the
23 Commission undertake the polling of Sanpete County
24 residents to determine if their residents desire
25 county-wide EAS that would enable telephone
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1 subscribers in Sanpete County to make toll-free calls
2 from anywhere in Sanpete County to any other location
3 in the county. The Utah Division of Public Utilities
4 has, pursuant to Commission Rules, conducted a survey
5 of the residential telephone subscribers in Sanpete
6 County and, as a result, has recommended the
7 Commission establish the requested EAS service."

8 With us here this evening is a
9 representative from the Division of Public Utilities,
10 Mr. Casey Coleman. He's down in front. And also are
11 representatives from the various affected telephone
12 companies.

13 I will ask Mr. Stan Stoll to go ahead and
14 make his appearance and make any introductions he
15 would like to at this time.

16 MR. STOLL: Thank you, your Honor.

17 I am Stan Stoll, of the law firm of
18 Blackburn & Stoll. I represent Manti Telephone
19 Company, Gunnison Telephone Company, Central Utah
20 Telephone Company, Inc., and Skyline Telecom.

21 With us here this evening are Mr. Paul
22 Cox, President of Manti Telephone Company.

23 Mr. Pete Sanders, President of Gunnison
24 Telephone Company. Mr. Jim Sanders, also of Gunnison
25 Telephone Company.

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1 Mr. Eddie Cox, Vice President of Central
2 Utah Telephone and Skyline Telecom. Mr. Spencer Cox,
3 Vice President and General Counsel for the two
4 companies.

5 They will be available to answer any
6 questions that you might have.

7 Your Honor, at this time I would like to
8 submit to you the Certificates of Mailing and
9 Affidavits of Publication of the Notice of Public
10 Hearing that were provided to the residential and
11 business subscribers in the county.

12 JUDGE GOODWILL: Thank you.

13 Before we went on the record, I had kind
14 of laid out for everyone the basic process that we
15 would follow this evening. I'll go ahead and do that
16 again.

17 I want to make sure that everyone is heard
18 tonight who would like to be heard in this public
19 forum regarding the issue of establishing EAS for
20 Sanpete County.

21 I've got a list here of folks who have
22 signed up indicating they would like to speak. Once
23 we go through that list this evening, I'll also open
24 it up to the floor for anyone else who has maybe
25 arrived late or who has decided during the meeting

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1 they would also like to speak.

2 If you do speak, you can provide a
3 statement either in a sworn or an unsworn fashion.

4 If you would like to provide a sworn
5 statement, I'll ask you to raise your right hand and
6 I'll swear you in. Your statement then becomes sworn
7 testimony that the Commission can use as evidence in
8 making its decision on whether or not to establish
9 the county-wide EAS for Sanpete County.

10 If you would like to provide an unsworn
11 statement, the Commission will still consider your
12 statement, but it will be in a more general fashion
13 so as to gauge the general state of public opinion on
14 this issue as opposed to using any of the specific
15 facts that you give in your statement as actual
16 evidence.

17 So that's really the difference between
18 sworn and unsworn statements. It's really totally up
19 to you how you would prefer to provide your
20 statement.

21 With that, I think we can go ahead and get
22 started this evening. When I call your name, if you
23 would please stand and state your full name and
24 address for the record. And then you're welcome to
25 either come up to the microphone or stay where you're
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1 at.

2 If the court reporter has any problems
3 hearing you, maybe we can move the microphone to you
4 or ask you to come on up to the microphone. We just
5 want to make sure what you say gets properly
6 transcribed so that there is a record of that.

7 With that, the first person on the list --
8 forgive me if I mispronounce or misread some of your
9 names -- the first person, I believe, is Lu Ann
10 Peterson.

11 Ms. Peterson, would you like to be sworn
12 or unsworn?

13 MS. PETERSON: Unsworn.

14 JUDGE GOODWILL: Okay. If you would just
15 state your name and address and then go ahead and
16 make your statement.

17 MS. PETERSON: Lu Ann Peterson.
18 Centerville, Utah.

19 I'm very much concerned about the cost. I
20 know that \$3.00 or \$4.00 isn't very much per month,
21 but when we consider gas, the price it is, groceries,
22 the price it is, everything going up, those of us who
23 are on a fixed income, Social Security, every \$3.00
24 or \$4.00 really counts.

25 I don't make any calls up to the county.

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1 And if I did, I would be willing to pay my local
2 company 14 cents a minute.

3 And I'm not sure who was contacted to say
4 that the majority that was called voted on this. I
5 also wondered, is it possible to have another -- put
6 it on the ballot and let all of the citizens vote,
7 not just those who were called?

8 But my concern is those of us who are on
9 fixed incomes. And every \$3.00 or \$4.00 does hurt.
10 And I'm very much concerned about that.

11 Thank you.

12 JUDGE GOODWILL: Thank you, ma'am.

13 Next is Jackie Peterson, or Jack.

14 Am I reading that correctly?

15 MR. PETERSON: It's Jack. Jack Peterson.
16 Centerville, Utah.

17 JUDGE GOODWILL: Would you like to be
18 sworn or unsworn, sir?

19 MR. PETERSON: Unsworn.

20 JUDGE GOODWILL: Okay.

21 MR. PETERSON: My biggest concern here is
22 that of the public's interest of the majority of the
23 people. Now a lot of the people, the only reason
24 they have a LAN line is for their communications with
25 the city. They all have -- basically, everybody's
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1 got cell phones.

2 Now, a lot that I have talked to -- and
3 not firstly, because I have heard -- will drop their
4 LAN lines. Now that's going to hurt your phone
5 companies. And they'll go strictly cell phones.

6 I've got two grandsons that all they have
7 is cell phones. No LAN lines.

8 And I understand the convenience of being
9 able to call anybody in the county. We don't call up
10 to the county.

11 We are living on a fixed income. And it
12 does hurt. And there is a lot of people that's in
13 the very same fix.

14 Now, my question is, why are we trying to
15 have -- I'm tired of the government -- government and
16 governments -- shoving things down my throat from
17 time to time. I have spent my time in the service
18 for us to be free, and to shove something down me, I
19 am losing my free agency to do and be as I would like
20 to be. And I feel that this is wrong to try and put
21 in that system. And I don't believe it's right.

22 JUDGE GOODWILL: All right. Thank you,
23 sir.

24 The next individual is Hansen. I'm sorry.
25 I can't make out the first name?

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1 MR. HANSEN: Afton, A-F-T-O-N.

2 JUDGE GOODWILL: Thank you.

3 Would you like to provide a sworn or
4 unsworn statement?

5 MR. HANSEN: I don't swear.

6 JUDGE GOODWILL: Okay. Go ahead.

7 MR. HANSEN: The first question I have is
8 as to the projected cost released in the local papers
9 to begin with. I believe they showed the increase in
10 Gunnison Valley would be greater than any of the
11 others. That was prior to the survey that was made,
12 the telephone survey. Since that time, some other
13 figures were published and in this case, I believe
14 Gunnison was almost the lowest. Yet it hasn't
15 changed the amount. I don't know why there is a
16 difference.

17 I have two things that are on my mind when
18 we consider this system. One of them is convenience
19 and the other one is cost.

20 Now, as far as convenience is concerned,
21 if I want to call someone else in the Gunnison area,
22 I'm willing to punch four more numbers for the cost
23 it's going to cost me to initiate the other service.
24 The other service, in my particular case, will cost
25 me about \$40 a year more than I spend right now for
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1 calling in Sanpete County.

2 This is a user type of a thing and users
3 ought to pay for it. I can see where businesses,
4 doing an awful lot of long distance calling within
5 the county, are going to save some money, but they
6 shouldn't expect those of us who do not do that to do
7 it. What is it, \$3.59? \$3.50? I don't spend that
8 much money in a whole year on long distance calls
9 within Sanpete. And you multiply that by 12 and I
10 just -- I'm willing to punch in those four numbers
11 and pay for my call.

12 So I oppose it.

13 MR. KENT SANDERS: Can I ask a question
14 from the back?

15 JUDGE GOODWILL: One moment, please.

16 If you'd please stand up and make sure the
17 court reporter can hear you.

18 MR. KENT SANDERS: The earlier rates that
19 were in the paper, I was wondering what paper they
20 were in?

21 MR. HANSEN: The Gunnison Register.

22 MR. KENT SANDERS: From our office, it's
23 always been the same.

24 MR. HANSEN: Well, yours has been the
25 same, but this last one came and the other parts of

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1 the county were higher.

2 JUDGE GOODWILL: Sir, if you'd just
3 identify yourself for the record?

4 MR. KENT SANDERS: Kent Sanders.

5 I just wanted to know which information
6 coming from Gunnison was incorrect. That's why I
7 asked that question of you.

8 The stuff that was coming from our office
9 will always be the same.

10 I was just wondering -- hoping it didn't
11 come from our office.

12 MR. HANSEN: It did not.

13 MR. SPENCER COX: Spencer Cox, Central
14 Utah Telephone.

15 I just want to explain the discrepancy
16 that you saw in the papers.

17 Both versions were correct. The
18 difference was Gunnison Telephone right now does not
19 have an EAS charge. Manti, Ephraim and the north end
20 of the county already have a charge on there for a
21 local calling area. For example, Manti can already
22 call Ephraim, Fairview can already call Moroni. So
23 what you saw the first time is what the increase was
24 going to be in every area. So that's why Gunnison
25 was the highest. It showed a higher increase.

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1 The second one you saw is the total EAS
2 charge, because Manti, Ephraim, Fairview, Mount
3 Pleasant, those cities already have a charge, the
4 added charge showed it being higher.

5 So overall, Gunnison will still be the
6 lowest. But when you talk about an increase from
7 what's happening now, then that's where the
8 difference came in.

9 JUDGE GOODWILL: I would ask as we go
10 through, please, if we could have just one person
11 speak at a time to make sure that the court reporter
12 accurately gets what everybody is saying.

13 The next person who has indicated they'd
14 like to speak is Gary Thayer.

15 Is that correct?

16 MR. THAYER: I'll be honest with you
17 people -- and I'm on a fixed income, also. And --

18 JUDGE GOODWILL: Sir, we can't hear you.
19 I'm sorry to interrupt, but we want to make sure the
20 court reporter can hear you. Would you mind coming
21 down to the microphone?

22 I take it you'd like to provide an unsworn
23 statement, sir?

24 MR. THAYER: Yes.

25 My name is Gary M. Thayer. I live in
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1 Gunnison, Utah.

2 I'm on a fixed income, also. And I'm like
3 this other gentleman, I do not want people shoving
4 stuff down my throat that I don't want.

5 First off is, this deal here, \$3.59 isn't
6 a lot of money to a lot of people. Thing is, I call
7 Manti twice a year and talk about 35 seconds each
8 time. I call when I need my truck serviced and I
9 call my -- call him when I need my car serviced.
10 How's this going to benefit me?

11 And another thing is, if they do pass
12 this, I will drop my LAN phone and go back to my
13 cellular phone. Because I'm not going to be forced
14 into something I don't need and don't want.

15 And that's basically all I got to say to
16 you.

17 JUDGE GOODWILL: Thank you, sir.

18 After Mr. Thayer, I think it would be
19 better if folks will come on up to the microphone, or
20 I can try to bring it to you. But I think it is a
21 lot easier for everybody to hear that way.

22 Next is Ken Brown.

23 Sir, would you like to be sworn or
24 unsworn?

25 MR. BROWN: I don't swear either.

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1 JUDGE GOODWILL: Okay. Please just state
2 your name and then make your statement.

3 MR. BROWN: My name is Ken Brown, of
4 Fountain Green.

5 And I was one of those few people who got
6 called by the Commission and solicited for my opinion
7 over the telephone. Having said that, I haven't a
8 clue how the majority voted against me.

9 I, too, like everyone else here, is
10 concerned about the increased cost and the actual
11 need for this service. The difference between "a
12 need" and "a want" is tremendous sometimes.

13 From Fountain Green I can call Moroni, I
14 can call Fairview, but I can't call Ephraim. I
15 belong to a prepaid program on my LAN phone as it is.
16 And I can call my son in Alaska for three cents a
17 minute. And I can't call Ephraim to find out if IFA
18 has something in stock.

19 I had spoken to the good people in
20 Fairview about their legal position on charging basic
21 EAS service in an attempt to opt out of that option.
22 My understanding from the people in Salt Lake, and I
23 don't know which one of the Commissioners or who it
24 was exactly, but they had given the phone companies a
25 statement that says that they "may charge this

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1 amount." The gentleman from Gunnison indicates their
2 company has opted thus far not to do it.

3 So it is therefore my understanding that
4 this is not a mandatory requirement to the phone
5 companies, but, in my estimation, one more way to
6 increase their income, especially from those of us
7 who thus far have spoken live on a fixed income and
8 don't really have a need for this increased area
9 coverage.

10 I, again, voice my opposition to this.
11 And in the alternative to being mandated, to have the
12 option to opt out of this program altogether.

13 Thank you very much.

14 JUDGE GOODWILL: Thank you, sir.

15 Before we move on to the next speaker, I
16 did want to note for the record that the Commission
17 had received two letters or e-mails from individuals.
18 One L.D. Smith, from Mount Pleasant, voicing an
19 objection to the proposed EAS, and another from Helen
20 Swensen, of Fairview, voicing support for the EAS.

21 I just wanted everyone to be aware that
22 the Commission has received those and they are a
23 matter of the record.

24 The next speaker we have listed is Steven
25 Clark.

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1 Sir, sworn or unsworn?

2 MR. CLARK: I'll swear.

3 JUDGE GOODWILL: If you'll please raise
4 your right hand.

5 STEVEN CLARK,
6 called as a witness, being first duly sworn,
7 was examined and testified as follows:

8 JUDGE GOODWILL: Thank you, sir.

9 State your name and then go ahead and make
10 your statement.

11 MR. CLARK: My name is Steven Clark. I'm
12 from Chester, Utah.

13 I could not possibly speak more in favor
14 of this from a couple of different aspects.

15 One of them is the fact that we have
16 places in our county here, in fact Manti is one of
17 them, where if people want to call a hospital, going
18 either north or south, they have to make a long
19 distance telephone call in order to do that. I can't
20 tell you how many times someone like me, who lives in
21 Chester, a fairly isolated area, needs to make a
22 telephone call out into an area that is a long
23 distance call. For example, Manti and Ephraim are
24 within the same calling area right now. My little
25 community of Chester is closer to Ephraim than Manti

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1 is. It's long distance for me to call Ephraim.

2 I call fairly frequently to the county
3 offices in Manti. It's always a long distance call.

4 A second public aspect of why I am so much
5 in favor of this is that I sit on the Sanpete County
6 Economic Development Advisory Board. And I can tell
7 you that as businesses look to coming to Manti, one
8 of the very first questions that they ask is: What's
9 it like to get telephone and communication services
10 here? And we have had businesses who have turned
11 Sanpete County down as a location simply because of
12 the expense that they'll have in not being able to
13 make wider area telephone calls.

14 We have great communication infrastructure
15 in this county, but within the county itself our
16 ability to call is quite limited.

17 We desperately need to be able to widen
18 our calling area in order to be able to attract
19 businesses that are going to bring jobs that will
20 help us hold our kids in this county instead of
21 shipping the kids off to the Wasatch Front.

22 Another aspect that will be greatly aided
23 by this is that I'm fairly active in my political
24 party. And we have a large county. And when we make
25 political calls, sometimes I have to call all the way

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1 to Centerville or Axtell. Some of those areas, if I
2 call from Chester to Axtell, I actually cross two
3 long distance telephone call boundaries. And I think
4 that it will facilitate a great deal in terms of
5 public political activity, being able to contact the
6 whole county without having a cost involved.

7 It just would not be possible for me to
8 speak more firmly in favor of this proposal to expand
9 the calling area for our county.

10 Thank you.

11 JUDGE GOODWILL: Thank you, sir.

12 Next is Kevin Christensen.

13 Sworn or unsworn, sir?

14 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Unsworn.

15 JUDGE GOODWILL: Okay.

16 MR. CHRISTENSEN: I would like to tell my
17 support for the extended area service. I think that
18 in the past there have been lots of divide in the
19 county. There has always been north of the county,
20 there's always been central and there's always been
21 Gunnison Valley. Part of that, I think, is the fact
22 that we're kind of in separate communities, even
23 though we're in the same county. We never come
24 together as communities.

25 And I know there are a lot of people who
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1 simply won't call from Ephraim to Moroni because it's
2 long distance. And I think from an economic
3 standpoint, there is a lot of people that -- if they
4 could call down to the next town and maybe to a
5 business and find out if a business has a particular
6 item and how much it costs, that they would do that.
7 Instead of perhaps waiting till they go to Provo the
8 next time.

9 So I'm very much in support of the EAS. I
10 think it -- as most of you probably know, most of the
11 counties along the Wasatch Front, even Sevier County,
12 already have this and have had it for a long time.
13 Decades perhaps. And I think it's time that we take
14 the next step and have a county-wide calling area
15 where we all can speak to everybody and so forth.

16 Thank you.

17 JUDGE GOODWILL: Joe Terkelson.

18 Sir, sworn or unsworn?

19 MR. TERKELSON: Unsworn.

20 I must apologize. I didn't know that you
21 had run this survey already and it's all cut and dry.

22 But I travel extensively and we don't take
23 the newspaper or whatever. But why couldn't they
24 just impose the fee on those that want it and not the
25 ones that don't want it?

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1 Thank you for your time.

2 JUDGE GOODWILL: Thank you, sir.

3 That's all that I had on my list.

4 Do we have more folks? Thank you.

5 Dean, is it Whalling?

6 MR. HALLING: W. Halling.

7 JUDGE GOODWILL: I'm sorry, Dean Halling.

8 Would you like to be sworn or unsworn,

9 sir?

10 MR. HALLING: Sworn.

11 JUDGE GOODWILL: Okay. Please raise your
12 right hand.

13 DEAN W. HALLING,

14 called as a witness, being first duly sworn,

15 was examined and testified as follows:

16 JUDGE GOODWILL: Thank you.

17 Go ahead, sir.

18 MR. HALLING: I would like to go on record

19 as opposing the EAS on the basis of economics. I've

20 lived in the county for 26 years. I do shop in

21 different areas of the county. But in that time, I

22 can't think of a single month that I've spent \$4.00

23 on long distance phone calls within the county. And

24 so on that basis, I think when you multiply it, the

25 math really does work against the economics in the

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1 county.

2 So on the basis of the cost, I do oppose
3 the EAS.

4 JUDGE GOODWILL: Thank you, sir.

5 Cliff Burrell.

6 Would you like to provide a sworn or
7 unsworn statement, sir?

8 MR. BURRELL: Sworn, please.

9 JUDGE GOODWILL: Please raise your right
10 hand.

11 CLIFF BURRELL,

12 called as a witness, being first duly sworn,

13 was examined and testified as follows:

14 JUDGE GOODWILL: All right, sir.

15 MR. BURRELL: I would like to indicate
16 that I understand that there are some of our senior
17 citizens here this evening that \$3.00 or \$4.00 does
18 make a difference. However, as Mayor of Ephraim, I
19 can only indicate that in the -- oh, I guess it was
20 about 1998, we worked with the Commission and with
21 Qwest -- I believe that was the name of it at that
22 time -- and we established an EAS district between
23 Mount Pleasant and Ephraim. And we had -- I was on
24 the City Council at the time. We did have a number
25 of concerns about the cost. We understand that. And

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1 we understand that government sometimes puts us in
2 positions that we may not be in favor of.

3 However, it has been such a positive
4 thing, program, that we have in our area, that we are
5 able to call back and forth with Mount Pleasant,
6 Spring City. I just wish I could have gotten the
7 rest of the counties online at the same time as we
8 did with the original one because it's been a
9 wonderful advancement to everyone in the community.
10 You may not think of it as something that will be
11 useful, that will cost you \$3.00 to \$4.00 and that
12 you won't use it, but we have found the volume of
13 calls have gone up. That you can make more friends
14 now. You can call people outside the community.

15 We have seen the toll-free calling --
16 which isn't really toll-free -- but we have seen it
17 be a tremendous economic boon to our community and
18 has made it very, very -- you know, I don't know how
19 they do it, but the communities seem to come
20 together. We have a closer relationship now. I know
21 some of you may disagree with me, but that's what
22 I've seen.

23 Now, I'm in the business community, so I
24 see some of this in a little different light. But as
25 the Mayor, I also see where it's helped us a great
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1 deal.

2 So I'm very much in favor of this extended
3 area and have looked forward to this opportunity
4 since Mark and I served on that Commission, or on
5 that council back in the '90s. So I would hope that
6 we would be able to go forth with this.

7 Thank you.

8 JUDGE GOODWILL: Thank you, sir.

9 And I'm sorry if I can't read this
10 correctly. Rae Lou Olsen?

11 Would you like to provide a sworn or
12 unsworn statement?

13 MS. OLSEN: Unsworn.

14 JUDGE GOODWILL: Okay.

15 MS. OLSEN: I will just make a very short
16 statement.

17 I'm Rae Lou Olsen, from Mayfield, Utah.
18 And I am not in favor of this service. And everyone
19 I've talked with in Mayfield does not need it either.
20 We just don't make enough calls in the northern part
21 of the valley that would make it -- that we would
22 want it.

23 We would rather not have it.

24 JUDGE GOODWILL: Thank you, ma'am.

25 Monte Bona.

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1 Sir, would you like to provide a sworn or
2 unsworn statement?

3 MR. BONA: Sworn, please.

4 MONTE BONA,
5 called as a witness, being first duly sworn,
6 was examined and testified as follows:

7 JUDGE GOODWILL: Thank you.

8 MR. BONA: Monte Bona, Mount Pleasant,
9 Utah.

10 I'm a member of the Mount Pleasant City
11 Council. I split my time between Salt Lake and Mount
12 Pleasant, so I have both an urban and rural
13 perspective. I would like to speak in support of
14 expanded service.

15 And I do so looking toward the future. I
16 think it's progressive. It's good for the economy.
17 It's good to unite the county. I'm very much in
18 favor of it.

19 Thank you.

20 JUDGE GOODWILL: Thank you, sir.

21 Natasha Madsen.

22 Ma'am, would you like to provide a sworn
23 or unsworn statement?

24 MS. MADSEN: Sworn is fine.

25 JUDGE GOODWILL: Raise your right hand.

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1 NATASHA MADSEN,
2 called as a witness, being first duly sworn,
3 was examined and testified as follows:

4 MS. MADSEN: I really didn't plan on
5 saying anything tonight. I was just slipping away
6 from a volleyball game. But I do feel like I need to
7 respond.

8 And I agree with many things that have
9 been said. I think what Cliff said about the cost of
10 living and, yes, I am on a fixed income, too, and I
11 understand these few dollars here and few dollars
12 there make a difference. But as the Mayor of Manti,
13 I must look at things in a little different manner.
14 And not necessarily what is best for me, but what is
15 best for the community.

16 And Jack, you mentioned at this time that
17 it is not useful to you to have -- to be able to call
18 Manti. But think of the time when you ran your
19 business in Gunnison and how nice to be able to -- if
20 it would have been possible at that time -- to be
21 able to talk to people in Ephraim or Manti, "Hey, do
22 you have this part? Hey, what's the cost on this
23 job?" Those are the kinds of things that we want to
24 help our communities grow towards.

25 This is the time in Sanpete County when we
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1 need to become more unified. And I realize that a
2 few dollars here and a few dollars there make a
3 difference, but sometimes we have to think what is
4 best for the community and the county, and not
5 necessarily what is best for me.

6 And just one comment on this survey that
7 was done.

8 My understanding is it was random
9 selection, those people that were called. And if
10 that is true, those people that were called are very
11 representative with those answers for the county as a
12 whole. Random selection with a 5, 10, 15, 20 percent
13 calling group is a very, very accurate representation
14 of the fact that most of the people did prefer that
15 we have a change.

16 Those folks that live in Gunnison, well,
17 you've got the hospital down there. Those people in
18 Manti, the citizens say to me, "Oh, how nice it would
19 be if I could just call the hospital and find out
20 what my tests were with the doctor." And get that
21 information.

22 I, too, have a cell phone and I use it for
23 my long distance. And this isn't going to benefit me
24 particularly in any way. But I know as I stand here
25 it will benefit the citizens of Sanpete County,

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1 perhaps not individually, but collectively.

2 Thank you.

3 JUDGE GOODWILL: Thank you, ma'am.

4 Mr. Coleman, from the Division of Public
5 Utilities is signaling me that he'd like to say
6 something about the survey, I believe.

7 MR. COLEMAN: Hello, everyone. It's nice
8 to be here tonight. I think. Hopefully you don't
9 have any tomatoes that you're going to throw at me.

10 I'm kind of here because I was the one who
11 was in charge of conducting the survey, and I know
12 there were some questions about that. And so I would
13 like to explain what the process was, what it means.

14 I'm more than willing to answer questions
15 as well, if you have questions about it. And I can
16 also explain a little bit where there was -- a
17 gentleman that talked about EAS being optional. I
18 can try to explain the reason why, from a technology
19 standpoint, it's just not feasible for optional EAS.
20 And so there are certain things that we would
21 hopefully like to clarify.

22 To preface this, I'm not for or against
23 EAS. I'm just here doing what I was asked to do. So
24 if it happens in Sanpete County or it doesn't, this
25 may seem blunt, but I don't really care one way or

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1 the other because I don't -- it's not going to affect
2 me day to day. So I am not being swayed one way or
3 the other.

4 But the way that we did the survey, what
5 we did was we asked all the phone companies basically
6 to provide all the customers that they had, their
7 whole phone lists. So it would be numbers for both
8 listed and unlisted individuals. From that list we
9 would basically look and say, okay, Manti had about
10 4,000 customers. That means we need to contact
11 approximately -- I can't remember the numbers
12 offhand, I didn't bring them -- but about 300 people
13 we need to contact in Manti to be able to see for
14 sure if they are in agreement or not in agreement of
15 it.

16 So what we did is we just took that whole
17 list of names, we assigned a number, 1 through 4,000,
18 and we said we're going to pick out whoever is 1
19 through 500 or 600, whatever we need. We picked
20 those names of people and it was completely random.
21 The computer threw them into a box, printed out a
22 number and those were the people that got put on that
23 list.

24 Our division basically just spent time
25 calling, day, evening, whenever, trying to get ahold
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1 of these people to see if they were interested in it
2 at all.

3 And the questions that were published were
4 basically the ones we asked. It was real simple.
5 "Have you heard that there is EAS going to happen in
6 Sanpete County and are you in favor of it or not?"
7 And that's all we did. We took the "yes" and the
8 "no" answer. And from that -- I think you've
9 probably seen it in the information that was put out
10 there -- the results for each of the different areas
11 were basically those people that were in favor of it.

12 And there were people we talked to that
13 were very strongly opposed to it as well. There were
14 some that were very strongly for it or against it.

15 But, ultimately, what was done is that it
16 was randomly selected. We didn't know who we were
17 selecting.

18 We tried to do everything we could to
19 contact those people. We even left voicemail
20 messages, "Hey, if you're interested in this topic
21 and you'd like to vote, feel free to give us a call
22 back and we'll be more than happy to take your vote."
23 We did everything we could to make sure that people
24 who wanted to respond, you know, as long as they were
25 on our list, were contacted.

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1 One thing that I think is important to
2 note is if it was a business that somehow got on the
3 list -- it wasn't supposed to be there -- we didn't
4 include that information or count them in the sample
5 because, by rule, it has to be residential customers.
6 I mean, as was stated here, basically every business
7 will probably want it because obviously they're
8 making more long distance calls. So that wasn't even
9 allowed to be put into the sample to be considered.
10 If it was a business, we just crossed it off and said
11 it was a business and kept going until we had enough
12 people to do that as well.

13 MR. HALLING: Was the cost of the service
14 a part of the survey?

15 MR. COLEMAN: Yes. We said specifically
16 -- well, what the question was -- and we even did
17 overkill. And what I mean by "overkill" is our first
18 question was: "If it was economically feasible,
19 would you be interested in a county-wide EAS?"

20 Now, I'm a government employee, so if
21 someone told me "no," I would still ask the next
22 question, even though I knew that they weren't in
23 favor of it.

24 And the next question is where we'd
25 specifically say, for example, in Gunnison, we'd ask

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1 the question: "Would you be willing to pay \$3.59 for
2 the opportunity to have county-wide EAS and stuff
3 like that for this service?" So we specifically said
4 what the cost was in each of the different areas.

5 For the other areas, say like for Central
6 Utah areas where there may be a change in the price,
7 where they're going from \$4.16 -- sorry, this is
8 probably Manti. I did so many calls and sometimes
9 numbers get cloudy in my head. Actually, I have that
10 here. Yes.

11 So, for example, like with Manti, we said
12 the rate was going to \$4.16 and we asked individuals:
13 "Would you be willing to pay \$2.00 more a month for
14 the ability to call throughout the whole county?"

15 So we weren't trying to hide the fact that
16 it was with that.

17 And if I can take a moment just to
18 explain. The reason the cost is there -- the phone
19 companies basically are not going to be making any
20 more or any less money with this service in place.
21 Basically to them, it's revenue neutral.

22 The reason why the cost is there is
23 because -- and we've done this as a Division in other
24 places we have EAS, and what we've always seen is a
25 blank those calls are now free and you're not paying
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1 14 cents to be able to call the hospital or wherever
2 else. The amount of calls increases usually by a
3 factor of eight. Which means, if you were only
4 calling once, you're going to call eight times now or
5 nine times now.

6 And so the reason that that cost was there
7 is just to cover the amount of extra phone calls,
8 because the companies have to put in those facilities
9 to be able to handle those phone calls. And so
10 that's why that cost is there. It's not to make more
11 or less for the phone companies. But it's just
12 because people in the community have said this is
13 something that we would like and the phone companies
14 have to be able to provide that service if that's
15 what they've said, which, with the customer survey
16 and the way we did it, that was the basic premise.
17 And so that cost is there to cover those facilities
18 and make it possible so that you are able to make a
19 phone call.

20 Now, one other point with that. As far as
21 optional EAS -- and I don't remember your name, but
22 you talked about how Gunnison sounded like it was
23 optional, but Manti wasn't optional. I want to
24 clarify that a little bit.

25 There is not anything that's really
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1 considered an optional EAS. And the reason why is
2 because Gunnison has never had the ability to call
3 from anything other than their local phone area. And
4 so that's why there has never been a charge for that.

5 MR. SANDERS: I was going to say, Casey,
6 in parts of the five communities we serve, we don't
7 charge anything. It's all included.

8 MR. COLEMAN: Thanks for the
9 clarification. Within Gunnison Telephone Company.

10 So you can call from those five
11 communities and that's where they've set it up.
12 That's considered a local call. So you don't have to
13 pay long distance for that. But if anybody outside
14 of Gunnison wanted to call from Manti, that was
15 always a long distance call for them.

16 So it wasn't ever optional for the
17 individuals to do that. But for the people that are
18 in Manti, every phone customer in Manti, even if they
19 wanted the service or not, basically has to pay that
20 \$2.16 to be able to call from Manti to Ephraim or
21 wherever that call is at. So there may be people in
22 Manti that say, "You know what, I hate this \$2.16.
23 It's the worst thing in the world. I never call
24 anybody." But the way that the rule is established
25 and the way that it's set up is it's not possible to

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1 have it be optional. Because there is a cost
2 involved with that and they decided to have everybody
3 pay for that.

4 MR. BROWN: Excuse me. You did say there
5 were technical reasons that optional EAS is not an
6 option. And I would like to know specifically what
7 are those technical reasons why I have to pay for a
8 service that I'm not getting?

9 And in my case, it's not \$2.00 or \$3.00,
10 it's \$5.00 every month -- correct me -- it's
11 scheduled to go to \$6.95. That's \$7.00 when I went
12 to school. And \$7.00 on a fixed income is a lot.

13 JUDGE GOODWILL: Sir, would you please
14 just give us your name for the court reporter.

15 MR. BROWN: Hasn't changed from the last
16 time. It's still Ken Brown.

17 JUDGE GOODWILL: Thank you, sir.

18 MR. COLEMAN: The reason why it's not
19 optional -- and I am not an engineer, so I am giving
20 you my understanding. But I'll try to explain the
21 way that it works.

22 The phone system, basically there is a
23 switch, which is some computer, that basically says,
24 okay, this phone call needs to be routed from -- this
25 phone number -- basically it's from one computer to

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1 the next. And so there is a switch. You dial that
2 number and it says, okay, I know that I need to take
3 this and take it locally to this other phone here.
4 So it's staying within the switch.

5 But when you dial a "1" or you dial
6 "1-4-3-5," whatever, that's basically telling that
7 computer that this is now a long distance phone call.
8 And the way that the government and -- sorry, not the
9 government, the FCC and the bodies that regulate this
10 have set up a different way that they charge for that
11 long distance phone call. So that 1-4-3-5 is what
12 tells that switch that it's now a long distance phone
13 call versus a local phone call.

14 And from my understanding -- again, I'm
15 not an engineer, but from talking to the people who
16 are -- it's not feasible or possible for that switch
17 to switch to say, okay, now this number -- what would
18 happen is you would just dial all those numbers and
19 it would just not keep track of it. Where now you
20 are basically keeping track of all the numbers.

21 If you call a toll number, it'll say you
22 were on that phone for ten minutes. If this is in
23 place, like, myself, I live up closer to Salt Lake
24 City, we have EAS, I can call my mother who lives
25 four cities away. The phone company doesn't track

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1 how long I'm on that phone call because they don't
2 care because it just stays on the local network.

3 And so that's part of the technical
4 reasons as far as why that's happening.

5 MR. BROWN: I really don't mean to belabor
6 the point, but I find it almost ridiculous that we
7 can talk to men walking around on the moon and we
8 can't have a computer that would shut off my switch
9 so that I don't have to get charged for some service
10 that I'm not getting.

11 In this case, it's going to be \$7.00 a
12 month.

13 MR. COLEMAN: Which is true, but it works
14 both ways.

15 And what I mean by that --

16 MR. BROWN: I hear what you're saying,
17 sir, but I'm having a difficult job following your
18 rational, to be very honest with you.

19 MR. COLEMAN: Okay. If someone is working
20 at a hospital that's in Gunnison and they call you,
21 is that a long distance call or a local call?

22 MR. BROWN: It would be long distance.

23 MR. COLEMAN: For that person. But what
24 would happen is if that person, if there is
25 county-wide EAS, that would then be a local call.

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1 But if you're off the switch, then that switch has to
2 recognize that you're a long distance call.

3 MR. BROWN: My point is that there are
4 other options available other than this EAS system.

5 MR. COLEMAN: Sure.

6 MR. BROWN: As I indicated, I can dial --
7 Ephraim's long distance from me, but I can call them
8 for three cents a minute, not 15 cents a minute, or
9 \$7.00 a month. Same as I can call Alaska for three
10 cents a minute. So I don't see that this is such a
11 technological problem we can't resolve or that
12 somebody can't resolve. Because I'll spend enough
13 time to figure out how to do it.

14 There are other options.

15 But I don't see why, since I never, ever,
16 ever use this EAS system, why I have to continue to
17 be charged what will amount to be \$6.95 a month if
18 this is approved. I'd like to have the option to get
19 out of it altogether.

20 MR. COLEMAN: Sure.

21 MR. BROWN: Or pay for it as you need it.

22 MR. COLEMAN: I understand what you're
23 saying, but what happens is we live in a democracy
24 and so sometimes if there is a larger body of people
25 that want something versus a smaller body of people

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2 MR. BROWN: The right of eminent domain
3 then?

4 MR. COLEMAN: No. I'm not saying it's
5 eminent domain. But what I'm saying is the way that
6 it's set up, the technology, and the way that it has
7 to happen, because you're spreading that cost over
8 overall customers, the cost should be able to allow
9 that.

10 And we've not talked with these local
11 phone companies. We've talked with Qwest and other
12 people where we've had this come up. And what they
13 said is the software, the amount of hours, all these
14 things would need to be included in that as far as
15 the cost to make that possible would make it to where
16 you're paying \$30, \$40 for that individual to have
17 that option to do it as well.

18 And so that's part of why the customer
19 survey is in there. The Commission and the Division
20 and everybody else, we're not saying that we want to
21 force you to have this, but from our perspective
22 there are people who've asked for it and so we have
23 to look at it and say, "Has there been interest in
24 this and what is the level of interest?"

25 And that's where the customer survey comes

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1 in.

2 I don't disagree with you. There were
3 people in your exchange that just as strongly said,
4 "No way. We don't want that." But there were just
5 as many people, if not more, who said, "Yes. We do
6 want this service."

7 So we ultimately -- if it's going to
8 happen -- and I'm not speaking for the Commission.
9 It's not been set. I don't have the authority to do
10 that. I'm just explaining how we did the customer
11 survey and what we tried to do with that.

12 MR. BROWN: I would like to end on this
13 note.

14 I would like to express my appreciation
15 for the professional manner in which you or one of
16 your colleagues did conduct that survey.

17 MR. COLEMAN: Thank you. I doubt it
18 was -- I mean, I didn't call specifically in that
19 area. I'd love to take the accolades, but I will
20 find out who it was and give them the accolades. We
21 appreciate that.

22 And ultimately that's what we tried to do.
23 We wanted to see what the feel was from the people in
24 Sanpete County. And we understood there were going
25 to be people that were on this side of the spectrum,

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1 who would say, "No way," and other people who would
2 say, "You know, I'd throw a party tomorrow if I could
3 have it." So we're just trying to see where that
4 feel was. And that's why we did the customer survey.
5 And we also tried to do it as statistically valid and
6 as accurate as possible.

7 I can say with full confidence, we tried
8 to make sure that we did this as accurately as
9 possible. We didn't sway the questions one way or
10 the other. And I feel that what we did was as about
11 as accurate as you can get to find out what the feel
12 was in Sanpete County.

13 Now, do I think there are people who are
14 opposed to it? Sure. I know there was. I mean, I
15 spoke to them specifically. But there were also
16 people who were in favor of it.

17 So that's -- that's why -- that's all I
18 wanted to do was to help clarify that. I think it's
19 helpful for people to understand how this process
20 happened. I'm not up here because I want to be, but
21 I think it was a good bit of information, at least
22 for those who are interested about it, to relay that
23 as well.

24 And I'm sorry I took up more of your time.

25 MR. THAYER: With all this modern
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1 technology we've got, why can't you guys give it to
2 people who want it and those who don't just leave
3 theirs alone?

4 MR. COLEMAN: Sure.

5 MR. THAYER: I mean, we got all this
6 technology, why can't we use it?

7 MR. COLEMAN: The reason is just -- the
8 way the rule is established is it's something that
9 has to be if enough people are in favor of it. And
10 that's why the Commission actually set a higher
11 threshold. Initially when this was in place, it was,
12 like, 50 percent and they set a threshold that was
13 higher. So it was closer to, like, 67 percent,
14 approximately, or something like that. If there was
15 a large portion of people in favor of it -- the way
16 the rule is, it has to be spread out among all the
17 customers. Because you can't -- from a technology
18 standpoint -- a computer can't say, okay, this number
19 is "1," that I've got to track numbers to make sure
20 that it's a whole number. This number is "1," okay,
21 they can talk as much as they want to. This number
22 I've got to track because the amount of -- the
23 computer equipment, software that you put in there,
24 would make it to where it's so expensive that it
25 wouldn't -- you wouldn't be able to afford for anyone
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1 to do that because you're adding additional costs on
2 top of that just to make it so that it's something
3 that's optional.

4 I'm sorry I don't have a better answer
5 than that.

6 JUDGE GOODWILL: Sir, I'm sorry, I know
7 your name is on the list, but if we could just get
8 your name again so the court reporter knows who it
9 was who just had that last question.

10 MR. THAYER: Gary Thayer.

11 JUDGE GOODWILL: Thank you, sir.

12 And, sir, you had a question?

13 MR. HANSEN: Afton Hansen, again.

14 Did you do a standard error on your study,
15 on your survey?

16 MR. COLEMAN: Yes.

17 MR. HANSEN: I understand that it was only
18 passed by about five-tenths of a percent?

19 MR. COLEMAN: Yeah. What the standard
20 error was -- the standard error -- I'm just going to
21 read it because I don't want to misquote it.

22 "The Commission will presume that the
23 proposed EAS is in the public interest if" -- and I'm
24 just reading from the rules, and this is what we
25 followed as well -- "the survey results indicate that

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1 at least 67 percent of the customers of the incumbent
2 telephone corporation of each petitioned local
3 exchange area desire EAS at the price represented in
4 the survey questionnaire."

5 And I believe it's a plus or minus ten
6 percent with a -- is it five percent? It was a five
7 percent plus or minus with a 90 percent confidence.

8 MR. HANSEN: That's not a very good pass
9 for that area then; is it?

10 MR. COLEMAN: Pardon me?

11 MR. HANSEN: That's a not a very good pass
12 for that area then; is it?

13 MR. COLEMAN: It's very close.

14 The way we did it was you had to meet a
15 certain level of "yes," a certain level of "no" to
16 make sure that it was definitely not going to pass or
17 not pass.

18 Like you said, it was close. I'm not
19 going to say it isn't. But again, I can guarantee
20 that the Gunnison one -- I personally, and my
21 at-the-time supervisor of the Division, were the ones
22 that called Gunnison. Because we recognized that
23 there was maybe going to be a close race potentially.
24 "Race" may not be the right term. But there was
25 going to be interest in Gunnison. So myself and my

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1 boss and one other person that had been working at
2 the Division for ten-plus years were the ones who did
3 Gunnison. We did those to make sure they were
4 exactly correct. We took everybody's input that was
5 there.

6 So I'm not going to characterize it as an
7 overwhelming "yes," but it was still a "yes" for that
8 area, according to the statistics and sample and the
9 size we looked at as well.

10 JUDGE GOODWILL: Is there anyone else
11 that's either arrived late or didn't sign up that's
12 decided they'd like to speak?

13 Yes, sir?

14 If you'd come on up.

15 Would you like to provide a sworn or an
16 unsworn statement?

17 MR. ANDERSON: I'll swear.

18 JUDGE GOODWILL: All right. Please raise
19 your right hand.

20 MARK ANDERSON,
21 called as a witness, being first duly sworn,
22 was examined and testified as follows:

23 JUDGE GOODWILL: Thanks.

24 Sir, if you would please state your name
25 and, if need be, spell it so the court reporter has
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1 it accurately.

2 MR. ANDERSON: Mark Anderson is my name.

3 I'm from here in Manti.

4 First of all, I wanted to commend everyone
5 for coming out tonight because it's important that
6 you become part of the system. And that's what it's
7 about. It's "I'm in favor" or "I'm not in favor."
8 It's a "yes" or "no."

9 I sit with the County Commission and we
10 hold public hearing after public hearing after public
11 hearing and nobody comes. It's an empty room. Now,
12 you people that have come here tonight, that's great.
13 Sanpete County has 25,000 citizens. We have about 30
14 tonight. So I commend you folks who have come.

15 Now, this is a decision where you are
16 either in favor or you are not. And that's what you
17 are putting on the record. And I'm here to say that
18 I'm in favor of the EAS. I understand being on a
19 fixed income. My mother is on a fixed income and it
20 will be hard for her. But there was another issue
21 that's been raised here relative to Sanpete County
22 which I think is an important factor. And it is the
23 collective issue, not the individual issue, as Mayor
24 Madsen indicated.

25 Sanpete County is unique historically. We

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1 have three telephone companies. That splits us three
2 ways. We have two school districts in a county of
3 25,000 people. Now, on one hand you can sit here and
4 argue most of the night that that's a good thing and
5 a positive thing for Sanpete County, and there are
6 other people here who can argue the other side and
7 say, "It is divisive. It splits us. It tears us
8 apart. We're always the north and the south." One
9 of the things this does is it helps unify the county
10 in what we do.

11 And from where I sit with the county and
12 the Commission and trying to develop this county and
13 bring people here who want to have employment and
14 employ all the residents here and have children that
15 are here, this is an important factor. We talk about
16 technology and how important it is. There is
17 technology that Sanpete County hasn't even dreamed of
18 having yet that big cities have that we can't offer.
19 We need to be able to compete in the world. And this
20 is one of those things that helps us compete in the
21 world. It's a vital thing for us as we do.

22 And I know individually it hurts. It'll
23 hurt me. I'm going to pay that out. I'm a
24 businessman. And I know they didn't factor in
25 businesses relative to this, but I can show you my
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1 phone bill as a business and what it means to me as a
2 businessman.

3 So I'd just like to go on record saying I
4 understand what you're indicating. And I'm in favor
5 of it.

6 I do have a question relative to the
7 technology one, though, because I think it's a valid
8 one. We have all seen over the course of years where
9 a new -- well, let's take a calculator for example.
10 When I went to Utah State University, a four-function
11 calculator would cost you almost \$300. By the time I
12 graduated from Utah State University, they were
13 giving them away at stores if you'd come in and check
14 out their inventory. Technology does change.

15 And I would like to challenge perhaps the
16 industry at times to look at that. Because as
17 technology improves, prices go down on the cost of
18 that. The same with the laptop computer. The same
19 with everything else that's technologically involved
20 with us. Things change and they evolve. So maybe
21 it's something we can look at relative to that.

22 But I'm in favor. Thank you.

23 MR. PAUL COX: Mark, how much does the
24 county pay for EAS a month -- not EAS, 9-1-1?

25 JUDGE GOODWILL: Sir, could you please
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1 state your name?

2 MR. PAUL COX: Paul Cox, Manti Telephone
3 Company.

4 MR. ANDERSON: I would have to dig that
5 out to give you that information. But I can tell you
6 the phone bill for the county is about an inch thick.

7 MR. PAUL COX: NO. I'm just talking about
8 the 9-1-1. The county is responsible for 9-1-1. You
9 pay to have a database maintained.

10 What do you have to pay a month to have
11 that database maintained?

12 MR. ANDERSON: I don't know.

13 MR. PAUL COX: Well, I know it's at least
14 25 cents a subscriber.

15 MR. ANDERSON: I would think that's
16 probably true.

17 MR. PAUL COX: And that's just for the
18 wire LAN subscribers. I don't have any idea what
19 it's going to cost to incorporate the wireless people
20 into that database. We're talking about database
21 management and your cost to manage that database has
22 not gone down. As you put stuff into that database,
23 your cost is going up.

24 That's why it's not practical to maintain
25 an optional EAS system, because we have to maintain

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1 the database.

2 MR. ANDERSON: Thank you. And that, from
3 the county's standpoint, let me explain to you, is a
4 very critical thing. Because we have 9-1-1 that's on
5 the LAN-based line. One of the issues that we face
6 is the usage of cell phones. And cell phones are not
7 within the Sanpete County 9-1-1 database. If you're
8 on the mountain and you have a problem and you call
9 on a cell phone and say, "This is where I'm at,"
10 because it's not a LAN line where it will ring up and
11 show you right where you are and emergency people can
12 go to you, we can't do that on a cell phone. And the
13 county is in the initial process of trying to obtain
14 funds to redo that so that when you call from a cell
15 phone, you can have that security of emergency people
16 getting to you.

17 So thank you, Paul, for bringing that up.
18 That's an important factor for Sanpete County as we
19 look at that. And this can help augment that and
20 bring that along.

21 Thank you.

22 JUDGE GOODWILL: Thank you, sir.

23 Would anyone else like to make a statement
24 here this evening before we close?

25 Yes, ma'am?

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1 Would you like your statement to be sworn
2 or unsworn?

3 MS. BLACKUM: I didn't know my heart could
4 beat so fast.

5 I don't swear.

6 JUDGE GOODWILL: Please state your name,
7 ma'am.

8 MS. BLACKUM: I'm Darlene Blackum.

9 I have wanted this system in our county
10 for many years. I felt bad when we didn't get to
11 have it local when Ephraim and Mount Pleasant went
12 together. And I guess I'm a people person. I do
13 understand you people with your concerns that you're
14 on a fixed income. My parents were there. I know my
15 mom would have called more locally because in my case
16 we do have -- our family is located here in the
17 county, and she would have made a lot more calls and
18 what have you.

19 But I just -- the ones that are in favor,
20 I just want to second what you have said because I
21 know that -- it's a sign of the times, just the way
22 our economy is and the way that we're growing. And I
23 just think that we can be more unified if we did have
24 this, the local phone calls and what have you. It's
25 just -- maybe we'll stand out more.

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1 And Rae Lou Olsen, are you still here?

2 Did she leave?

3 You know, I've been looking for her
4 because I'm related to her on the Whitlock side and I
5 can call her now.

6 And Afton, he's one of my good professor
7 friends. I can call you now.

8 We can all be more unified now.

9 MR. HANSEN: You have to pay for it.

10 JUDGE GOODWILL: Thanks, ma'am.

11 Would anyone else like to speak?

12 Okay. I would like to thank everyone for
13 coming out.

14 The process now is that the Commission
15 will decide concerning this EAS request based on the
16 recommendation of the Division, the results of the
17 survey and the comments that were made here this
18 evening whether or not EAS is in the public interest
19 for Sanpete County as requested. And I have no time
20 frame on that Commission decision, but I would
21 imagine it'll come out in fairly short order.

22 If there is nothing further, we will go
23 ahead and adjourn for this evening.

24 Thank you very much.

25 (Hearing adjourned at 6:55 p.m.)

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3 : ss.
4 COUNTY OF SALT LAKE)

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