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## Re: IN THE MATTER OF THE INCREASE OF RATES AND CHARGES AND INCREASE IN USF ELIGIBILITY FOR MANTI TELEPHONE COMPANY, DOCKET NO. 08-046-01/WAIVER OF 240-DAY REQUIREMENT

## Gentlemen:

On April 25, 2008, Manti filed its Application for Rate Increase and Increase in USF Eligibility, including the applicable schedules with respect thereto (the "Application"), with the Public Service Commission of Utah (the "Commission") pursuant to <u>Utah Code Anno.</u> §§54-4-1 and 54-7-12(2) with respect to Manti Telephone's Application for Rate Increase and <u>Utah Code Anno.</u> §§54-8b-15 and R746-360 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure with respect to Manti Telephone's Application for USF Eligibility.

<u>Utah Code Anno.</u> §§54-7-12(3)(c) provides that "[i]f the commission fails to enter the commission's order granting or revising a revenue increase within 240 days after the utility's schedules are filed, the rate increase proposed by the utility is final and the commission may not order a refund of any amount already collected by the utility under its filed rate increase."

Manti Telephone has determined that, due to certain unresolved accounting and other issues which have been raised in connection with the Application, the matter cannot reasonably be heard, and the Commission issue its order with respect thereto, within the 240-day period

described in paragraph 2 above. As a result of the aforedescribed unresolved issues, Manti Telephone anticipates seeking interim rate relief pursuant to <u>Utah Code Anno.</u> §§54-7-12(3)(b).

In order to provide the Commission sufficient time to address the issues raised in paragraph 3 above, Manti Telephone hereby waives any requirement for a decision within the 240 day statutory time period in Utah Code Ann. 54-7-12(30(c) for its proposed rate increase or request for additional USF eligibility. The DPU has indicated that it does not object to the waiver of the 240-day statutory time period requirement.

If you have any questions concerning the above, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

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