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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

In the Matter of the Increase of Rates

**And Charges and Increase in USF
Eligibility for Manti Telephone Company**

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF
DEPRECIATION RATES**

Docket 08-046-01

Manti Telephone Company ("Manti"), hereby files this Request for Approval of Manti's Depreciation Rates with the Public Service Commission of Utah (the "Commission") in accordance with the Stipulation between the Division of Public Utilities ("DPU") and Manti, dated December 8, 2008 (the "Stipulation"). In connection therewith, Manti represents the following:

1. The Commission is vested with jurisdiction over this matter by Utah Code Annotated §§ 54-4-1 and 54-4-24.
2. On April 25, 2008, Manti Telephone filed its Application for Rate Increase and Increase in USF Eligibility with the Public Service Commission of Utah in accordance with Utah Code Annotated Sections 54-7-12(7) and R746-344 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.
3. On December 8, 2008, Manti filed its Request for Interim USF Eligibility with the Commission and attached thereto the Stipulation for approval by the Commission.

4. Paragraph 13 of the Stipulation provides that “Manti and the Division agree, in good faith, to determine depreciation rates for underground conduit and underground cable, and to establish an accurate rate base for Manti as of December 31, 2008. Manti and the Division agree to file said rate base and depreciation agreement with the Commission by December 31, 2008.”
5. Manti hereby submits the attached Depreciation Rates for approval by the Commission pursuant to, and in accordance with, the paragraph 13 of the Stipulation. Note that the deprecation rates for underground conduit and underground cable are marked with an “X”. The balance of the depreciation rates have been previously approved by the Commission.
6. Manti hereby requests that the Commission approve, adopt, and ratify the attached Depreciation Rates.

WHEREFORE, Manti respectfully submits this Request for Approval of Depreciation Rates.

Dated this ____ day of December, 2008.

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the Request for Approval of Depreciation Rates, Docket No. 08-046-01, was sent to the following individuals by electronic mail, this ____ day of December, 2008:

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