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Julie Orchard Utah Public Service Commission Heber M. Wells Building, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor 160 East 300 South Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

Re: Request to consolidate the Holladay, Kearns, Magna, and Midvale Rate Centers

Dear Julie:

Currently, Qwest recognizes several Rate Centers within the southern portion of the Salt Lake City local calling area. The particular Rate Centers are Holladay, Kearns, Magna, and Midvale. These Rate Centers are all within in the same local calling area and no Extended Area Service (EAS) change would be required to consolidate these four Rate Centers into one Rate Center.

Qwest believes it would help conserve numbers and provide a significant customer benefit to consolidate the Rate Centers. Customers have the flexibility to enjoy telephone number portability to other addresses within the same Rate Center, but not between addresses in disparate Rate Centers. Consolidating the four Rate Centers into one Rate Center will provide customers within that new area a larger opportunity to retain a telephone number if they move between addresses within the new larger Rate Center. For example, after the Rate Center consolidation is implemented, a customer living in Magna who moves to Midvale would have the option to have their Magna telephone number work at the new location in Midvale.

In order to initiate Rate Center consolidation with Telcordia, Qwest must first obtain approval from the Utah Public Service Commission (PSC). On April 2, 2009 the PSC approved a similar request for Cache County. As a reference attached is a copy of the PSC's letter approving the rate center consolidation in Cache County.

Therefore, Qwest respectfully requests that the PSC provide its approval for the Rate Center consolidation of Holladay, Kearns, and Magna Rate Centers into the Midvale Rate Center.

Sincerely,

James B. Farr