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## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

In the Matter of the Resolution of Certain Issues Related to the Designation of a Common Carrier as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Docket No. 10-2528-01

SALT LAKE COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM'S RESPONSE TO INITIAL PROPOSALS AND COMMENTS REGARDING THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES' RECOMMENDATION FOR A COMMITTEE TO BE ESTABLISHED

In accordance with the Amended Interim Scheduling Order issued by the Public Service Commission (PSC or Commission) on May 2, 2011, Salt Lake Community Action Program (SLCAP) submits its Response to Initial Proposals and Comments regarding the Division of Public Utilities' recommendation for a Committee to be established in this docket.

While SLCAP does not wholly agree with all of the initial proposals submitted by other parties in this docket, our intention is to respond to each of the issues at the appropriate time pursuant to the Amended Interim Scheduling Order issued by the Commission on May 2, 2011.

At the technical conference held by the Commission on April 28, 2011, Shauna Benvegnu-Springer with the Division of Public Utilities, recommended a committee "be established to research, investigate, discuss, and recommend a final proposal" to the Commission regarding the issues to be addressed in this docket.

SLCAP initially did not oppose the recommendation. However, many issues were raised by parties including the unintentional exclusion of some parties from the committee and potential consensus building process. Given the complexity and potential impact, it will be more productive to address the issues in a more inclusive way. SLCAP proposes, rather than a limited committee membership, that the Commission proceed as planned to hold a series of technical conferences to address specific issues where all parties may be present. However, an exception might be necessary. When discussing issues related to a statewide database, which could violate the confidentiality interests of potential third party providers, a more limited group may be required.

One of the main priorities for SLCAP, in this docket, is to ensure the low-income population has access to quality, affordable telecommunication service. This includes access to a high quality Lifeline program. It is important to protect the integrity of the program, which must include a fair process where all interested parties have the ability to participate fully.

Dated this  $12^{th}$  day of May, 2011

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on May 12, 2011, a true and correct copy of the foregoing Response to Initial Proposals and Comments regarding the Division of Public Utilities' recommendation for a Committee to be established in this docket was served on the following by electronic mail:

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