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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 RESPONSE OF THE UTAH RURAL TELECOM ASSOCIATION
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In accordance with the Amended Interim Scheduling Order issued in this docket May 2, 2011, the Utah Rural Telecom Association (“URTA”) provides the following response to issues in this docket:

URTA urges the Commission to finalize the program certification and re-certification rules as soon as possible, ideally before any eligible telecommunications carriers begin providing service. It seems that the cart is before the horse. Currently, these processes have not eliminated fraud from the program and expansion to include pre-paid wireless providers will only worsen the problem. Establishing the rules immediately will also inform potential ETCs to know the requirements of the program before the Commission designates them ETCs. Some of the work can be done through informal meetings of the parties with the Division of Public Utilities.

Respectfully submitted this 8th day of June, 2011.

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