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To: The Public Service Commission of Utah

From: The Office of Consumer Services

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Date: January 4, 2016

Subject: Office of Consumer Services Request for Scheduling Conference in the Matter of the Petition of PlatinumTel Communications, LLC, d/b/a Care Wireless for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier.

Docket No. 15-2585-01.

On December 10, 2015 PlatinumTel filed with the Utah Public Service Commission (Commission) a request for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) in the State of Utah. On that same date, December 10, the Commission issued Notices of Filing, Comment Period, and Hearing (Notices). In the Notices the Commission provided that interested parties may submit comments no later than Monday, January 11, 2016. Further a hearing date of Wednesday, January 20, 2016 was established.

The Office of Consumer Services (Office) acknowledges that through prior efforts and dockets the Division of Public Utilities (Division) and the Office have developed a general template for how ETC requests are reviewed, analyzed and considered. Although that basic template exists the Office notes that previous efforts have taken more than 30 days to complete the analysis and in each case some amount of discovery has been required.

In our review of the documents provided in PlatinumTel's application filing the Office has discovered at least one issue that will require the issuance of discovery. Therefore, the Office respectfully requests that the Commission cancel the December 10 Notices and issue a notice of scheduling conference so that dates for discovery can be scheduled and dates for comments and hearing can be rescheduled to allow additional time in this matter.

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