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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

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IN THE MATTER OF  
CARBON/EMERY TELCOM INC.'S  
APPLICATION FOR RECOVERY OF  
UUSF APPLICATION COSTS

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTORNEYS' FEES  
  
DOCKET NO. 18-2302-01

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STATE OF UTAH            )  
                                      : ss.  
SALT LAKE COUNTY        )

Kira M. Slawson, being first duly sworn on her oath, deposes and states:

1. I am an attorney duly licensed to practice law in the State of Utah. I am familiar with the fees customarily charged by attorneys for legal services, including utility regulatory work and litigation in Salt Lake County.

2. I have been employed by the Applicant as its legal counsel. I Assisted the Applicant with the prosecution of its Application for Increase in Utah Universal Service Support. Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 54-8b-15, and the customary practices and procedures of the Utah Public Service Commission ("Commission"), the Applicant is entitled to the recovery of costs incurred in the prosecution of its Application, including reasonable attorneys' fees.

3. Confidential copies of my invoices which detail the work I, and other attorneys in my firm, completed in the prosecution of the Application are attached hereto as Confidential Exhibit 1. As the Commission is aware, considerable work was required in this case including, without limitation: filing of the application and supporting testimony; preparation and filing of rebuttal, surrebuttal, and sur-surrebuttal testimony; review and analysis of the testimony filed by the Division of Public Utilities' and the Office of Consumers Services' witnesses; motions for summary judgment; preparation of responses to 8 separate sets of data requests; hearing preparation; two days of hearing; post hearing briefing; and preparation of motion for reconsideration (including reply).

4. The total legal fees expended in this matter are \$115,886.50 plus courier costs of \$191.98. I spent 397.40 hours through May 2016 at the hourly rate of \$285.00. I believe this is a reasonable amount. Other attorneys in my firm have spent another 10.3 hours on this matter at rates ranging from \$250 to \$300 per hour, which I believe is also reasonable. The total of the attached invoices (for fees and costs) is \$116,078.48, as set forth on the summary attached to the Request for Agency Action as Exhibit 1.

*Kira M. Slawson*

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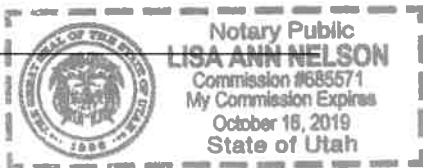
Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2018.

*Lisa Ann Nelson*

Notary Public

Residing at: Salt Lake County

My Commission Expires:



CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

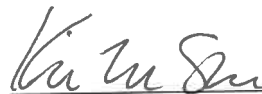
I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the Carbon/Emery Telcom, Inc.'s Affidavit of Attorneys' Fees in Support of Request for Agency Action, Docket No. 18-2302-01 was sent to the following individuals by email and/or mailing a copy thereof via first-class mail, postage prepaid (as indicated), this 23<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2018:

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Confidential Invoices of Blackburn & Stoll, LC