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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

In the Matter of the Division=s Annual
Review and Evaluation of the Electric
Lifeline Program, HELP

In the Matter of: HELP, Electric Lifeline
Program Evaluation

DOCKET NO. 03-035-01
DOCKET NO. 04-035-21

**AARP=S RESPONSE TO PAUL
MECHAM=S “OPEN LETTER OF
CONDEMNATION”**

AARP, by and through its counsel of record, Dale F. Gardiner, Parry Anderson & Gardiner and Thomas W. Forsgren, hereby responds to Paul Mecham=s “open letter of condemnation” as follows:

1. On November 23, 2005, the Utah Public Service Commission, in the subject Dockets, issued its Order authorizing continuation of HELP with the modifications described therein.

2. On December 22, 2005, Paul Mecham filed an “open letter of condemnation” relative to the subject Commission Order and requested review and rehearing of said Order.

3. AARP submits that Mr. Mecham=s “open letter of condemnation” in tone and language is irresponsible, unwarranted and unprofessional.

4. AARP urges the Commission to deny Mr. Mecham=s request for review and rehearing on the grounds that said “open letter of condemnation” fails to state a basis upon which relief can be granted.

Dated this 5th day of January, 2006.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing **AARP=S RESPONSE TO PAUL MECHAM=S OPEN LETTER OF CONDEMNATION** in the Matter of the Evaluation of the HELP Program Docket No: 03-035-01 was distributed and transmitted electronically (e-mail) on the 5th day of January, 2006 to the following:

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