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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

Investigation of Revenue Requirement Impacts of the New Federal Tax Legislation Titled: "An act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to titles II and V of the current resolution of the budget for fiscal year 2018."	)	Docket No. 17-035-69 Motion for Witness to Appear Telephonically

Pursuant to Utah Code § 54-10a-301 and Utah Admin. Code r. 746-1, the Office of Consumer Services ("Office") files this Motion for leave for its witness Ms. Donna Ramas C.P.A. to appear telephonically at the hearing in this matter tentatively set for hearing on April 18, 2018. On February 18, 2018, Ms. Cheryl Murray, a Utility Analyst at the Office who will be appearing in person at any hearing, filed comments in this docket. Attached to these comments was a report written by the Office's out of state consultant Ms. Ramas C.P.A., wherein Ms. Ramas gave her opinion and recommendations concerning the issues identified in this docket.

On March 7, 2018, the Utah Public Service Commission ("Commission") issued a Scheduling Order, Notice of Hearing, and Notice of Scheduling Conference ("Scheduling Order"). The Scheduling Order requested parties provide input by April 10, 2018 on the necessity of a hearing. On April 11, 2018, the Commission issued a Notice providing that considering the responses it received from the parties, the Commission "gives notice that it will consider any further input with respect to the need for a hearing . . . filed with the Commission

by noon on Friday, April 13, 2018." The Notice also provided that the Commission will rule on the necessity for a hearing by the afternoon of the 13th.

Given the contingencies concerning whether a hearing will be held, the expense of travel that is compounded by these contingencies, the relative uncontroverted nature of the factual contention's in Ms. Ramas' report and the potential of scheduling conflicts, the Office moves for permission to have Ms. Ramas appear telephonically to respond to any questions the Commission or the parties may have for her. The Office has communicated with counsel for all parties and no party opposes the instant Motion. Accordingly, the Office moves for permission to have Ms. Ramas appear telephonically if, in fact, a hearing is held on April 18, 2018.

Respectfully submitted, April 13, 2018.

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