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Julie Orchard - Commission Secretary
Utah Public Service Commission
160 East 300 South
Heber M Wells Building, 4th Floor
Salt Lake City, Utah 84145

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Re: **Annual State Certification of Rural Carriers' Compliance Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.314**

Dear Mrs. Orchard:

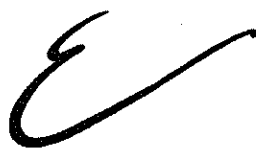
Pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") mandate in its docket, In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45 and pursuant to section 47 C.F.R. §54.314 of the rules, the state commissions must file an annual certification with the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) and the FCC stating "that all federal high-cost support provided to eligible telecommunications carriers will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended."

Accordingly, Emery Telcom, Carbon/Emery Telcom, Inc., and Hanksville Telcom, Inc. (Exchange Carrier Study Area Code No. 502278) are rural telephone companies that have previously been designated by this Commission as eligible telecommunications carriers. The companies are complying with the requirements of Section 254(e) and will continue to comply for the period January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 (the certification period) to be eligible to receive federal USF. The companies certify to the Commission that they will use all federal high-cost support provided to them only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended consistent with the principles of universal service 47 U.S.C. 254. This includes, but is not limited to, trying to meet the goal of the provision of services that are properly supported by the high-cost funds at rates that are reasonably comparable to rates charged for similar services in urban areas.

This is a very critical issue, because if certification is not accomplished by October 1, 2007, then federal support for universal service in the areas served by the rural carriers within Utah will not be provided for at least the first quarter of 2009. See 47 C.F.R. §54.314 (d)(1).

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In view of the limited time available, we request the Commission issue a certification before October 1, 2008 to USAC and the FCC that our companies are eligible to receive Federal USF and are in compliance with the FCC order.

Sincerely,

Brock Johansen
CEO/General Manager

cc: Division of Public Utilities