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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

IN THE MATTER OF AGENCY ACTION TO ESTABLISH A TEMPORARY CERTIFICATION PROCESS IN COMPLIANCE WITH 47 U.S.C. SECTION 254(e)	UTAH RURAL TELECOM ASSOCIATION'S APPEARANCE AND RESPONSE TO THE NOTICE OF AGENCY ACTION  DOCKET NO. 12-999-07
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The Utah Rural Telecom Association (“URTA”), on behalf of itself and URTA members, All West Communications, Inc., Bear Lake Communications, Carbon/Emery Telcom, Inc., Central Utah Telephone, Inc., Direct Communications Cedar Valley, Emery Telephone, Gunnison Telephone, Hanksville Telcom, Inc., Manti Telephone Company, Skyline Telecom, South Central Utah Telephone Association, Inc., UBTA-UBET Communications, Inc., and Union Telephone (“URTA members”) hereby submits this Entry of Appearance and Response as requested by the Notice of Agency Action and Technical Conference that was issued by the Public Service Commission on July 31, 2012.

URTA and the URTA Members as set forth above would like the opportunity to participate in this agency action to address the issue of implementing a temporary process by which the PSC will make the initial Section 254(e) Certification of carriers receiving federal

high-cost and Connect America Fund (CAF) support, as required by Paragraph 607-614 of the FCC Transformation Order. The PSC in the Notice of Agency Action identified a temporary process to be implemented, as follow:

“(1) Any carrier receiving federal high-cost and CAF support shall file a section 54.313 Report with the Division by August 15, 2012; (2) The Division shall examine the reports submitted, along with all information available to it, and as to each carrier shall certify, to the Commission, whether it complies with Paragraphs 607-614 of the *Transformation Order*, by September 14, 2012; and (3) The Commission will certify to the FCC on or before October 1, 2012.”

URTA and the URTA Members do not have any objections to the implementation of the temporary policy, provided carriers are given an opportunity to timely respond to any concerns the Division may have in certifying each carrier. In other words, if the reports provided by the carriers to the Division, together with the information available to the Division do not permit the Division to certify, carriers should have the opportunity under the temporary policy to file additional documentation or give additional information that will satisfy the Division and permit timely certification.

Dated this 30<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012.

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance and Response was provided by electronic mail on August 30, 2012 to the following parties believed to have an interest in the proceeding:

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