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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

In the Matter of the Complaint)
of Beaver County, et al.,)
) DOCKET NO. 01-049-75
Complainants,)
)
vs.)
) **MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE**
Qwest Corporation, fka U S West)
Communications, Inc., fks Mountain)
States Telephone & Telegraph)
Services, Inc.)
)
Respondent.)

In accordance with Utah Administrative Code R746-100-3(H), the Committee of Consumer Services (“Committee”) hereby moves for a Continuance of the Hearing on Respondent’s Motion to Dismiss in this Docket, presently scheduled for January 29, 2002 at 10:00 a.m.

The Committee has just recently apprized itself of the matters at issue in this proceeding and is reviewing the filings and prior history of the Complainants’ claims for agency action before this Commission as well as the ruling of the Utah Supreme Court in *Beaver County, et al. vs. Qwest, Inc.*, 2001 UT 81 in order to determine how the Committee can best and most effectively represent the interests of residential consumers and those engaged in small commercial enterprises in the State of Utah regarding the issues and claim raised by the Complainants.

The Committee will not be able to complete such review and make decisions on how best to represent the interests of residential consumers and those engaged in small commercial enterprises in Utah and be prepared to participate by the presently scheduled time for the Hearing on Respondent’s Motion to Dismiss next Tuesday, January

29, 2002.

The Committee has not yet consulted with counsel for the Complainants, the Respondent, and the Division, the current parties in these proceedings, but will actively and promptly do so in order to reach an agreed-upon new schedule date for this hearing. The Committee would expect its review will be completed and it will be prepared to participate in a hearing on the Respondent's Motion to Dismiss within two weeks from next Tuesday, January 29, 2002.

The Committee apologizes for this late motion, but has only recently determined that it has an interest in these proceedings. We therefore respectfully request the Commission's consideration of our Motion for Continuance.

Dated this 24th Day of January, 2002.great

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I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing **MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE** for the Division of Public Utilities in Docket Number 01-049-75 were mailed on the _____ day of _____, 2002 to the following:

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