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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

In the Matter of the Complaint
of Beaver County, et al.,

Complainants,

vs.

Qwest Corporation, fka U S West
Communications, Inc., fks Mountain
States Telephone & Telegraph Services, Inc.,

Respondent.

**COMMITTEE OF CONSUMER SERVICES RESPONSE TO QUEST'S OBJECTION TO THE
COMMITTEE'S MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE**

Docket No. 01-049-75

Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") has filed an objection to the Committee of Consumer Services' ("Committee") Motion for Continuance of the hearing scheduled for Tuesday, January 29, 2002, on the grounds that the Committee presented no basis for a claim of excusable neglect that justifies a continuance in this matter.

1. The Committee forthrightly stated the reason for its Motion for Continuance in the Motion, and will not amplify or enlarge upon it, except to state that the reason was accurate and true and that the Committee's resources are limited with regard to matters which it can give its attention to and the timing of that attention.

1. On the other hand, Qwest has not stated in its Objection that it would in any way

be harmed by a continuance of the Tuesday, January 29, 2002 hearing, nor is it otherwise apparent that would be the case.

2. Given the issues and Qwest ratepayer interests apparent in this matter, fairness weighs more heavily in favor of a continuance of this matter than in denying the Committee's motion and thereby foreclosing the Committee's meaningful participation.

Dated January 25, 2002.

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I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing **POST HEARING MEMORANDUM OF THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE OF CONSUMER SERVICES RESPONSE TO QUEST'S OBJECTION TO THE COMMITTEE'S 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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