BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

In the Matter of the Application for Increase in Rates and Charges and USF Eligibility for Carbon-Emery Telecom

Docket No. 05-2302-01

AFFIDAVIT OF Paul A. Hicken

Paul Hicken

- I am Paul A. Hicken. I am employed by the Division of Public Utilities as a Utility Analyst.
- 2. I prepared Confidential and Non-Confidential Direct Testimony that was filed with the Public Service Commission in this Docket that is marked as DPU Exhibit 8.0 with an attachment marked as DPU Exhibit 8.1 which is non-confidential and attachments 8.2 and 8.3 which are confidential.
- If I had testified at the hearing in this matter the testimony so
 marked would have been the testimony I would have presented at the hearing.

STATE OF UTAH)) ss: COUNTY OF SALT LAKE)

On the 19TH day of December 2005, personally appeared before me

Paul A. Hicken the signer of the within instrument, who duly acknowledged to me
that he executed the same.

NOTARY PUBLIC

VALARIE STEWART

Notary Public

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My Commission Expires April 6, 2006