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TO: PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

FROM: DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

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Re: In the Matter of the Provision of Extended Area Service between All West Communications, Inc.'s Jordanelle Exchange and Qwest Corporation's Park City Exchange Docket No. 07-2270-01

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the stipulation submitted by All West Communications, Inc (All West) and Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") for the provision of extended area service ("EAS") between All West's Jordanelle exchange and Qwest's Park City exchange ("Exchanges"). Additionally the Division recommends the Commission waive the parts of the EAS rule that require a cost based study (Utah Admin. Code R746-347-4) and a customer survey (Utah Admin. Code R746-347-5).

ISSUES:

On April 6, 2007 All West submitted a request for Agency Action asking the Commission to approve a stipulation that would establish an EAS route between All West's and Qwest's Exchanges. This request for Agency Action was the result of an agreement entered into by Qwest and All West to develop a mutually acceptable proposal for extended area service between the Exchanges.

The Division has reviewed the request for Agency Action as well as the Stipulation and recommends that the Commission approve the submitted stipulation. Both parties have found a solution that will allow All West the ability to provide a service to its customers at a cost that is less than customers are currently paying for a similar service.

The Division also recommends that the Commission waive the Customer Survey and the cost based study as required in Utah Admin. Code R746-347. The current customers have been

paying \$10 a month for the ability to call Park City without any toll charges. Because of this fact, the Division believes that consumers are willing to pay for this service at levels greater than \$5. Additionally, in Utah Admin. Code R746-347-4 the requirement for a cost study was included to create a mechanism to establish the rate required to use in the survey. Because the Division feels a survey is not necessary in this specific instance, the need for a cost study becomes moot as well.