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TO: PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

FROM: DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

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Re: Petition of WWC Holding Co., Inc., for Arbitration of an Interconnection Agreement per Docket No. 03-2403-02

ISSUES:

On April 19, 2004, Carbon/Emery Telcom, Inc., Hanksville Telcom, Inc., Emery Telephone, Gunnison Telephone Company, Manti Telephone Company, South Central Utah Telecommunications Association, Inc., Uintah Basin Telecommunications Association, Inc. and UBET Telecom, Inc. filed the Interconnection Agreement per the above-referenced docket in accordance with § 54-8b-2.2(1)(d) of the *Utah Code*.

The Division has conducted a detailed TELRIC cost analysis for this Agreement and filed its results and comments with the Commission. The Division determined that the rates included in the stipulation are within a reasonable range and that the parties have negotiated a fair and equitable settlement. The Division has met with the parties to arbitrate the Agreement and the parties have stipulated.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Division has reviewed the above-mentioned Agreement and sees no reason to reject it. Specifically, it believes that the Agreement was negotiated in good faith and without unfair discrimination. Both parties also recognize that, to the extent that the existing rules are changed, vacated, dismissed, stayed or modified, this Agreement and all contracts adopting all or part of this Agreement will be amended to reflect such modification or change of the existing rules. Therefore, the Division recommends that the Commission acknowledge the receipt of this Interconnection Agreement.

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