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Julie Orchard  
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Utah Public Service Commission  
Heber M. Wells Building, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

Re: Request to consolidate the Hyrum, Logan, Richmond and Smithfield rate centers

Dear Julie:

Currently in Cache County, Qwest has four rate centers which include; Hyrum, Logan, Richmond and Smithfield. These areas are already included in the same local calling area and no additional Extended Area Service (EAS) is required to consolidate these four rate centers into one rate center.

Qwest believes it would help conserve numbers and provide a significant customer benefit to consolidate the rate centers. Customers have the flexibility to port telephone numbers to other locations within the same rate center. Consolidating the four rate centers into one rate center will provide customers within that area a larger area to port numbers. For example, after the rate center consolidation is implemented a customer living in Logan that moves to Smithfield will now have the option to have their existing telephone number work at the new location in Smithfield.

In order to initiate rate center consolidation with Telcordia, Qwest must first obtain approval from the Utah Public Service Commission (PSC). Previous on January 27, 2007, the PSC approved a similar request for Washington County. As a reference attached is a copy of the PSC's letter approving the rate center consolidation in Washington County.

Therefore, Qwest respectfully requests that the PSC provide its approval for the rate center consolidation of Hyrum, Logan, Richmond and Smithfield into one Logan rate center.

Sincerely,

James B. Farr

cc Bill Duncan – Utah Division of Public Utilities