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- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

In the Matter of the Consideration of the Costs to the Department of Community and Culture (DCC) for Determining Eligibility for Lifeline Applicants	DOCKET NO. 10-2528-01 Petition to Intervene of the Utah Rural Telecom Association
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The Utah Rural Telecom Association (“URTA”), on behalf of itself and URTA members All West Communications, Bear Lake Communications, Beehive Telephone Company, Carbon/Emery Telcom, Central Utah Telephone, Direct Communications Cedar Valley, Emery Telcom, Gunnison Telephone, Hanksville Telcom, Manti Telephone, Skyline Telecom, South Central Utah Telephone Association, Strata Networks, and Union Telephone (“URTA members”) petition the Public Service Commission (“Commission”) to intervene in the above-entitled matter pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 63G-4-207 and Utah Admin. R746-100-7.

The grounds for this petition are as follows:

1. URTA members are local exchange carriers providing public telecommunications services in Utah pursuant to certificates of public convenience and necessity issued by this Commission. URTA members are also eligible telecommunications carriers (“ETC”).

2. URTA and URTA members intervened in Docket No. 09-2511-01, *In the Matter of the Petition of TracFone Wireless, Inc. for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the State of Utah for the Limited Purpose of Offering Lifeline Service to Qualified Households* and opposed TracFone's petition if the Commission did not require TracFone to participate in and help pay for certain public interest programs.
3. The Commission issued a non-final order stating that TracFone's petition should be granted, but concluded that granting the petition would not be in the public interest before determining the costs TracFone's Lifeline customers would impose on the Department of Community and Culture to determine Lifeline eligibility.
4. The Commission intends to determine these costs in this docket which will partially address one of the public interest considerations URTA advocated in Docket No. 09-2511-01. Given URTA's intervention in Docket No. 09-2511-01, URTA members' status as ETCs, and the fact that this docket could result in TracFone being designated an ETC, URTA and URTA members have a significant interest in the above-captioned matter. Their legal interests may be substantially affected by the outcome.
5. URTA's intervention and participation in this matter will not materially impair the prompt and orderly conduct of these proceedings. URTA will follow the schedule the Commission establishes in this proceeding.
6. URTA requests that if the Commission grants this petition, copies of all notices and filings in this docket be served on:

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NOW THEREFORE, URТА respectfully requests that the Commission enter an Order granting URТА's petition to intervene in this docket allowing URТА and URТА members to participate to the full extent allowed by law.

Dated this 14th day of October, 2010.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by email this 14th day of October, 2010, on the following:

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