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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

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| In the Matter of the Resolution of Certain Issues Related to the Designation of a Common Carrier as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier | Docket No. 10-2528-01 RESPONSE OF THE UTAH RURAL TELECOM ASSOCIATION |
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In accordance with the Amended Interim Scheduling Order issued in this docket May 2, 2011, the Utah Rural Telecom Association (“URTA”) comments on the Division of Public Utilities’ (“Division”) recommendation that a committee be established to recommend a final proposal on the subjects addressed in this docket. URTA discourages the Commission from creating an exclusive committee to resolve issues. Instead, URTA recommends that the Commission schedule a series of technical conferences led by the Division to which anyone with interest can attend and participate. The group can address each of the issues this docket raises and develop a majority recommendation to submit to the Commission. Those that dissent can file a minority report if they desire for the Commission’s consideration. Excluding interveners from participating will prove to be a mistake and will likely lengthen, not shorten the process.

URTA reserves its response, if any, to filings made April 28, 2011 until June 8, 2011 when the Commission scheduled responses to all filings and issues addressed in technical conferences.

Respectfully submitted this 12th day of May, 2011.

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