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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

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In the Matter of the Petition of US Connect  
LLC for Designation as an Eligible  
Telecommunications Carrier in the State of  
Utah

DOCKET NO. 11-2544-01

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The Utah Rural Telecom Association (“URTA”), on behalf of itself and URTA members, All West Communications, Inc., Bear Lake Communications, Beehive Telephone Company, Carbon/Emery Telcom, Inc., Central Utah Telephone, Inc., Direct Communications Cedar Valley, Emery Telcom, Inc., Gunnison Telephone, Hanksville Telcom, Inc., Manti Telephone Company, Skyline Telecom, South Central Utah Telephone Association, Inc., UBTA-UBET Communications, Inc., and Union Telephone (“URTA members”) petitions the Public Service Commission (“Commission”) for intervention in the above-entitled matter pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 63G-04-207 and Utah Admin. Code R746-100-7. As grounds for such intervention, URTA states that its members have legal rights or interests that are or may be substantially affected by these proceedings, that there are facts which support this position detailed below, and that URTA requests that it be allowed intervention on behalf of its members.

In support of this Petition URTA states as follows:

1. URTA is a Utah non-profit corporation. 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”) and participate in the state universal service fund to keep customer rates reasonable in high-cost rural areas. US Connect, LLC is petitioning to provide public telecommunications service in URTA members’ service territories. In addition, if the Commission designates US Connect, LLC as an ETC, US Connect, LLC would be eligible to seek support from the state universal service fund. URTA and URTA members, therefore, have a significant interest in the above-captioned matter and their legal interests may be substantially affected by the outcome.

2. The interests of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of this proceeding will not be materially impaired by allowing URTA to intervene.

3. URTA requests that copies of all notices, pleadings, filings, correspondence and discovery requests and responses in this docket be served on:

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Please serve notices and filings electronically whenever possible.

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

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of January, 2012.

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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the Motion to Intervene, Docket No. 11-2544-01 was sent to the following individuals by electronic mail, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of January, 2012.

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