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Re: Docket No. UT-081393

Dear Mr. Danner:

United Telephone Company of the Northwest, d/b/a Embarq ("United"), files this letter pursuant to the Commissions' Second Prehearing Conference Order ("*Second Order*"). In setting forth a schedule for the proceeding, the *Second Order* provides:

This procedural schedule is based on Embarq's assumption that it will require production of a comprehensive cost study in order to defend against the Verizon Access complaint. Embarq will notify the Commission and all parties no later than December 12, 2008, whether its initial assumption remains accurate. If not, the Commission will modify and shorten the span of the procedural schedule.

Second Order, at ¶ 10. United confirms by this letter that it will file a comprehensive cost study to defend against Verizon's complaint and that, therefore, the schedule set forth in the *Second Order*, is appropriate.

In addition, United confirms its request for the Commission to enter a standard protective order, including provisions to address the discovery of "Highly Confidential" information. United has discussed with the parties the need for the "Highly Confidential" provisions and all agree that it is acceptable for the Commission to enter such an Order.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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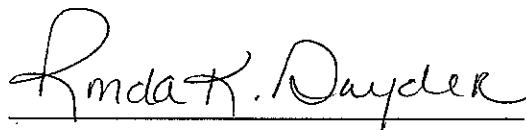
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