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RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

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| CASE NO: | UE-090134 & UG-090135 | WITNESS: | Brian Hirsch Korn |
| REQUESTER: | WUTC Staff | RESPONDER: | Patrick Ehrbar |
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REQUEST:

Re: Decoupling

Mr. Hirsch Korn's Rebuttal Testimony, page 7, says "It was the belief of the Advisory Group, including Staff, that it was more important for the Parties to draw their own conclusions based on the findings in the final Evaluation." Please provide all supporting documentation for this statement. Please include any recordings of meetings and transcripts of the meetings. Please provide all supporting documentation for the timing of Staff statements about the Evaluation Plan.

RESPONSE:

The Evaluation Plan was developed by all parties through their participation in the Advisory Group. The Plan did not call for conclusions or opinions from the Evaluator. The Plan was agreed to by all parties and was filed with the Commission on April 29, 2008. When Titus (Evaluator) presented a draft of their Evaluation to the Advisory Group, Commission Staff expressed a concern that the Evaluation did not provide for more opinion/conclusions from Titus with regard to the Decoupling Mechanism. The issue was discussed by the Group at that time, and it was agreed to by all parties except Staff that it was more appropriate for the Evaluation to compile and present the information as set forth in the Plan, and for the parties to draw their own conclusions regarding the Mechanism based on the information presented.