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Sarah Wallace
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Re: UM 1397 Status Report

Dear Judge Wallace:

Staff submits this status report in accordance with the schedule set forth in your Prehearing Conference Report issued December 4, 2008.

Staff is pleased to report that the active parties (Qwest and staff) have reached a full settlement in principle. Staff and Qwest expect to submit a Stipulation with Supporting Testimony to the Commission no later than January 9, 2009. Qwest and staff ask that if you and the Commission find the Stipulation and Supporting Testimony acceptable, the Commission issue an order rather than have the parties present the matter to the Commission as a public meeting agenda item.

Sincerely,

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C: All parties

1 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

2 I certify that on December 18, 2008, I served the foregoing Letter upon all parties of
3 record in this proceeding by delivering a copy by electronic mail and by mailing a copy by
4 postage prepaid first class mail or by hand delivery/shuttle mail to the parties accepting paper
5 service.

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