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**VIA E-MAIL AND U.S. MAIL**

Annette Taylor  
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Re: Relationship of CP 1242 and CP 1243 to UM 1140 and UCB 18

Dear Ms. Taylor:

As you are aware, I am counsel to Beaver Creek Cooperative Telephone Company (BCT) for Dockets UM 1140 and UCB 18. This letter should not be taken as an appearance on behalf of BCT in CP 1242 or CP 1243. It is my understanding that the parties in CP 1242 and CP 1243 have agreed that I can submit this letter on behalf of BCT as counsel to BCT in the other dockets.

It is my understanding that during a conference call on September 29, BCT suggested that there may be substantial overlap in issues between UM 1140 and UCB 18 on the one hand and CP 1242 and CP 1243 on the other hand. It may be that the process for CP 1242 and CP 1243 may be simplified and resources conserved if certain issues are resolved in UM 1140 and UCB 18. On that basis, BCT requested that the matters in CP 1242 and CP 1243 be held in abeyance.

Whether or not the other parties agree that there are substantial overlap of issues, the parties in CP 1242 and CP 1243 agreed that those dockets could be held in abeyance pending the outcome of UM 1140 and UCB 18. There is a caveat that any party is free to request that CP 1242 and CP 1243 move forward if the matters in UM 1140 or UCB 18 are suffering undue delay. Of

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course, any other party would be free to object to that request to reinstate the schedule for CP 1242 and CP 1243 and such request and objection, if any, would be resolved in due course in those dockets.

Thus, this letter requests that CP 1242 and CP 1243 be held in abeyance as outlined above.

Again, this letter should not be taken as my appearance on behalf of BCT for the substantive issues in CP 1242 and CP 1243.

Sincerely,

RICHARD A. FINNIGAN

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cc: Service List (CP 1242)  
Tom Linstrom

1 CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

2 CP 1242

3 I hereby certify that I have sent the attached letter to Annette Taylor dated October 4, 2004,  
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17 I further certify that I have sent the original and five copies of the attached letter to Annette  
18 Taylor dated October 4, 2004, to the following by e-mail and U.S. mail:

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22 Dated this 4th day of October, 2004.

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