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RE: In the Matter of the Petitions of Golden West companies for Arbitration Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to Resolve Issues relation to Interconnection with WWC License, L.L.C. - Arbitration consolidation SDPUC Docket File Numbers TC 06-036 thru TC 06-042 GPGN File No. 5925.060285 OHE File PUC 6-06

Dear Ms. Brady:

As you know, there is a scheduling telephone conference in the above matter set for this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. Counsel for all parties discussed the matter this morning and it was conveyed to Alltel at that time that the Golden West Companies are now going to be proposing a hearing date of October 11 through 13th.

At the time of the conference this morning, it was my understanding that week could work for our witnesses, but I have since discovered that our cost witness will not be able to attend the entire hearing. It is essential that the cost witness is present through the end of the hearing to respond to testimony and be available to assist in the cross examination of other experts.

While we discussed various dates this morning, WWC License, LLC (Alltel) believes the hearing should begin on the 24th and run through the 26th of October, 2006. Working back from this date, we propose initial prefiled testimony be filed on September 20, 2006. Rebuttal testimony would then be filed on October 4, 2006. Any additional witnesses required due to rebuttal testimony would be disclosed on October 11, 2006. Any exhibits for use in cross examination would be exchanged on October 18, 2006.

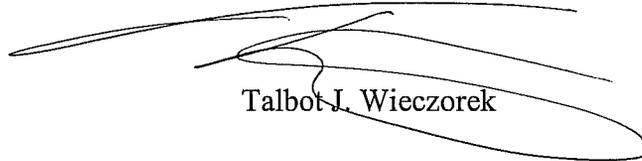
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As to briefing, my assumption would be that the transcript would be available by October 31, 2006. Based on this tentative available date for the transcript and the fact that we would be pre-filing quite a bit of testimony in any case, we would propose initial briefs being exchanged on November 9th with rebuttal briefs being filed on November 17, 2006. On the date of the filing of the rebuttal briefs, we also propose filing Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and a proposed Decision.

Again, I want to make clear that I am sharing these dates with opposing counsel at the same time I am sending you this letter. While we discussed dates this morning, I was not able to determine our cost witness would have a conflict until after our telephonic conference. I did not want to wait until the time of the hearing to disclose this additional information or our thoughts given this information.

Sincerely,



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