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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Honorable Allen C. Hoberg
Administrative Law Judge
State of North Dakota PSC
1707 North 9th Street
Bismarck, ND 58501

RE: Polar Communications Mutual Aid Corporation v. Qwest Corporation
OAH File No. 20090155/Our File No. 36194.08001

Dear Judge Hoberg:

I write with respect to the upcoming prehearing conference in this matter, currently set for 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 10, 2009. At our last conference, we informed you that Polar and Qwest were actively working on a settlement agreement which, if completed, would eliminate the need to pursue the case further. I am authorized by counsel for Qwest to advise the Court that that process continues, and that we remain confident that we will be able to resolve these matters. However, given the complexity of the issues, as well as the natural scheduling difficulties at the end of summer, the parties have not been able to resolve the matter as quickly as they would have liked. Therefore, the parties jointly request that the Court grant them an additional two weeks before another hearing is held. It is our hope and intention that we will be able to file appropriate dismissal documents within that time frame. We appreciate your Honor's flexibility in this matter, and we believe it will be beneficial for all parties and the Court if we are able to resolve these issues without additional involvement by the Commission or your Honor.

Best regards,

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Letter Jointly Requesting Extension of Time for
Prehearing Conference

Polar Communications Mutual Aid Corporation

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