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Re: Encompass Communications, L.L.C.
Docket No. T-03957A-00-0911

Dear Sir/Madam:

Pursuant to sufficiency review letter dated November 15, 2000, enclosed please find for filing an original and ten (10) copies of Encompass Communications, L.L.C.'s surety bond in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000).

I have also enclosed an extra copy of this letter to be date stamped and returned to me in the enclosed, self addressed, postage prepaid envelope.

If you have any questions or if I may provide you with any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Lacey
Legal Assistant to Lance J.M. Steinhart
Attorney for Encompass Communications, L.L.C.

Enclosures

cc: Doug Williams

BOND FOR UTILITY USERS

Bond #: S269010

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That we, Encompass, LLC as Principal, and Employers Mutual Casualty Company as Surety are jointly and severally bound unto the users of Principal in the sum of \$ 5,000.00, lawful money of the United States of America, to be paid as hereinafter provided for which payment will and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, and each of our successors and assigns, jointly and severally be these presents.

THE CONDITIONS OF THIS OBLIGATION ARE THAT: Whereas, the above bounden Principal has contracted with the users of the Principal for the furnishing of competitive retail electric service.

NOW THEREFORE, if the said Principal, or any assigns of his fails to provide competitive retail electric services so furnished, the said Surety will pay the same to the users of the Principal with the consent of the Arizona Corporation Commission as Trustee, an amount not exceeding the sum herein above specified.

THE BOND SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE and effect until cancelled by mutual agreement of the Arizona Corporation Commission, the Principal and the Surety. The Surety's liability shall be terminated and bond cancelled upon written notice of the cancellation by the Surety to the Principal with a copy to the Arizona Corporation Commission no less than thirty days prior to the cancellation date. Notice to the Principal shall be by certified mail in a sealed envelope with the postage prepaid. Proof of notice to the Principal shall be made available to the Arizona Corporation Commission upon request. IN WITNESS Whereof, we have caused these presents to be executed this 29th day of November, 2000.

Encompass, LLC

(Principal)

BY: Larry Luna
Larry Luna, President

Employers Mutual Casualty Company

(Surety)

Darren Halbur
Darren Halbur, Attorney-in-Fact

Attest:

[Signature]

EMC Insurance Companies

No. 381821

P.O. Box 712 • Des Moines, Iowa 50303

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that:

1. Employers Mutual Casualty Company, an Iowa Corporation
2. EMCASCO Insurance Company, an Iowa Corporation
3. Union Insurance Company of Providence, an Iowa Corporation
4. Illinois EMCASCO Insurance Company, an Illinois Corporation
5. Dakota Fire Insurance Company, a North Dakota Corporation
6. EMC Property & Casualty Company, an Iowa Corporation
7. The Hamilton Mutual Insurance Company, an Ohio Corporation

hereinafter referred to severally as "Company" and collectively as "Companies", each does, by these presents, make, constitute and appoint: HOWARD O. DUGGER, LINDA ANN MCALLISTER, DARREN A. HALBUR, INDIVIDUALLY, RICHARDSON, TEXAS

its true and lawful attorney-in-fact, with full power and authority conferred to sign, seal, and execute its lawful bonds, undertakings, and other obligatory instruments of a similar nature as follows:

ANY AND ALL BONDS

and to bind each Company thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such instruments were signed by the duly authorized officers of each such Company, and all of the acts of said attorney pursuant to the authority hereby given are hereby ratified and confirmed.

The authority hereby granted shall expire April 1, 2002 unless sooner revoked.

AUTHORITY FOR POWER OF ATTORNEY

This Power-of-Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by the authority of the following resolution of the Boards of Directors of each of the Companies at a regularly scheduled meeting of each company duly called and held in 1999:

RESOLVED: The President and Chief Executive Officer, any Vice President, the Treasurer and the Secretary of Employers Mutual Casualty Company shall have power and authority to (1) appoint attorneys-in-fact and authorize them to execute on behalf of each Company and attach the seal of the Company thereto, bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and (2) to remove any such attorney-in-fact at any time and revoke the power and authority given to him or her. Attorneys-in-fact shall have power and authority, subject to the terms and limitations of the power-of-attorney issued to them, to execute and deliver on behalf of the Company, and to attach the seal of the Company thereto, bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and any such instrument executed by any such attorney-in-fact shall be fully and in all respects binding upon the Company. Certification as to the validity of any power-of-attorney authorized herein made by an officer of Employers Mutual Casualty Company shall be fully and in all respects binding upon this Company. The facsimile or mechanically reproduced signature of such officer, whether made heretofore or hereafter, wherever appearing upon a certified copy of any power-of-attorney of the Company, shall be valid and binding upon the Company with the same force and affect as though manually affixed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Companies have caused these presents to be signed for each by their officers as shown, and the Corporate seals to be hereto affixed this 19th day of May, 1999.

Bruce G. Kelley

Bruce G. Kelley, Chairman of Companies 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6; President of Company 1; Vice Chairman and CEO of Company 7

Donald L. Coughenower

Donald L. Coughenower Assistant Secretary

Seals



On this 19th day of May AD 1999 before me a Notary Public in and for the State of Iowa, personally appeared Bruce G. Kelley and Donald L. Coughenower, who, being by me duly sworn, did say that they are, and are known to be the Chairman, President, Vice Chairman and CEO, and/or Assistant Secretary, respectively, of each of The Companies above; that the seals affixed to this instrument are the seals of said corporations; that said instrument was signed and sealed on behalf of each of the Companies by authority of their respective Boards of Directors; and that the said Bruce G. Kelley and Donald L. Coughenower, as such officers, acknowledge the execution of said instrument to be the voluntary act and deed of each of the Companies. My Commission Expires September 30, 2000.

Ruta Krumins

Notary Public in and for the State of Iowa

CERTIFICATE

I, David L. Hixenbaugh, Vice President of the Companies, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution of the Boards of Directors by each of the Companies, and this Power of Attorney issued pursuant thereto on May 19, 1999 on behalf of Howard O. Dugger, Linda Ann McAllister, Darren A. Halbur are true and correct and are still in full force and effect.

In Testimony Whereof I have subscribed my name and affixed the facsimile seal of each Company this 29 day of November, 2000

David L. Hixenbaugh

Vice-President