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FROM: Ernest G. Johnson
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EA for EGT

DATE: January 17, 2006

RE: STAFF RESPONSE (Docket No. T-02532A-03-0017)

On November 10, 2003, the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") issued Decision No. 66510 which granted extensions of the Certificates of Convenience and Necessity to Midvale Telephone Exchange, Inc. ("Midvale").

On August 10, 2004, the Commission issued Decision No. 67156 which supplemented Decision No. 66510 and contained additional conditions.

On November 21, 2005, Midvale filed a request for an extension of time in which to comply with certain conditions contained in Decision No. 66510, specifically with respect to filing an update to its franchise with Yavapai County for the extension area (see ¶ 17(b)) and a certificate that Midvale has obtained all of the required tower and rights-of-way permits (see ¶ 17(c)).

On January 4, 2006, by Procedural Order, Staff was ordered to file, by no later than January 17, 2006, a Response to the Applicant's Motion for Extension of Time.

In its Motion, Midvale requests an extension until March 31, 2006, to file an update to its Yavapai County franchise that would include Poquito Valley. It is Staff's understanding that the County approved that extension on December 5, 2005 and that the Company will be filing it in the near future.

In its Motion, Midvale also requests an extension until December 31, 2006, to file a special use permit for a microwave tower that will be required to provide service in Poquito Valley. The Company asserts that it has the necessary FCC permit and will acquire the special use permit for the tower before beginning construction of its facilities in Poquito Valley in 2006.

Staff has no objections to Midvale's request for an extension of time in which to comply with these two conditions.

Should you have any questions concerning the above, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

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