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 17 INVESTIGATION OF THE COST OF
 18 TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACCESS.

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RUCO's COMMENTS ON PROPOSED PROTECTIVE ORDER AND PROCEDURAL RECOMMENDATION

As set forth in the December 19, 2008, Procedural Order in the above-captioned dockets, the Residential Utility Consumer Office ("RUCO") hereby submits (i) its comments on the Staff's proposed protective order, and (ii) its procedural recommendations.

I. COMMENTS ON STAFF'S PROTECTIVE ORDER

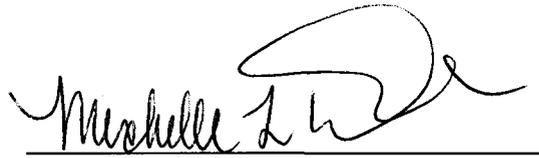
RUCO has no objections to the form of Staff's proposed Protective Order.

II. PROCEDURAL RECOMMENDATIONS

RUCO recommends that the Commission begin with a workshop process. At the first workshop, the parties would be tasked with identifying the issues in these dockets. Then, at a second or subsequent workshops, the parties would attempt to resolve or narrow these issues.

1 At the end of the last workshop, the parties would provide a consensus status report to the
2 Administrative Law Judge. At the completion of the workshop process, the parties would
3 provide a final consensus status report to the Administrative Law Judge, who would then set
4 any remaining issues for hearing.

5 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 23rd day of January, 2009.

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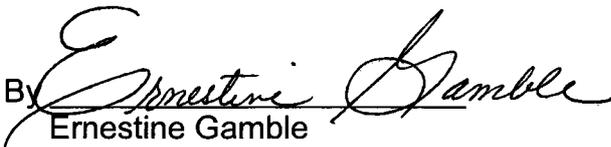
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