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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
TABLE TOP TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC., A
NEVADA CORPORATION, FOR A HEARING
TO DETERMINE THE EARNINGS OF THE
COMPANY, THE FAIR VALUE OF THE
COMPANY FOR RATEMAKING PURPOSES,
AND TO INCREASE RESIDENTIAL RATES AS
NECESSARY TO COMPENSATE FOR THE
RATE IMPACTS OF THE FCC'S USF/ICC
TRANSFORMATION ORDER

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**RESPONSE TO STAFF REQUEST
TO SUSPEND PROCEDURAL
SCHEDULE**

1 Table Top Telephone Company, Inc. ("Table Top hereby responds to Staff's Request for
2 a Suspension of the Procedural Schedule, filed on March 14, 2014.

3 Table Top greatly appreciates Staff's consideration and cooperation in working out a
4 streamlined process for Arizona's small telephone companies to deal with the potentially
5 catastrophic loss of federal high-cost-loop support as a result of the FCC's Transformation
6 Order. Table Top understands that there has been a motion filed with the FCC that could mean,
7 if granted, that the FCC will delay setting a benchmark rate floor and requiring compliance
8 therewith by June 1, 2014. However, there is no certainty that the FCC will grant any relief.
9 The FCC could still soon set the benchmark and require Table Top to raise rates to that level or
10 face dollar-for-dollar losses of federal funding.

11 For these reasons, Table Top can only support Staff's request based on an understanding
12 that, if the FCC does require compliance with a new benchmark by June 1 or shortly thereafter,
13 Staff will work with the affected companies and Hearing Division to resume the hearings as
14 expeditiously as necessary so as to avoid any potential loss of federal funds.

1 Respectfully submitted on March 17, 2014.

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