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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.

DOCKET NO. T-02724A-17-0034

MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE

Table Top Telephone Company, Inc. ("Table Top") hereby moves pursuant to A.A.C R14-3-109(H) to consolidate Docket No. T-02724A-13-0416 with Docket No. T-02724A-17-0034. Both these dockets concern Table Top's request to raise residential rates from \$18/month to the new federal benchmark of \$20/month. This will prevent Table Top from losing federal high-cost loop support of \$2.00 per customer per month (the difference between \$20 and \$18 per month.)

Docket No. T-02724A-13-0416 concerned Table Top's application to raise its residential rates in three steps to federal benchmarks of \$16 per month effective on December 1, 2014, \$18 per month on June 1, 2016, and \$20 per month on June 1, 2017. In Decision No. 74830, the Commission approved the increases to \$16 and \$18, but required Table Top to file a full rate case to justify an increase to \$20. On March 28, 2017, Table Top filed a motion pursuant to A.R.S. § 40.252 for the Commission to amend Decision No. 74830 to remove the requirement that Table Top file a full rate increase to justify the final step increase to \$20. The motion relied in part on Table Top's application in Docket No. T-02724A-17-0034.

<u>Docket No. T-02724A-17-0034</u> concerned Table Top's application for expedited rate relief to allow Table Top to raise its residential rates to \$20 per month by June 1, 2017, to avoid losing federal high cost loop support. In that docket, Table Top also asked for relief from the Commission's requirement in Decision No. 74830 that Table Top file a full rate increase to justify the final step increase to \$20.

<u>Consolidation is in the public interest</u>. The issues in the two dockets are substantially the same and that the rights of the parties will not be prejudiced by consolidation. Further, consolidation will allow the two dockets to be resolved more efficiently and economically. Therefore, consolidation is in the public interest.

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