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COMMISSIONER ARRIAGA: Good morning, everyone.

COMMISSIONER CARTER: Good morning.

COMMISSIONER ARRIAGA: We'll call this service hearing to order. Staff counsel, would you please read the notice?

MR. FUDGE: By notice issued October 18th, 2006, this time and place was set for a hearing in Docket Number 060644-TL. The purpose is as set forth in the notice.

COMMISSIONER ARRIAGA: Thank you, Mr. Fudge. We'll now go ahead and take appearances.

MR. BECK: My name is Charlie Beck. I'm with the Office of the Public Counsel appearing on behalf of the customers of Embarq.

MS. MASTERTON: I'm Susan Masterton representing Embarq. And with me today I also have Charles Rehwinkel, who is the state vice president for Embarq, and Sandy Khazraee, our regulatory manager.

MR. FUDGE: I'm Jason Fudge, staff counsel. With me are Beth Salak and Rick Moses with staff.

COMMISSIONER ARRIAGA: Thank you. Are there any customers in the room today? Any? Any other appearances to take now?

MR. FUDGE: No, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER ARRIAGA: Since there are no customers,

1 why don't we, you know, go on a break for about half an hour,
2 wait a little more, and we'll go off the record for a few
3 minutes and come back in half an hour and see what happens.

4 Is that okay, Commissioners? Thank you. So we're
5 off the record for a half an hour. Thank you.

6 (Recess taken.)

7 COMMISSIONER ARRIAGA: We're back on the record.

8 Mr. Beck, any consumers around?

9 MR. BECK: I have -- I don't believe -- I haven't
10 seen any, Commissioner.

11 COMMISSIONER ARRIAGA: Commissioners, I think we
12 should, you know, give the opportunity to people. So what do
13 you think?

14 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Mr. Chairman, I was thinking
15 that in the context of where we are now, there may very well be
16 a couple of people that may want to come during their lunch
17 hour. So it may be more appropriate if we could maybe recess
18 again and pick up just in case some people come out for lunch.
19 You know, I think we're scheduled for noon. Maybe some people
20 will come from noon through about 12:30 or so. If we don't
21 have anyone then, I think there's probably a chance no one will
22 show up.

23 COMMISSIONER TEW: That seems reasonable to me. That
24 gives people time to come on their lunch break.

25 COMMISSIONER ARRIAGA: All right. Let's recess again

1 until about 12:00 and see what happens then. Okay?

2 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Mr. Chairman, you want to just
3 push it back to maybe 12:15 or so?

4 COMMISSIONER ARRIAGA: Okay.

5 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Wait a minute. It's 11:00.
6 You're right.

7 COMMISSIONER ARRIAGA: It's 11:00. I was hoping we
8 could do it by 12:00 and see what happens. If we need to wait
9 another half an hour, we'll do that. So we are adjourned until
10 about 12:00.

11 (Recess taken.)

12 COMMISSIONER ARRIAGA: We're back on the record.

13 Mr. Beck, are there any other customers that have
14 shown up?

15 MR. BECK: Commissioner, as far as I know, there have
16 been no other customers.

17 COMMISSIONER ARRIAGA: Why don't we do the following,
18 if it's okay with the Commissioners. It's 11:52 right now.
19 Let's go back on recess until 12:25, and at 12:25 we'll check
20 and see if there are any other customers. That way we will
21 give them the chance to see if they can take their lunchtime
22 and come during the lunch hour. Is that okay with all of you?

23 COMMISSIONER TEW: That's fine.

24 COMMISSIONER ARRIAGA: So we're off the record until
25 12:25. Thank you.

1 (Recess taken.)

2 COMMISSIONER ARRIAGA: Okay. We're back on the
3 record.

4 Mr. Beck, any other customers signed up to speak
5 today?

6 MR. BECK: No, sir. I just checked and no one has
7 signed up.

8 COMMISSIONER ARRIAGA: Commissioners, do you think
9 it's time for us to adjourn? Do you feel that we've waited a
10 sufficient amount of time?

11 COMMISSIONER CARTER: I think in view of the day, Mr.
12 Chairman, and we've even had some people going out looking
13 around and haven't seen anyone, I think it would be an
14 appropriate time for us to adjourn.

15 COMMISSIONER ARRIAGA: Commissioner Tew?

16 COMMISSIONER TEW: I agree.

17 COMMISSIONER ARRIAGA: I want to thank all of you for
18 making the effort of coming. I really appreciate you being
19 here. Thank you so much, Commissioners. Mr. Beck from the
20 Office of Public Counsel, thank you so much. And the company
21 for being here also ready to answer any questions that would
22 have come up. So with that, we'll close the record and we're
23 adjourned.

24 (Hearing adjourned at 12:26 p.m.)

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