STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

(Caption of Case)
In Re: Absolute Home Phones, Inc.

BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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The South Carolina Telephone Coalition ("SCTC") (see attachment "A" for list of companies) and Absolute Home Phones, Inc. ("Absolute Home Phones") hereby enter into the following stipulations. As a consequence of these stipulations and conditions, SCTC does not oppose Absolute Home Phones' Application. SCTC and Absolute Home Phones stipulate and agree as follows:

1. SCTC does not oppose the granting of a statewide Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Absolute Home Phones, provided the South Carolina Public Service Commission ("Commission") makes the necessary findings to justify granting of such a certificate, and provided the conditions contained within this stipulation are met.

2. Absolute Home Phones stipulates and agrees that any Certificate which may be granted will authorize Absolute Home Phones to provide service only to customers located in non-rural local exchange company ("LEC") service areas of South Carolina, except as provided herein.

3. Absolute Home Phones stipulates that it is not asking the Commission to make a finding at this time regarding whether competition is in the public interest for rural areas.

4. Absolute Home Phones stipulates and agrees that it will not provide any local service, by its own facilities or otherwise, to any customer located in a rural incumbent LEC's service area, unless and until Absolute Home Phones provides such rural incumbent LEC and the Commission with written notice of its intent to do so at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the intended service. During such notice period, the rural incumbent LEC will have the opportunity to petition the Commission to exercise all rights afforded it under Federal and State law. Also, Absolute Home Phones acknowledges that the Commission may suspend the intended date for service in rural LEC territory for ninety (90) days while the Commission conducts any proceeding incident to the Petition or upon the Commission's own Motion, provided that the Commission can further suspend the implementation date upon showing of good cause.

5. Absolute Home Phones stipulates and agrees that, if Absolute Home Phones gives notice that it intends to serve a customer located in a rural incumbent LEC's service area, and either (a) the Commission receives a Petition from the rural incumbent LEC to exercise its rights under Federal or State law within such 30-day period, or (b) the Commission institutes a proceeding of its own, then Absolute Home Phones will not provide service to any customer located within the service area in question without prior and further Commission approval.

6. Absolute Home Phones acknowledges that any right which it may have or acquire to serve a rural telephone company service area in South Carolina is subject to the conditions contained herein, and to any future policies, procedures, and guidelines relevant to such proposed service which the Commission may implement, so long as such policies, procedures, and guidelines do not conflict with Federal or State law.

7. The parties stipulate and agree that all rights under Federal and State law are reserved to the rural incumbent LECs and Absolute Home Phones, and this Stipulation in no way suspends or adversely affects such rights, including any exemptions, suspensions, or modifications to which they may be entitled.

8. Absolute Home Phones agrees to abide by all State and Federal laws and to participate, to the extent it may be required to do so by the Commission, in the support of universally available telephone service at affordable rates.

9. Absolute Home Phones hereby amends its application and its prefiled testimony in this docket to the extent necessary to conform with this Stipulation.

AGREED AND STIPULATED to this 8th day of July, 2010.

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I, ElizaBeth A. Blitch, do hereby certify that I have this date served one (1) copy of the foregoing Stipulation upon the following party of record by causing said copy to be deposited with the United States Postal Service, first class postage prepaid and affixed thereto, and addressed as follows:

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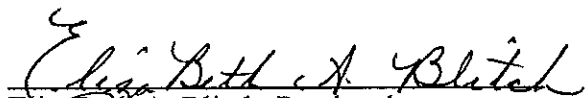

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