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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Jocelyn Boyd, Esquire
Chief Clerk/Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
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Re: Application of Time Warner Cable Information Services (South Carolina), LLC d/b/a Time Warner Cable to Amend Its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Telephone Services in the Service Area of Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and for Alternative Regulation.

Docket No. 2011-52-C

Dear Mrs. Boyd:

The Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") does not oppose the Motion for Expedited Review of Application wherein Time Warner Cable Information Services (South Carolina), LLC, d/b/a Time Warner Cable ("TWCIS") requests a waiver of the hearing requirement in the above referenced application.

ORS conducted a review of the application of TWCIS for a certificate of public convenience and necessity ("CPCN") that would allow it to offer a new telecommunications service, called Digital Home Phone service, over its existing Cable TV network infrastructure in the territory of Sandhill. Upon evaluating the TWCIS application ORS has determined that:

1. The applicant's previously approved CPCN (Docket No. 2003-362-C, Order No. 2004-213, May 24, 2004) demonstrated that it possesses technical, financial, and managerial resources sufficient to provide the services requested throughout the entire state of South Carolina;

2. TWCIS currently offers IP Voice services, Digital Home Phone and Business Class Phone, in select areas of South Carolina and it meets the service standards that the Commission has adopted;
3. The provision of Digital Home Phone in Sandhill’s service area will not adversely impact the availability of affordable local exchange service;

4. TWCIS participates in the support of universally available telephone service at affordable rates through its contributions to the state Universal Service Fund (“USF”) and the state Interim LEC Fund; and

5. The provision of Digital Home Phone in Sandhill’s service area will not adversely impact the public interest.

In light of the above determination, it is ORS’s position that the application of TWCIS should be granted.

We appreciate your consideration and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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