



4. Consolidated received Mr. Shehadeh's brief more than a week earlier than expected given the deadline set by the Commission. As a result, the deadline for Consolidated to file a reply now falls during a time when counsel for Consolidated is out of the office. Consolidated anticipated receiving Shehadeh's brief upon or after counsel planned to return to the office on April 5, 2012.

5. Allowing Consolidated to file its reply on April 9, 2012, will not prejudice Mr. Shehadeh, nor will it affect the Commission's schedule. There will still be sufficient time for Mr. Shehadeh to receive and review the reply brief prior to the hearing currently set for April 17, 2012.

WHEREFORE, Respondent Consolidated Communications Public Services, Inc. respectfully requests that the Commission grant its motion and allow it additional time, to and including April 9, 2012, to file a reply in support of its motion to dismiss.

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Respectfully submitted,



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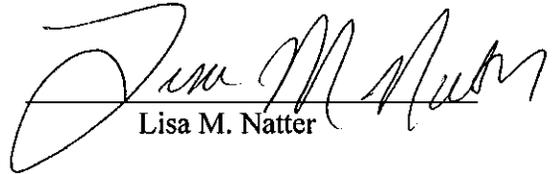
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