APPLICATION OF e-spire COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE

Pursuant to A.A.C. R14-3-105, e-spire Communications, Inc. requests leave to intervene in the above-captioned docket. In support of this application, e-spire states:

1. e-spire's local operating subsidiaries (collectively "e-spire") have certificates of convenience and necessity to provide competitive resold and facilities-based local and long distance telecommunications services within the State of Arizona, and are providing telecommunications services to customers at the present time.

2. e-spire interconnects with US West and is both a customer and competitor of US WEST. e-spire is directly and substantially affected by the outcome of this docket.

3. e-spire's participation in this docket will not unduly broaden the issues presented.

4. e-spire is entitled to intervene pursuant to A.A.C. R14-3-105.
5. The name, address and telephone of the person upon whom service of all
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WHEREFORE, e-spire Communications, Inc. respectfully requests that it be granted
intervention in the above-captioned proceeding.


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