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APPLICATION OF RIO CONCHO AVIATION, INC. FOR A RATE/TARIFF CHANGE

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RIO CONCHO AVIATION, INC.'S OBJECTIONS TO COMMISSION STAFF'S FOURTH REQUEST FOR INFORMATION QUESTION NOS. STAFF 4-1 THROUGH 4-18

COMES NOW, Rio Concho Aviation, Inc. ("Rio Concho") and files its Objections to Commission Staff's Fourth Request for Information – Question Nos. Staff 4-1 through 4-18.

Commission Staff's Fourth Request for Information was filed on August 31, 2016. Commission Staff agreed to extending the objection deadline to September 14, 2016. These objections are timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have served or will serve a true and correct copy of the foregoing document via hand delivery, facsimile, electronic mail, overnight mail, U.S. mail and/or Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested to all parties on this the 14th day of September, 2016.

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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION QUESTION NOS. STAFF 4-1 THROUGH 4-18

STAFF RFI 4-1. Please provide all detailed invoices for rate case expenses for which Rio Concho intends to request recovery. Please include hours spent, hourly rate, description of work performed, and the name of the person providing the services. Please also include invoices and descriptive backup documentation for any expenses charged on the invoices.

<u>OBJECTION:</u> Rio Concho objects to this request to the extent it seeks information protected by the Attorney Client privilege.

STAFF RFI 4-7. Please provide a complete listing (names and locations) of all businesses not already included in Ms. Brunson's direct testimony that employ Ms. Brunson or are operated by Ms. Brunson, and the amount of time spent weekly by Ms. Brunson on each business.

<u>OBJECTION:</u> Rio Concho objects to this request as irrelevant to this proceeding. Whether Ms. Brunson spend time working for other businesses when she is not working on Rio Concho matters is irrelevant to the reasonableness of the revenue requirement in this proceeding.

STAFF RFI 4-9. Please provide totals for contract labor expense, salaries expense, and employee benefits for the years ending 12/31/2014, 12/31/2013, and 12/31/2012.

<u>OBJECTION:</u> Rio Concho objects to this request as irrelevant to this proceeding. The revenue requirement for this proceeding is based upon the 2015 test year as adjusted for known and measureable changes. The expenses that Rio Concho incurred in prior years is irrelevant to the determination of reasonableness of the requested revenue requirement based upon the 2015 test year.

STAFF RFI 4-10. Please explain in detail the reason for all changes in contract labor expense, salary expense, and employee benefit expense for Rio Concho for the years ending 12/31/2014, 12/31/2013, and 12/31/2012.

<u>OBJECTION:</u> Rio Concho objects to this request as irrelevant to this proceeding. The revenue requirement for this proceeding is based upon the 2015 test year as adjusted for known and measureable changes. The expenses that Rio Concho incurred in prior years is irrelevant to the determination of reasonableness of the requested revenue requirement based upon the 2015 test year.