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Re: Joint Application of Embarq Corporation and Century Tel, Inc.  
Regarding Transfers of Control of United Telephone Southeast  
LLC d/b/a Embarq, Embarq Communications, Inc. and Embarq  
Payphone Services, Inc.  
TRA Docket No. 08-00219

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Dear Judge Hotvedt:

In response to your Order of February 20, 2009, the parties have discussed a proposed protective order but, as of this morning, have not reached agreement. Bristol and DeltaCom respectfully suggest that the protective order in this case should be no different in any material respect to the protective order entered on January 29, 2009, by Hearing Officer Richard Collier in Docket 08-00192 (the AT&T deregulation petition). That case, like this one, was a telecommunications matter in which incumbents and competitors were both involved. DeltaCom and Bristol propose that you simply adapt that order to this proceeding.

Very truly yours,

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