

## Supplement to Exhibit A: Renewal Request Background

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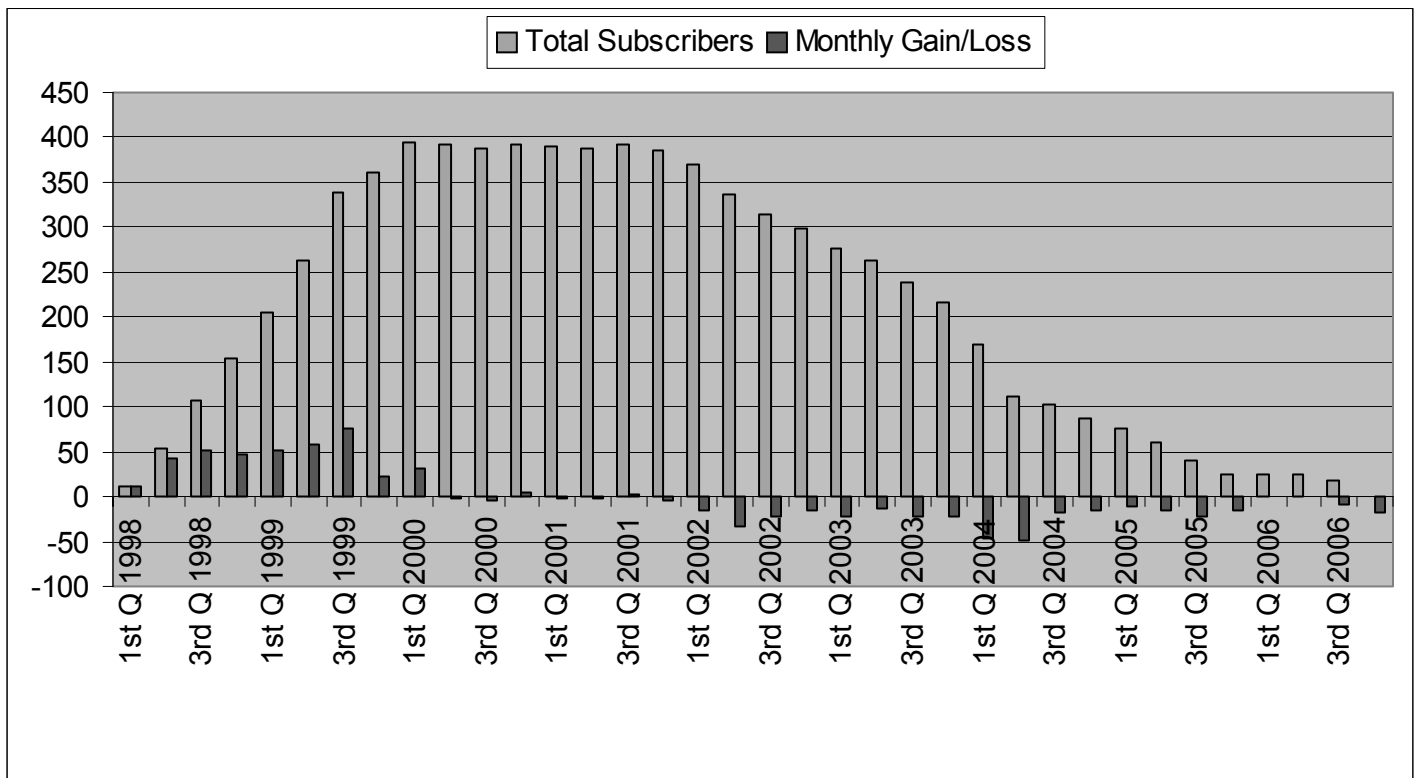
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This document supplements Mountain Telecommunications, Inc.'s ("MTI") background information provided in Exhibit A to the above referenced renewal application. The information in Exhibit A demonstrates that MTI's sister company, Saddleback Communications Company ("Saddleback"), a division of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, has begun an aggressive program to transition approximately 237 subscribers from the experimental Proximity Wireless Local Loop Service to carrier-grade wireline service. This document provides specific milestone dates for this transition project, as well as a view into the number of subscribers converted to wireline at each milestone point.

Although this renewal application is based on the need for additional transition time for Saddleback to ensure that all members of the tribal community maintain access to vital basic telephone services, it is important to note that the transition project already is well under way. Beginning the first quarter 2002, following the finalization of the purchase of the telephone grid serving the Salt River Community from Qwest Communications (the successor to USWest), Saddleback began a concerted effort to convert all community members to high-quality wireline service. From a service high of nearly 400 subscribers in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2001, Saddleback has successfully converted approximately 163 community members from wireless to wireline service.

The following graph shows the total number of wireless subscribers in the tribal community beginning with the grant of the experimental license and projected out to the proposed final expiration date in 2006. The data clearly show a strong decreasing trend in the use of the wireless services with significant conversions occurring in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarters of 2004.

### Wireless Local Loop Subscribers – Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community



The construction of telephone facilities is under way in Carrier Serving Area ("CSA") Four (see Exhibit A) and is planned for the other CSAs as shown in the chart below. Work is scheduled first in the areas that have the

highest concentration of wireless subscribers. The final eight quarters of the project will be the most expensive and difficult to construct as subscribers are randomly dispersed across the most remote regions of the tribal community.

<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Total Subscribers</b>	<b>Carrier Service Area</b>
3rd Q 2003	237	CSA-4
4th Q 2003	216	CSA-4
1st Q 2004	170	CSA-4
2nd Q 2004	111	CSA-4
3rd Q 2004	103	CSA-9
4th Q 2004	88	CSA-9
1st Q 2005	77	CSA-9
2nd Q 2005	61	CSA-10
3rd Q 2005	40	CSA-10
4th Q 2005	25	CSA-10
1st Q 2006	25	CSA-13
2nd Q 2006	25	CSA-13
3rd Q 2006	17	CSA-6
4th Q 2006	0	CSA-6

As the data here and in Exhibit A clearly demonstrates, Saddleback has established a final sunset on the instant wireless services of no later than the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2006. Given that there have been no reported instances of interference with primary users of the Proximity spectrum since the beginnings of the tribal operation, the public interest clearly is served by ensuring that all residents of the Salt River Indian Community have access to basic telephone services, including critical emergency services.