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-=-= **MEMORANDUM** =-=-

TO: PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

FROM: DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Chris Parker, Division Director

William Duncan, Manager, Telecommunications & Water Section

Shauna Benvegnu-Springer, Utility Analyst

DATE: January 31, 2016

SUBJECT: Lifeline Reimbursement for Bear Lake Communications

RE: Docket 15-999-05

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) has reviewed and conducted a desk audit of the Semi-annual Lifeline Report and Request for Reimbursement of Bear Lake Communications, pursuant to Rule R746-341-8, for the period of July 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015. The Division finds that the amounts claimed are reasonable and justified. The desk audit included a review of the amounts and numbers submitted on the invoice, a comparison to previous reports and a review with information from the Department of Workforce Services (DWS).

The Company requested reimbursement for administrative, advertising, voucher and other program expenses based on \$30.00 per month. The Company did not request for reimbursement of interest lost of the foregone revenue discounts on Lifeline and Linkup funds. No outreach efforts were reported due to the agreement with the DWS, Public Service Commission (Commission) and the Division.

The Division recommends that the Commission disburse from the Universal Service Fund the amount equal to program expenses and discounts granted of \$243.00 to Bear Lake Communications.

Cc: Monte Christensen, Bear Lake Communications Attachment (1)

