

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

Investigation into Management of the Utah Universal Service Fund Contribution Method	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>DOCKET NO. 18-999-15</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION AND COMMENT PERIOD</u></p>
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ISSUED: October 9, 2018

Utah Code Ann. § 54-8b-15 requires the Public Service Commission of Utah (“PSC”) to manage the Universal Public Telecommunications Service Support Fund, commonly referred to as the Utah Universal Service Fund (“UUSF”). On October 1, 2016, the PSC increased the UUSF contribution method from 1% of billed intrastate retail rates to 1.65%. On January 1, 2018, the PSC modified the contribution method to \$0.36 per month for each access line or connection.

The Utah Legislature has expressed a preference that the PSC maintain a UUSF balance of at least three months of UUSF payments, and that the PSC not modify the UUSF contribution method more than once every three fiscal years.¹ The PSC has multiple recent dockets² that might increase UUSF distributions to an extent that could require a modification to the UUSF contribution method sooner than three fiscal years after the January 1, 2018 modification.

We invite any interested person to file comments on PSC management of the UUSF contribution method on or before **Thursday, November 15, 2018**. Reply comments may be filed on or before **Thursday, December 6, 2018**.

¹ See <https://le.utah.gov/~2018/bills/sbillenr/SB0004.pdf>, Senate Bill 4, Business, Economic Development, and Labor Base Budget, 2018 General Session, Item 80, lines 1204-1220.

² See, e.g., PSC Docket Nos. 17-2598-01, 17-2597-01, 17-2511-01, 18-040-01, 18-041-02, 18-042-01, 18-043-01, 18-046-01, 18-050-02, 18-051-01, 18-052-01, 18-053-02, 18-054-01, 18-576-01, 18-2180-01, 18-2201-01, 18-2302-02, 18-2303-01, 18-2419-01, 18-2607-01, 18-2597-01, 18-2549-02, 18-2526-01, and 18-2521-02.

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DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, October 9, 2018.

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