

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

Investigation into Management of the Utah
Universal Service Fund Contribution Method

DOCKET NO. 18-999-15

NOTICE

ISSUED: November 13, 2018

On October 9, 2018, the Public Service Commission (“PSC”) initiated this docket and issued a Notice of Investigation and Comment Period (“Notice”). On November 13, 2018, the Utah Rural Telecom Association (“URTA”) filed its Request for Clarification (“Request”), requesting the PSC clarify its use of the terms “contribution method” in the Notice.

The Notice observed:

The Utah Legislature has expressed a preference that the PSC maintain a [Universal Public Telecommunications Service Support Fund, hereafter “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. The PSC has multiple recent dockets 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**

(Notice at 1. Emphasis added.)

The PSC clarifies that its intention would have been better expressed by using the terms “fund surcharge” in each instance where it used the terms “contribution method” in the quoted language above. The PSC further clarifies that it is not the PSC’s intention, in this docket, to revisit the propriety of a “per access line” surcharge as established in Utah Admin. Code R746-8-301.

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DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, November 13, 2018.

/s/ Thad LeVar, Chair

/s/ David R. Clark, Commissioner

/s/ Jordan A. White, Commissioner

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