

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

**In the Matter of the Application for
Increase in USF Eligibility for Uintah
Basin Telecommunications Association
and
UBET Telecom, Inc.**

DOCKET No. 05-053-01

EXHIBIT DPU 8.0

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF

BRUCE SCOTT MOIO

Division of Public Utilities

Department of Commerce

State of Utah

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3 INTRODUCTION

4 Q: Please state your name, business address, employer, and title.

5 A: My name is Bruce Scott Moio; my business address is 160 East 300 South Salt Lake
6 City, Utah 84114; I am employed by the Division of Public Utilities as a utility analyst.

7 Q: On whose behalf are you testifying?

8 A: I am testifying on behalf of the Division of Public Utilities (“Division”).

Q: Please summarize your educational and professional experience.

10 A: I earned a bachelors degree in accounting from Loyola Marymount University. I have 20
11 years of corporate and forensic accounting experience. While at the Division I have
12 worked on a number or projects including public utility regulatory fee calculation and
13 assessment, the most recent PacifiCorp rate case, implementing the certification process
14 for several water utility companies, and various other accounting projects involving
15 regulated utility companies. I completed the annual NARUC Regulatory Accounting
16 Studies Program in 2004. I am also a member of the Association of Certified Fraud
17 Examiners.

18 SCOPE AND SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

19 Q: What is the purpose of your testimony in these proceedings?

20 A: I will present testimony on several Division adjustments that remove specific items
21 booked in 2004 and that were included in the Company's filed application rate base.
22 These adjustments involve assets the Division believes are for unregulated services as
23 well as for assets that do not serve Utah ratepayers. There are eight such adjustments and
24 each has a corresponding depreciation expense adjustment. The detail of my testimony
25 for each of these adjustments must be marked confidential as all the data used to derive
26 the adjustments was taken from information provided by UBET-UBTA under protective
27 order. Each of my Exhibits are confidential as well.

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2 Q: Please explain how the rate base adjustments were calculated.

3 A: The Company filed average rate base totals in this docket. They computed the rate base at
4 January 1, 2004 and at December 31, 2004 and averaging those totals. All but three
5 adjustments proposed in my testimony affect only year-end rate base totals; therefore to
6 determine the revenue requirement of those adjustments on average rate base, the total
7 adjustments were multiplied by 50%. This in effect equates these adjustments to the
8 filing using an average rate base. The three adjustments that affect both beginning and
9 ending rate base are explained later in this testimony.

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11 Q: Please explain the first rate base adjustment.

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24 Q: Please explain your next rate base adjustment adjustment.

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9 Q: Please explain your next rate base adjustment.

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17 Q: Please explain the next rate base adjustment.

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26 Q: Please explain the next rate base adjustment.

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10 Q: Please explain the next rate base adjustment.

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21 Q: Please explain the next rate base adjustment.

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8 **Q:** **What are the total expense and rate base adjustments you are recommending?**

9 A: The adjustments I have detailed in my testimony result in a \$5,452 reduction in
10 depreciation expense for the test period intrastate and a \$9,881 reduction in
11 depreciation expense for the test period and total company. The recommended changes
12 to rate base result in \$103,217 less rate base on an intrastate basis and \$116,192 less total
13 company rate base for the test period.

14 **Q:** **Does this conclude your testimony?**

15 A: Yes.