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MEMORANDUM

TO: Public Service Commission of Utah
FROM: Division of Public Utilities Philip Powlick, Division Director William Duncan, Manager, Telecommunication & Water Section Paul Hicken, Utility Analyst
RE: In the Matter of the Increase Of Rates And Charges And Increase In USF Eligibility For Manti Telephone Company. Docket No. 08-046-01
DATE: August 17, 2010

RECOMMENDATION: Calendar a scheduling conference.

The Division recommends the Commission schedule a conference with all parties to outline the calendar of due dates for this docket.

ISSUES:

On April 25, 2008, Manti Telephone Company filed an application with the Commission asking for rate relief and an increase in state USF eligibility. The Division submitted multiple data requests and conducted several on site audits of Manti. As a result of the audit, the Division and Manti entered into a Stipulation, dated December 8, 2008, whereby Manti would receive an interim annual USF distribution in addition to the current USF distribution, pending the resolution of the rate case. Manti and the Division agreed on a stipulated rate base for end of



year 2008, and further agreed that such rate base would be used to determine Manti's revenue requirement based on a 2009 test year period.

Consequently, Manti amended its initial Application for Rate Increase and Increase in USF Distribution and resubmitted the application to the Commission on August 9, 2010. The Division reviewed the amended filing for compliance with the R746-700-40 rules for a complete filing. Although the amended filing does not provide the information required by these rules, the Division and Manti agree that because this is a continuation of Docket 08-046-01, where the 240 day time limit has previously been waived, that a 240 day time limit does not apply. Therefore, information needed for the rate case that is included in the 700 Rules is being requested from Manti through data requests.

At this time, the Division recommends scheduling a conference that will establish a timeline that can be followed by all parties in this Docket.

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