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TO: PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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RE: Application of SBC Long Distance, LLC to Discontinue the Provision of Local Exchange Service for Business Consumers in the State of Utah.
Docket No. 08-2427-01

Recommendation: Cancel Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

The Division recommends that the Commission grant the request of SBC Long Distance and cancel their certificate. SBC LD has already notified all affected customers of the proposed discontinuation of service, and they have complied with the rules for exiting as required under Administrative Rule R746-350.

Issues:

Southwestern Bell Communications Services Inc. (now known as SBC Long Distance, LLC) received a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to do business in Utah on September 22, 2004 in Docket No. 04-2427-01. On June 15, 2007, SBC LD was granted approval to discontinue local exchange service to residential customers. On January 22, 2008, they filed an application to discontinue local exchange voice service to business customers in Utah.

Nationwide, SBC LD has decided to stop providing local exchange service as a CLEC because of relatively few and scattered customers. SBC LD will continue to provide tariffed business data services and also will continue to offer intrastate and interstate long distance services to Utah customers.