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TO: PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

FROM: DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Thad LeVar, Interim Director
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RE: Docket No. 10-2302-T01, Pursuant to the Order from the Commission dated June 24, 2010, the Commission approved a rate increase for Basic Residential Service (R-1) from \$15.49 per month to \$16.50 per month and for Basic Business Service (B-1) from \$25.49 per month to \$26.00 per month for Carbon/Emery customers, at Carbon/Emery's option.

ISSUE:

On June 24, 2010 the Utah Public Service Commission issued an order that approved a rate increase at Carbon/Emery's option for Basic Residential Service and Basic Business Service according to the following table:

	<u>Existing Rate¹</u>	<u>New Rate</u>
Residence (R-1)	\$15.49	\$16.50
Business (B-1)	\$25.49	\$26.00

This rate increase has previously been agreed to in the stipulation with the Division and the Office and will meet the current Affordable Base Rate for Utah.

¹ Carbon/Emery's existing tariff sheet does not show the increase in basic rates which occurred in 2006 when the Commission allowed it to fold in the local EAS rates and an authorized basic rate increase that occurred in 2005. The new tariff sheets will correct the oversight.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Division recommends that the above new rates for residential and business service approved by the Commission in Docket No. 09-2302-01 go into effect March 1, 2011, the implementation date designated by Carbon/Emery.

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