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TO: PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

FROM: DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Chris Parker, Director

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RE: Citizens Telecommunications Company of Utah d/b/a Frontier

Communications of Utah filing to introduce a new condition

addressing utility facility relocation requests. Docket No. 11-041-T01

## ISSUE:

Citizens Telecommunications Company (Citizens) is filing this addition to its existing tariff, to address Relocation of Utility Facilities and is proposing to include the following paragraph in its tariff:

When an applicant, customer, association, government entity or political division or other third-party requests a change in the type, location or the relocation of aerial or underground of communications facilities used to provide telephone service, the requestor shall be required to pay the cost incurred by the Utility for such change or relocation of facilities. Payment for the cost of the change or relocation must be made prior to the change or relocation.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) has reviewed this modification and has concerns about its conformity to state and local laws and ordinances. The tariff is under review with our legal staff and, due to a temporary staff shortage, the Division requests an additional two weeks to review this modification to Citizens tariff.

The Division therefore recommends that the Commission postpone approval or rejection of this modification in Citizens' Tariff until after March 17, 2011.



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