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TO: PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

FROM: DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Chris Parker, Director
Bill Duncan, Manager, Telecommunications and Water
Paul M. Anderson, Utility Technical Consultant

Re: Utah Docket No. 12-046-T01, TARIFF: Manti Telephone Company –
Manti Telephone Company submits for approval a revised Lifeline tariff to
be in compliance with FCC Order 12-11.

ISSUE:

This tariff modification request supersedes a previous request from Manti Telephone (Manti) to change its Lifeline tariff in response to competitive actions from wireless companies and others that were directed at Manti's Lifeline customers. In a previous DPU memo to the Commission (dated February 21, 2012) the Division recommended that the Commission schedule a technical conference to allow Manti an opportunity to present its rationale on how the proposed tariff would be implemented and how it is in the public interest.

It was subsequently decided in the technical conference that since Manti is about to be involved in a new rate case and the proposed modification involved changing rates that would affect its revenue requirement, the issue of competitive response should be decided in the rate case.

Manti's modification of its Lifeline tariff in this filing, therefore, is to comply with the FCC Order FCC 12-11, released February 6, 2012.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Division has reviewed this filing noting that it phases out federally subsidized Link Up service to carriers for initial connection charges and toll limitation charges. The Division has reviewed this modification for any rate increase to base rates that would require a rate hearing and has found none. The Division therefore recommends that these changes become effective April 1, 2012.

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