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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: Docket No. 12-050-T01 Navajo Communications Company filing to update the Lifeline and Link Up tariff to comply with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Docket No. FCC 12-11, Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization.

ISSUE:

The FCC on January 31, 2012, adopted its Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization Order, FCC 12-11 and Navajo Communications Company (Navajo) is filing this modification of its existing Lifeline tariff, to comply with the order. The following changes are proposed:

- 1. ETCs Federal Lifeline Support will equal \$9.25 per month for each eligible non-Tribal Lifeline subscriber, which is a 75 cent reduction in federal support; and
- 2. Link Up support will only be available to Tribal Lifeline subscribers; and
- 3. Tribal Lifeline subscribers will receive a 100 percent reduction, up to \$100.00, of the customary charge for commencing service.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Tariff Modification

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 agrees that this Tariff change is in response to the above mentioned FCC Order 12-11 and supports this change.

The Division therefore recommends that the tariff be approved and that this filing become effective on April 1, 2012.



cc: Carl Gipson, Manager, Government & External Affairs, Citizens Telecommunications of Utah Patricia E. Schmid, Assistant Attorney General, Utah Attorney General's Office Marialie Martinez, Manager, Customer Service, Utah Division of Public Utilities Eric Orton, Office of Consumer Services