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TO: PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

FROM: DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

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RE: Docket No. 13-041-T03 Citizens Telecommunications Company of

Utah filing to revise access tariff language and rates to comply with

current FCC rules governing inter-carrier compensation in WC

Docket Nos. 10-90, etc (FCC 11-161).

## **ISSUE:**

Citizens Telecommunications Company of Utah d/b/a Frontier Communications of Utah is filing revisions to its new Intrastate Access Service Tariff PSC Utah No. 1-T. This access service tariff change will implement the current changes in transitional intrastate access service rate reductions as mandated in the Federal Communications Commission's November 18, 2011 Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in WC Docket Nos. 10-90, etc. (FCC 11-161).

In addition to the FCC mandate, the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) increased interstate switched access rates effective January 1, 2013, thereby increasing the rates which the carriers must match for terminating access by July 1, 2013. The proposed rates reflect the revised FCC rules and the increased NECA switched access rates.

## **RECOMMENDATION: Approve New Tariff Changes**

The Division reviewed the results of the tariff calculations for the required access revenue reduction which was targeted to the local switching minutes of use rate element and determined that it was set to the appropriate rate.



The Division agrees that this Tariff change is filed in compliance to the above mentioned FCC Order 11-161, and supports this change and recommends that the tariff be approved and become effective on July 2, 2013 rather than July 1, 2013 pursuant FCC Order DA 13-553, a limited waiver for price cap ILECs.

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