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FROM: DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

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RE: Docket No. 14-2180-T02 All West Communications, Inc. filing to revise access tariff language to correct language that was inadvertently used implying a rate increase for the end office information surcharge. The access rates were changed in July to comply with current FCC rules governing inter-carrier compensation in WC Docket Nos. 10-90, etc (FCC 11-161).

ISSUE:

All West Communications, Inc. is filing to correct revisions to its Intrastate Access Service Tariff P.S.C.U. Utah No. 1. This access service tariff was originally changed in July to 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).

RECOMMENDATION: Approve New Tariff Changes

The Division reviewed the reasons for the change in the tariff language and found that All West indicated that with regard to the Switched Access Service End Office Information Originating Rate, a change in the text from "Per 100 Access Minute" to "Per Access Minute" was necessary because upon reviewing the intrastate rates with NECA, All West discovered that the Switched Access Service End Office Information Rate should be "per access minute" rather than "per 100 access minutes." Because of this error, All West experienced a 100 times increase in its Switched Access Service End Office Information Surcharge Origination Rate, which was not intended.

All West has agreed to provide refunds to those carriers that were overcharged and have disputed the higher charges.

The Division agrees that this Tariff language change will correct the error, and recommends that the tariff be approved and become effective back to July 1, 2014.

cc: Matt Weller, President, All West Communications, Inc.
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