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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. 16-041-T04, <u>TARIFF</u>: Citizens Telecommunications Company of Utah d/b/a Frontier Communications of Utah filing to include Veterans Pension Benefit and Veterans Survivors Pension Benefit criterion for the federal Lifeline program.

ISSUE:

Citizens submitted a filing dated December 6, 2016 to update its Tariff by including Veterans Pension Benefit and Veterans Survivors Pension Benefit criterion for the federal Lifeline program

RECOMMENDATION: Approve tariff filing.

The DPU reviewed this filing and has no objection to Citizens including Veterans Pension Benefit and Veterans Survivors Pension Benefit criterion for the federal Lifeline program since these type of administrative changes do not affect basic rates and do not require a rate hearing. This tariff update is in compliance with the FCC Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization Third Report and Order, Further Report and Order, and Order on Reconsideration, WC Docket No. 11-42 (rel. April 27, 2016). The Division therefore recommends that this filing become effective January 6, 2017 as requested.

CC: R. Kirk Lee, Manager, Government & External Affairs, Citizens and Navajo Communications Justin Jetter, Assistant Attorney General, Utah Attorney General's Office Marialie Wright, Manager, Customer Service, Utah Division of Public Utilities

