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HAND DELIVERED

Public Service Commission of Utah
Heber M. Wells Building
160 East 300 South, 4th Floor
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

Re: Docket 16-042-T01

To the Commission:

In accordance with Utah Code Annotated Section 54-7-12(7) and R746-405 and pursuant to the Public Service Commission's ("Commission's") Notice of Requirement to File a Petition to Amend Tariff or to Deviate from the Utah Affordable Base Rate issued April 18, 2016, Docket No. 16-R360-01 ("Commission's Notice"), Supplemental Notice issued May 26, 2016 ("Supplemental Notice"), and Order issued June 7, 2016, Emery Telephone ("Emery") hereby files the original and five copies of the following:

1. The 10th Revised Sheet No. 22, canceling the 9th Revised Sheet No. 22 of Emery's Local Access Tariff on file with the Commission;
2. The 2st Revised Sheet No.59, canceling the 1st Revised Sheet No. 59 of Emery's Local Access Tariff on file with the Commission.

The Board of Directors of Emery has, pursuant to Utah Code Annotated Section 54-7-12(7), approved a rate increase for the Basic Residential (R-1) Service from \$15.00 per month to \$15.82 per month; and for Teen Line Service from 75% of the Residential Rate to 100% of the residential rate per month.

The rate increases are necessitated by the Commission's proposed Affordable Base Rate which requires Emery to charge a floor of \$18.00 per month for residential service and \$26.00 per month for business service in order to remain eligible for State USF support. Pursuant to the Commission's Supplemental Notice, telecommunications providers are permitted, but not required, to include mandatory extended area service ("EAS") charges, State subscriber line

charges (if any), and state universal service fund surcharges (“State USF”) in determining whether such carrier’s rates meet the Commission proposed Affordable Base Rate. Emery’s revised residential rates will not be inclusive of the mandatory EAS, State USF surcharges, and State SLCs. Rather, such rate elements will remain separate. However, the sum of the Residential (R-1) rate, the mandatory EAS, the State USF Surcharge, and the State SLCs is equal to the Commission proposed Affordable Base Rate of \$18.00 for residential service:

<u>Rate Elements</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Residential Rate	\$15.82
Mandatory EAS	\$2.00
State SLC	n/a
State USF	\$0.18
Total:	\$18.00

The sum of Emery’s current Business (B1) rate, the mandatory EAS, and the State USF are already at the Commission set affordable base rate for business, so no rate increase is sought for business rates.

<u>Rate Elements</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Business Rate	\$24.50
Mandatory EAS	\$3.50
State SLC	n/a
State USF	\$0.28
Total:	\$28.28

Emery has scheduled and duly noticed a Public Meeting on June 28, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the residential rate increase necessitated by the Commission. Therefore, all of the requirements of Utah Code Ann. Section 54-7-12(7) have been or will be met prior to the implementation of the new rates. The tariff sheets as proposed do not constitute a violation of state law or Commission rule.

Emery respectfully requests, in accordance with R746-405-2(E)(3), that the Commission waive the 30 day notice period and that the tariff become effective July 1, 2016 as contemplated in the Commission’s Notice and Supplemental Notice, Docket 16-R360-01.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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