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## ACTION REQUEST RESPONSE

**TO:** PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**FROM:** DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Chris Parker, Director  
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**DATE:** June 14, 2018

**RE:** **DOCKET NO. 18-051-T01**, In the Matter of Beehive Telephone Company, Inc.'s filing to revise access tariff rates to comply with current FCC rules governing inter-carrier compensation in WC Docket Nos. 10-90, etc. (FCC 11-161)

### ISSUE:

Beehive Telephone Company, Inc. (Beehive) filed revisions to its Intrastate Access Service Tariff P.S.C. Utah No. 2 to reflect compliance with FCC Part 51 Rules 51.907 through 919 for the next phase of modifying the intrastate access rates to establish parity with interstate access rates effective July 1, 2018. Specifically, terminating switched access service rates are increasing and the local switching terminating rate is decreasing to be at parity with NECA's interstate switched access rates.

### DISCUSSION:

On May 30, 2018 Beehive filed revisions to its P.S.C. Utah No 2 Access Service Tariff to increase the intrastate access rates to be in parity with the interstate access rates. The modified

tariff also reduces the local terminating per access minute rate. The FCC mandated in its November 18, 2011 Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in WC Docket Nos. 10-90, etc. (FCC 11-161) the transition of intrastate access service rate increases and reductions in phases. This filing represents the seventh phase in access service rate changes. The Division of Public Utilities (Division) reviewed the results of the tariff impact calculations for the required access service rates. The Division has determined that the submitted tariff rates are set to the appropriate rates as outlined in the FCC Report and Order. The modest amount of increase in revenue is less than \$10 annually. The Division finds this tariff modification to be fair, just and reasonable, and in the public interest.

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

The Division agrees the tariff change is filed in compliance to the FCC Order 11-161 and supports this tariff change. The Division recommends the tariff be approved and become effective July 1, 2018.

CC:           Jacob Warner, President, Beehive Telephone Company  
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