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Action Request Response

To: Utah Public Service Commission

From: Utah Division of Public Utilities

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Date: May 15, 2018

Re: Docket No. 18-2201-T01 Bear Lake Communications, Inc., Proposed Tariff Revision filing to revise intrastate and interstate access service rates to comply with current FCC rules governing inter-carrier compensation.

Recommendation (No Approval)

Reject Tariff Revision Filing and order refiling in separate filings.

The Division recommends the Commission reject the tariff revisions and order the company to file tariff revision pages under each company's own docket and tariff rather than consolidated under the Central Utah Telephone, Inc. tariff.

Issue

Central Utah Telephone, Inc. (Central) and its subsidiaries (Bear Lake Communications and Skyline Telecom) filed revisions to their switched access service rates under P.S.C. Utah No. 2 tariff for Central Utah Telephone, Inc. The proposed access service tariff changes increase and reduce rates for Central, Bear Lake Communications (Bear Lake) and Skyline Telecom (Skyline).

Background

The Division received the tariff revisions for Central, Bear Lake and Skyline under the Central Utah Telephone tariff. All three companies operate on their own and are regulated by the Commission as separate individual companies. Unfortunately, the Division and the Commission have accepted consolidated tariff revisions under the Central Utah Telephone tariff for several years. To correct the error, the company should file correct tariff rate revision pages for each company's tariff.

Conclusion

The Division recommends that Bear Lake's, Skyline's and Central's tariff revision pages be filed separately in their own docket for each company's tariff pages respectively.

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