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Action Request Response

To: Utah Public Service Commission

From: Utah Division of Public Utilities

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Date: September 4, 2018

Re: **REVISED TARIFF Bear Lake Communications, Inc.'s Proposed Tariff Revisions**, Docket No. 18-2201-T01

Recommendation (Approve Tariff Sheets)

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) recommends the Utah Public Service Commission (Commission) approve the tariff sheets filed on behalf of Bear Lake Communications, Inc. (Company) on August 21, 2018.

Issue

The Company filed proposed tariff revisions to its current tariff to comply with the Commission's request to file the Company's tariffs independently instead of a consolidated tariff with affiliates.

Background

The past practice of Central Utah Telephone, Inc., Bear Lake Communications, Inc. and Skyline Telecom was to file a consolidated Intrastate Access Tariff PSC Utah No. 2 for Central Utah Telephone and its subsidiaries. On April 30, 2018, JSI filed tariff materials on behalf of Central Utah Telephone, Inc., Bear Lake Communications, Inc. and Skyline Telecom (Companies). The Commission requested that the Companies file independent tariffs in the future.

Discussion

The Division has reviewed the proposed tariff revisions for Bear Lake Communications, Inc. It finds that the proposed tariff revisions are consistent with the previously filed and approved tariff pages, but establishes a separate Bear Lake Communications, Inc. Intrastate Access Tariff PSC Utah No. 2. The terms and conditions of the proposed tariff are identical, with exception of the pages numbers, to the Central Utah Telephone and Subsidiaries consolidated tariff. The Section 17 titled “Rates and Charges” of the tariff are exclusive to Bear Lake Communications, Inc. The revised pages reflect the same rates and charges previously approved by the Commission for the Company with no change.

Conclusion

The Division recommends the Commission approve the proposed tariff revisions as filed for the Company.

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