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Recommendation

To: Utah Public Service Commission

From: Utah Division of Public Utilities

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Date: June 3, 2019

Re: Gunnison Telephone Company's Proposed Tariff Revisions

Docket No: 19-043-T01

Recommendation (Approval)

The Division of Public Utilities ("Division") recommends that the Public Service Commission ("Commission") approve Gunnison Telephone Company's ("Company") proposed reduction to the Local Switching-LTR Intrastate access rates in its current tariff. The DPU has reviewed the Company's filing and the Company's subsequent amended filing and has no objection to the proposed change. The Division therefore recommends the Company's existing tariff be modified and become effective on July 2, 2019, as requested.

Discussion

On May 28, 2019, the Company filed a tariff sheet revision request to implement the eight phase transition of access charges as outlined in FCC Part 51 Rules 51.907 through 51.919 (specifically, 51.909). Also, on May 28, 2019 the Commission requested the Division review the proposed change to the Company's tariff. On May 29, 2019 the Company filed an amended request to revise its tariff and correct a typographical error in the new intrastate access rate, changing it from \$.00007 to \$.0007. The proposed change reduces its intrastate access rates to be in parity with interstate access rates.



Conclusion

Based on the Division's review, the Division recommends the Commission approve the Company's proposed revisions to its intrastate access rates. The Division believes that the change is consistent with the FCC's outlined transition of access charges in FCC Part 51 Rules 51.907 through 51.919.

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