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Action Request Response

To: Public Service Commission of Utah

From: Utah Division of Public Utilities

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Date: October 29, 2020

Re: **Docket No. 20-040-01**, Central Utah Telephone Company – 2019 Annual Report
UUSF Review

Recommendation (Approve)

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) amends its recommendation to the Utah Public Service Commission (Commission) to increase the 2021 Utah Universal Service Fund (UUSF) payment to Central Utah Telephone Company (Company) of \$429,572 annually or \$35,798 monthly effective January 1, 2021.

Issue

On September 28, 2020, the Division recommended the Company's UUSF amount be reduced by the 2019 and 2020 EDIT amounts totaling \$294,733. The Division spoke with the Company's management on October 28, 2020 regarding the EDIT amount reduction to its UUSF payment effective January 1, 2021. The Company and the Division agree the 2019 EDIT amount of \$194,301 should be used to reduce the UUSF proposed amount and not the 2019 and

the 2020 EDITS amounts combined. The Division and the Company recommend reducing the proposed 2021 eligibility amount of \$623,873 by \$194,301 to \$429,572 annually.

Conclusion

The Division recommends the 2021 UUSF distribution for Central Utah Telephone Company be \$429,572 annually, or \$35,798 monthly, effective January 1, 2021.

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