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Action Request Response

To: Public Service Commission of Utah

From: Utah Division of Public Utilities

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Date: June 5, 2020

Re: Docket No. 20-043-T01, Gunnison Telephone Company Proposed Tariff Revisions

Recommendation (Approve Tariff Sheets)

The Division of Public Utilities (“Division”) recommends that the Public Service Commission of Utah (“Commission”) approve Gunnison Telephone Company (“Company”) proposed tariff reduction. The Division has reviewed the Company’s filing and the Company’s revised tariff sheets. The Division, therefore, recommends the Company’s existing tariff be revised effective July 1, 2020 as requested.

Discussion

On May 28, 2020 the Company filed proposed a tariff revision, as prescribed by the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) rules, with the Commission. The proposed local switching rate is decreased to \$0.00 to reflect the final FCC “step down” of its terminating minute rate. The Commission issued an action request for the Division to investigate the proposed tariff revision.

The Division reviewed the Company’s proposed reduction to its Local Switching-LTR intrastate access rate and the related FCC rules. The reduction in the rate will generate loss of revenue.

Conclusion

Based on the Division's review, the Division recommends the Commission approve the Company's proposed revision to its Local Switching-LTR intrastate access rate. The tariff change is consistent with the FCC's prescribed rules and transition of charges. The Division recommends that the Commission approve the tariff sheets as presented in the Company's filing.

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