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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 11, 2020

**Re:** **Docket No. 20-053-T01**, UBTA-UBET Communications Inc. Proposed Tariff  
Revisions

### Recommendation (Approve Tariff Sheets)

The Division of Public Utilities (“Division”) recommends that the Public Service Commission of Utah (“Commission”) approve UBTA-UBET Communications Inc.’s (“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 June 1, 2020 the Company filed proposed a tariff revision, as prescribed by the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) rules, with the Commission. The proposed revisions are to align interstate access rates with local switching rates and 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 following revisions to switched access and transport are proposed:

1. Decrease Local Switching Terminating Premium Access rate from \$0.0007 to \$0.00.
2. Increase Entrance Facility Voice Grade Terminating rate from \$25.00 to \$28.60.
3. Decrease Entrance Facility DS1 rate from \$125.00 to \$87.13.
4. Decrease Entrance Facility DS3 rate from \$1285.00 to \$795.47.
5. Decrease Direct Trunk Transport Voice Grade Monthly Fixed rate from \$26.00 to \$12.78, and increase Voice Grade per mile rate from \$0.20 to \$1.27.
6. Decrease Direct Trunk Transport DS1 Monthly Fixed rate from \$128.00 to \$30.97, and decrease DS1 per Mile rate from \$16.00 to \$5.98.
7. Decrease Direct Trunk Transport DS3 Monthly Fixed rate from \$600.00 to \$198.86.

The Division reviewed the Company's proposed revisions to its Local Switching, Transport, and Terminating Access rates and the related FCC rules. All proposed revisions reflect the leveling of rates as prescribed by FCC rules. The revision in the rates will result in a mild loss of revenue.

## **Conclusion**

Based on the Division's review, the Division recommends the Commission approve the Company's proposed revisions to its Local Switching-LTR intrastate access and Transport rates. The tariff changes are 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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