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VIA EMAIL TO PSC@UTAH.GOV

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RE: Docket No. 20-2201-T01
Bear Lake Communications, Inc.
Intrastate Access Tariff PSC Utah No. 2

Dear Mr. Widerburg:

JSI files the enclosed tariff material on behalf of Bear Lake Communications, Inc. (“Bear Lake”). Proposed revisions are made in compliance with current Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) rules governing intercarrier compensation. The proposed revisions bear an effective date of July 1, 2020.

Proposed rates reflect the final step down of End Office terminating rates as prescribed by FCC rules. Further, NECA interstate switched access rates are expected to decrease effective July 1, 2020, thereby reducing the capped rates which the issuing carriers must match for terminating access by July 1, 2020.¹ Rates are based on the -1.49 percent interstate switched access rate decrease as announced by NECA on April 24, 2020 (see Exhibit 1). If NECA rates approved by the FCC differ from the rates proposed in this filing, rates will be adjusted to match the approved NECA rates. Bear Lake’s interstate terminating switched access rates are contained in NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5 which may be found at https://www.neca.org/Tariff_5.aspx.

¹ See *In the Matter of Connect America Fund, et al.*, WC Docket No. 10-90 *et al.*, Order DA 13-564 (rel. March 27, 2013).

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Any questions regarding the filing may be directed to the undersigned at the address and telephone number listed above, or by email at vwimer@jsitel.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Valerie Wimer".

Valerie Wimer
Vice President

on behalf of
Bear Lake Communications, Inc.

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For your action
Switched access rate changes and CAF ICC Data Collection is open from April 27 until May 14

April 24, 2020

To: General and pool contacts at TS/SW pool members

Switched access rate changes

Commission rules require NECA to adjust capped interstate switched access rates, other than terminating end office rates, to reflect pool election changes. Pool election changes for the upcoming tariff year resulted in a 1.49% decrease from current rate levels following the methodology specified in 47 CFR §51.909(a)(6). We will adjust all interstate switched access rates by this factor, except for the terminating end office rates for the upcoming tariff year. The terminating end office rates will be \$0. Proposed interstate and intrastate rates are shown in the intrastate TRP on the CAF ICC website. Proposed intrastate rates need to be filed with state regulatory commissions.

Eligible recovery and CAF ICC

The forecasts of interstate switched access minutes, SLB and MLB lines have been updated on the CAF ICC Data Collection website to reflect more recent data. The updated forecasts and required switched access rate changes affect your interstate allocated switched access revenue, intrastate terminating switched access revenue, eligible recovery and CAF ICC support.

Test period 2018-2019 true up

Test period 2018-2019 true-up data will be updated after the April view of realized revenues is available in NECA's settlements system and can be viewed after May 6. As indicated in our [February 10, 2020 letter](#) (login required), no revisions to switched access revenue data for the 2018-2019 test period will be accepted after April settlements lock on April 28.

Based on the requirements of the tariff review plan filed with the FCC, you must enter imputed ARC revenues on CBOL lines. We have prepopulated voice/data ARC revenues based on the February view of settlements data in the "Study Area TY2018-2019 ARC Revenues" table. Once the voice/data ARC revenues are updated to reflect the April view of settlements data after May 6, please ensure the imputed ARC revenues by line type are correct.

CAF ICC data update

The CAF ICC website will remain open until **May 14** to allow for forecast updates and other changes. For access, go to our [website](#) (login required) and select Member Services>NECA Data Collections>CAF ICC Data Collection. Companies will not be able to change any forecast data after May 14. Since no changes can be made after May 14, please review your inputs carefully to ensure they are accurate.

Data certification

You will be able to certify your company's data online **beginning Friday, May 15, until 11:59 p.m. ET on Friday, May 29**. To comply with Commission rules, data must be certified by an officer of the company. Blank certification forms will be available on the website for companies unable to certify online; these are **due to your region office by May 29**.

Questions?

Please contact your member service manager.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey Phillips
cc: Authorized consultants