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Action Request Response

To: Public Service Commission of Utah
From: Utah Division of Public Utilities
Artie Powell, Director
Brenda Salter, Utility Technical Consultant Supervisor
Shauna Benvegnu-Springer, Utility Technical Consultant
Date: June 2, 2020
Re: **Docket No. 20-2201-T01**, Bear Lake 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 Bear Lake Communications, Inc.’s (“Company”) proposed tariff reductions. 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 19, 2020 the Company filed proposed tariff revisions, as prescribed by the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) rules, with the Commission. The proposed local switching and transport rates are decreased by -1.49% to reflect the final FCC “step down” of end office terminating rates. The Commission issued an action request for the Division to investigate the proposed tariff revisions.

The Division reviewed the Company's proposed reduction to its Local Transport-LTR and Local Switching-LTR intrastate access rates and the related FCC rules. The reduction in rates will generate a minimal loss of revenue.

Conclusion

Based on the Division's review, the Division recommends the Commission approve the Company's proposed revision to its Local Transport-LTR and Local Switching-LTR intrastate access 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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