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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 3, 2025

**Re:** **Docket No. 25-040-T01**, TARIFF Central Utah Telephone, Inc. Proposed Tariff Revisions.

## Recommendation (Approve Tariff Sheets)

The Division of Public Utilities ("DPU" or "Division") has reviewed the tariff filing and recommends the Public Service Commission ("PSC" or "Commission") approve Central Utah Telephone, Inc.'s ("Central Utah" or "Company") proposed revisions to its tariff rates to comply with the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") intercarrier compensation rules. The Division recommends the tariff changes be approved with an effective date of July 1, 2025.

## Issue

On May 20, 2025, Central Utah submitted revised tariff sheets, which follow the current FCC rules governing intercarrier compensation. The Commission issued an Action Request on May 20, 2025, for the Division to investigate the proposed changes and report its findings and recommendations by June 3, 2025. This memorandum represents the Division's response to the Commission's Action Request.



## Background

Issuing carriers must match terminating access by July 1, 2025, by decreasing specific capped interstate switched access rates.<sup>1</sup> It is expected that the FCC will approve the National Exchange Carrier Association's (NECA) proposed rate change filing, effective July 1, 2025. The rates are based on an 18.4483% rate decrease, as announced by NECA on April 10, 2025.

## Discussion

The Division reviewed the redlined version and final versions of the tariff sheets submitted with the Company's filing. The proposed rates have been adjusted by the announced NECA rate proposal dated April 10, 2025. Central Utah is requesting a decrease in 20 Local Transport rates, with the rate difference per month as follows:

- Entrance Facility: Voice Grade Two Wire - \$15.67
- Entrance Facility: Voice Grade Four Wire - \$25.07
- Entrance Facility: High Capacity DS1 - \$76.37
- Entrance Facility: High Capacity DS3 - \$697.34
- Entrance Facility: Optical OC3 - \$711.08
- Entrance Facility: Optical Channel OC12 - \$759.20
- Direct Trunked Transport Direct Trunked Facility: Voice Grade - \$1.11
- Direct Trunked Transport Direct Trunked Facility: High Capacity DS1 - \$5.24
- Direct Trunked Transport Direct Trunked Facility: High Capacity DS3 - \$45.58
- Direct Trunked Transport Direct Trunked Facility: Optical Channel OC3 - \$48.79
- Direct Trunked Transport Direct Trunked Facility: Optical Channel OC12 - \$61.24
- Direct Trunked Termination: Voice Grade - \$11.21
- Direct Trunked Termination: High Capacity DS1 - \$27.15
- Direct Trunked Termination: High Capacity DS3 - \$174.33
- Direct Trunked Termination: Optical OC3 - \$181.51
- Direct Trunked Termination: Optical OC12 - \$395.21
- Multiplexing: DS3 to DS1 - \$159.06
- Multiplexing: DS1 to Voice - \$61.41
- Tandem Switch: Terminating - \$0.000037
- Tandem Switch: Terminating - \$0.000191

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<sup>1</sup> 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).

The Division received information from the Company on June 3, 2025, which illustrated the frequency of the rates billed over the past 12 months. The Division reviewed and analyzed the impact on revenue due to the rate changes. Central Utah did not bill any of these rates during the past 12 months. They are maintaining the rates on their tariff as placeholders to use as necessary. Therefore, the rate changes have no impact on revenue.

## **Conclusion**

The Division reviewed Central Utah's filing and had no concerns with the proposed revisions. The Division recommends the Commission approve the filing as submitted, effective July 1, 2025, as requested.

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