
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

In the Matter of the Utah Affordable Base Rate
for Telecommunications Services

DOCKET NO 16-R360-01
REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

ISSUED: March 4, 2016

Effective July 1, 2016, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will require Utah's rural telecommunications providers to charge a base rate of \$18 in order to remain eligible for subsidization through the Universal Service Fund.¹ The Public Service Commission of Utah requests comments from affected telecommunications providers as to whether Utah's base rate should be changed accordingly and, if so, how the change should be accomplished.

The deadline for comments is **Friday, March 25, 2016**. Comments may be filed as follows:

- in person or by mail: Heber M. Wells Bldg., 160 East 300 South, Fourth Floor, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111
- by electronic mail: psc@utah.gov
- by facsimile: (801) 530-6796

¹ See the FCC's Report and Order, Declaratory Ruling, Order, Memorandum Opinion and Order, Seventh Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, issued June 10, 2014 in WC Docket No. 10-90; WT Docket No. 10-208; WC Docket No. 14-58; WC Docket No. 07-135; and CC Docket No. 01-92 at page 29, Section (V)(A)(80): "For the period between July 1, 2016, and June 30, 2017, we waive section 54.318(b) to the extent reported rates are greater than or equal to \$18[.]"

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DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, March 4, 2016.

/s/ Thad LeVar, Chair

/s/ David R. Clark, Commissioner

/s/ Jordan A. White, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg
Commission Secretary

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY that on March 4, 2016, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served upon the following as indicated below:

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