

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

In the Matter of the Utah Universal Service Fund Surcharge	<u>DOCKET NO. 16-R360-02</u> <u>REQUEST FOR COMMENTS</u>
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ISSUED: April 13, 2016

The Public Service Commission of Utah (Commission) has identified a recent trend of declining revenue in the Utah Universal Service Fund (UUSF). The Commission requests comments as to the following issues:

1. Industry trends or other circumstances that might explain why the current surcharge is generating less revenue.
2. Mechanisms to maintain funding of the UUSF, including but not limited to the following two options, either of which could be accomplished through a future administrative rule filing by the Commission, contemplated to be effective by October 1, 2016:
 - a. Increasing the current surcharge from 1% of billed intrastate retail rates to 1.65% of billed intrastate retail rates. *See* Utah Administrative Code R746-360-4(C).
 - b. Repealing the current surcharge and implementing a \$0.32 surcharge on:
 - i. each residential and business access line of each customer of local exchange telephone service in Utah; and
 - ii. each residential and business telephone number of each customer of a mobile telephone service in Utah, not including a telephone number used exclusively to transfer data to and from a mobile device.

Anyone who desires to file comments on these issues may do so by **Monday, May 16, 2016**, with reply comments by **Thursday, June 2, 2016**. Comments may be filed as follows:

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DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, April 13, 2016.

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