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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

In the Matter of the Utah Administrative Code R746-8, Proposing to Repeal R746-360, R746-341, and R746-343) Docket No. 17-R008-01
)
) URTA’S JOINDER IN
) CENTURYLINK’S REQUEST FOR
) ADDITIONAL TIME TO FILE
) COMMENTS AND REPLY
) COMMENTS

Utah Rural Telecom Association (“URTA”) on behalf of its members All West Communications, Inc., Bear Lake Communications, Inc., Beehive Telephone Company, Carbon/Emery Telcom, Inc., Central Utah Telephone, Inc., Direct Communications Cedar Valley, LLC, Emery Telephone, Gunnison Telephone Company, Manti Telephone Company, Skyline Telecom, South Central Utah Telephone Association, Inc., UBTA-UBET Communications Inc. (dba Strata Networks), and Union Telephone Company, hereby joins in CenturyLink’s Request for Additional Time to File Comments and Reply Comments (“CenturyLink’s Request”) in this docket.

URTA agrees that the Comment and Reply Comment deadlines in this docket should be extended by at least 45 days for the reasons set forth in CenturyLink’s Request. With the Reply Comments due in the Utah Universal Service Fund (“UUSF”) Docket R746-R360-01

on August 2, 2017, it makes sense to permit the parties to focus their attention on the UUSF Docket before addressing the items in this docket. Further, as the Commission has noted while proposed R746-8 focuses on Lifeline Rules, significant changes have been made in other section of the UUSF rules. Because of the scope and breadth of the proposed rule change in this docket, URТА believes that the Commission and all interested parties would benefit from additional time to prepare comments and proposed rule language. Further, URТА agrees that some of the issues raised in this docket could have an impact on the UUSF and therefore, it would be more efficient and effective to resolve the surcharge mechanism before implementing the rule changes contemplated in this docket.

URТА supports an extension of at least 45 days for initial comment and reply comments in this docket.

Dated this 13th day of July, 2017.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 13th day of July, 2017, I served a true and correct copy of Utah Rural Telecom Association's Joinder in CenturyLink's Request for Additional Time to File Comments and Reply Comments, Docket 17-R008-01 via e-mail transmission to following persons at the e-mail addresses listed below:

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