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TO: All Providers that facilitate telecommunications services.

FROM: DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
Chris Parker, Director
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RE: In the Matter of Utah Public Service Commission Rule R746-360. Universal Public Telecommunications Service Support Fund and R746-360-4, Application of Fund Surcharges to Customer Billings.

The Public Service Commission of Utah has determined to change the Utah Universal Service Fund (UUSF) surcharge to a per access line/per connection surcharge by amendment of PSC Rule 746-360-4. The proposed rule, which possibly was to go into effect on August 1, 2017, **has been delayed until January 1, 2018** by the Public Service Commission of Utah (PSC). The PSC is in the process of reviewing comments regarding this issue and will alert interested persons as to any further proceedings.

It is anticipated that the surcharge rate to be assessed shall equal \$0.36/month per connection and the 1.65 percent of intrastate revenue surcharge will be discontinued. As of July 1, 2017 the Relay Utah Fund (RUF) surcharge was eliminated. Funding for the RUF is included in the UUSF surcharge.

The UUSF surcharge shall be collected by all providers that facilitate telecommunications services, including through voice over internet protocol

(VoIP). The definition of access lines and connections are found in the following sections of Utah Code:

Section 54-8b-2 Definitions

- (1) “Access line” means a circuit-switched connection, or the functional equivalent of a circuit-switched connection, from an end-user to the public switched network.

Section 54-8b-15 Universal Public Telecommunications Service Support Fund – Established

- (1)(C) “Connection” means an authorized session that uses Internet protocol or a functionally equivalent technology standard to enable an end-user to initiate or receive a call from the public switched network.

This memo will serve as a pre-notification of the change in surcharge methodology and initial monthly rate. Remember that the current surcharge for UUSF is in effect through December 31, 2017.

In mid-December he updated forms for the submission of the Utah Universal Service Fund Surcharge Remittal Statement will be found on the Public Utilities web site at

<http://publicutilities.utah.gov/forms.html>

and another notification will be sent.

c.c. Public Service Commission of Utah