

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

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Service Support Fund

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REQUEST FOR COMMENTS AND
DRAFT RULE LANGUAGE: UUSF
ASSESSMENT OF PREPAID
WIRELESS

NOTICE OF PROPOSED
RULEMAKING

ISSUED: September 5, 2017

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

In our Notice of Change to Proposed Rule and Response to Reply Comments issued on August 14, 2017, we indicated a willingness to continue considering all issues concerning prepaid wireless, and indicated our intention to do so during a future rulemaking process. To move that commitment forward, the Public Service Commission of Utah (PSC) requests comments regarding the following issues:

1. What forms of telecommunications service are considered "prepaid wireless" service in the current marketplace?
2. Of the different forms of prepaid wireless service, which are assessable under the PSC's proposed per-access line mechanism for funding the Utah Universal Service Fund (UUSF) (published in the Utah State Bulletin Vol. 2017 No. 17)?
3. Which forms of prepaid wireless service are arguably excluded from UUSF assessment under the proposed rule language?

Interested persons may submit comments no later than **Wednesday, October 4, 2017**.

REQUEST FOR REPLIES AND DRAFT RULE LANGUAGE

The PSC requests reply comments about whether the UUSF assessment of prepaid wireless should be addressed further by administrative rule, and if so, draft rule language to effect UUSF assessment of any prepaid wireless service that is arguably excluded under the proposed per-access line funding rule. Drafts may be submitted no later than **Tuesday, October 17, 2017**.

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Depending on the outcome of the comments and replies, the PSC may promulgate a rule to modify the requirements to pay into the UUSF fund for providers of prepaid wireless. If the PSC does so, the currently anticipated rulemaking schedule is as follows:

1. November 1, 2017: Proposed rule filed with the Division of Administrative Rules.
2. November 15, 2017: Proposed rule published in the Utah State Bulletin.
3. December 15, 2017: Conclusion of statutory comment period.
4. December 22, 2017: First possible effective date.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, September 5, 2017.

/s/ Jennie T. Jonsson
Administrative Law Judge

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Approved and confirmed September 5, 2017 by the Public Service Commission of Utah.

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/s/ David R. Clark, Commissioner

/s/ Jordan A. White, Commissioner

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