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Action Request Response

To: Public Service Commission of Utah

From: Utah Division of Public Utilities

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Re: **Docket No(s). 25-999-03 and 26-999-03**, Various Requests to Withdraw from Reporting Utah Universal Service Fund

Speakerbus Incorporated Request to Withdraw from Wireless Reporting
Via Wireless, LLC Request to Withdraw from Wireless Reporting
Fonality, Inc and NetFortris Acquisition Co., Inc. Request to Withdraw from the Universal Service Fund Reporting
Docket No. 10-2227-01, Sprint Spectrum, LLC FKA Sprint Spectrum, LP'S (Sprint PCS) Request to Deactivate its Utah Universal Service Fund Account
Pulsar360 Corp. Request to Withdraw from Utah VoIP Reporting
DentalTek Request to Withdraw from VoIP Reporting
Excellus Communications Request to Withdraw from Wireless Reporting

Recommendation (Acknowledge with Recommendation)

The Division of Public Utilities ("Division") recommends the Public Service Commission ("Commission") acknowledge the telecommunication entities do not have a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") or an Eligible Telecommunication Carrier ("ETC") designation and have no eligible "access lines,"¹ therefore are not a "provider"² and have no duty to file a surcharge remittal.

¹ As defined in Utah Admin. Code R746-8-200(1).

² As defined in Utah Admin. Code R746-8-200(19).



Background

On January 13, 16 and 23, 2026, the Commission issued seven Action Requests to the Division to verify the telecommunication entity’s designation and provide a recommendation on processing a reporting withdrawal from the Utah Universal Service Fund (UUSF).

Issue

Division Analysis

The telecommunication entities in these action requests are non-regulated; they have neither a CPCN nor an ETC designation. The table below details each telecommunication entity’s designation.

Telecommunication entity	Non-Regulated	ETC	CPCN
Excellus Communication, LLC.	Yes	No	No
DentalTek	Yes	No	No
Sprint Spectrum, LLC.	Yes	Order granting request to relinquish ETC designation on March 10, 2011, in Docket No. 10-2227-01.	No
Pulsar360 Corp.	Yes	No	No
Fonality, Inc.	Yes	No	No
NetFortris Acquisition Co., Inc.	Yes	No	No
Via Wireless, LLC.	Yes	No	No
Speakerbus Inc.	Yes	No	No

The correspondence from the telecommunication entities or the entity’s filing agent inquires about how to “close the account” or “close it out.” The UUSF remittal system does not create accounts for each entity; payments are submitted on an ad hoc basis. Additionally, Utah Admin. Code R746-8-301 and 302 does not require an entity to submit a remittal if it has no eligible or omitted access lines. Therefore, there is no filing obligation that needs to be discharged when a non-regulated entity is no longer providing service in Utah. The Division maintains a database with all regulated and non-regulated entities and updates this database when an entity’s status changes (i.e. active to inactive).

Recommended Process

The Division recommends the Commission engage in a rulemaking process to codify a telecommunication entity’s duty to provide notice to the Commission and clarify the access line requirement to file a surcharge remittal.

The rulemaking process would begin when the telecommunication entity or an entity’s filing agent files notice to the Commission stating the telecommunication entity has no eligible

access lines and does not anticipate having eligible access lines for the foreseeable future. Once notice is received by the Commission, the Commission will charge the Division with verifying the telecommunication entity's designation and whether additional UUSF remittals are required. The verified information will be sent to the Commission to acknowledge the telecommunication entity is not required to file a surcharge remittal for UUSF purposes or that the telecommunication entity must make an additional remittal. The Division does not foreclose the possibility of changing the withdrawal process for non-regulated telecommunication entities in collaboration with the Commission.

Conclusion

Telecommunication entities are not required to provide notice to the Commission if they have no eligible access lines and are not required to file a UUSF surcharge remittal. However, to ensure a streamlined and consistent process when future non-regulated telecommunication entities are no longer serving customers in Utah, the Division recommends the Commission create a rule to require notice be filed with the Commission.

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