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Amended Memorandum

To: Public Service Commission of Utah

From: Utah Division of Public Utilities

Chris Parker, Director
Brenda Salter, Assistant Director
Abdinasir Abdulle, Utility Technical Consultant Supervisor
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Date: August 19, 2026

Re: **Docket No. 26-999-09, Amended** Lifeline Request for reimbursement for South Central Utah Telephone for 1st Half of 2026.

Recommendation (Approve)

Audit Overview

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) has finalized a comprehensive desk audit regarding the Request for Utah Lifeline Discount Reimbursement submitted by South Central Utah Telephone (Company). This audit was conducted in accordance with Utah Administrative Code R746-8-403(2)(a) and encompasses the operational period from January 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026.

The Division's evaluation methodology included cross-referencing the Company's submitted data against records from the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) and supplementary internal analyses. The review also inspected Utah Universal Service Fund (UUSF) remittance results to determine if the provider paid or exempted Lifeline connections from its UUSF payments.

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Financial Findings and Calculations

During the specified audit period, South Central Utah Telephone reported a total of [redacted] eligible Lifeline subscribers. The Division has validated the following financial details:

- **Claimed Reimbursement:** The claimed reimbursement of $[redacted] accurately represents the actual discounts provided to eligible subscribers and is deemed reasonable.
- **UUSF Surcharge Deduction:** The Division reviewed the Company's UUSF surcharge payments for the first half of 2026. Following this review, it was determined that no necessitating adjustments to the Lifeline Request are required.
- **Net Recommended Disbursement:** After applying the required surcharge deduction, the final approved disbursement amount is **$504.00**.

Conclusion

The Division recommends that the Public Service Commission of Utah approve and disburse **$504.00** from the UUSF. Payment should be remitted to the following address:

South Central Utah Telephone
PO Box 555
Escalante, UT 84726

cc: Michael R East, President/CEO, South Central Utah Telephone Association
Annette Ormond, Accountant, South Central Utah Telephone Association

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