

June 12, 2018

Public Service Commission
Heber M. Wells Building
160 East 300 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

*Re: Increase in USF Funding for UBTA-UBET Communications, Inc., in
Docket No. 05-053-01*

Dear Commission:

This letter is in response to the letter of UBTA-UBET dated February 1, 2006. In that letter the company is requesting that the Order of the Commission dated November 4, 2005 approving the Stipulation be interpreted to allow a USF payment to begin the date of the Commission's Order.

The company letter was in response to a memo from the Division dated January 18, 2006, in which the Division recommended that the new USF distribution begin on January 1, 2006 based upon its reading of the Commission's order. The DPU believes that the language in the Commission's Order that made effective the Stipulation upon the finalization of the merger of UTBA and UBET created an ambiguity as to when the effective date was for an increase in USF distribution from the USF fund.

We agree with the letter from Mr. Stoel that pursuant to the settlement agreement, the increase in USF funding would occur upon the Commission's Order while any rate increase would not take place until the merger was completed.

Therefore, if the Commission's intent was not to change the provisions of the settlement agreement, the Division has no objections to the USF increase taking place as of November 4, 2005 rate order rather than January 1, 2006 and the Commission issuing a brief Order to that effect.

Sincerely,

Michael Ginsberg
Assistant Attorney General

cc: all parties of record.