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**TO: PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**FROM: DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**

Chris Parker, Director  
Bill Duncan, Manager, Telecommunications and Water  
Paul M. Anderson, Utility Technical Consultant

**Re: Utah Docket No. 11-046-T01, In the Matter of Residential and Business line rate increases approved by the Public Service Commission in the Stipulation of Docket No. 08-046-01**

**ISSUE:**

Manti Telephone Company (Manti) and the Division of Public Utilities (Division) entered into a stipulation pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §§ 54-7-1 for approval of an increase in rates and charges. Manti will increase its residential basic service rate from \$13.50 to \$16.50 and its basic business rate from \$23.00 to \$26.00 to meet the current Affordable Base Rate. The rate increase in the stipulation was approved by the Public Service Commission in a Report and Order issued January 20, 2011, and Manti originally requested that it become effective August 1, 2011. Recently Manti has submitted a cost study to the DPU to decrease its EAS rates and desires that both the rate increases above and a proposed EAS rate decrease become effective simultaneously on September 1.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Division recommends that the Commission delay approval of the above new rates for residential and business service previously approved by the Commission in the rate case until September 1, 2011 or later so that the Division can analyze the EAS cost study to determine if the EAS rates can be decreased at the same time. The Division will provide its final recommendation when this analysis is complete.

**CC:** Paul Cox, General Manager, Manti Telephone Company  
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