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**TO: PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**FROM: DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**

Chris Parker, Director  
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**Re: Utah Docket No. 12-040-T01, TARIFF:** Central Utah Telephone, Inc. (Central) submits for approval of a revised Lifeline tariff to be in compliance with FCC Order 12-11.

**ISSUE:**

The FCC on January 31, 2012, adopted its Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization Order, FCC 12-11 and Central is filing this modification of its existing Lifeline tariff, to comply with the order to remove Link Up from the tariff. It will only be available to Tribal Lifeline subscribers.

Central's modification of its Lifeline tariff in this filing, therefore, is to comply with the FCC Order FCC 12-11, released February 6, 2012.

**RECOMMENDATION: Approve Tariff Modification**

The Division has reviewed this filing noting that it phases out federally subsidized Link Up service to carriers for initial connection charges for non-tribal subscribers and toll limitation charges. The Division has reviewed this modification for any rate increase to base rates that would require a rate hearing and has found none. The Division therefore recommends that these changes become effective April 1, 2012 or as soon as possible thereafter, and will be subject to any action subsequent to the FCC's Connect America Fund & Inter-carrier Compensation Reform Order which stays, alters, or reinstates the federal Lifeline and/or Link-Up services or subsidies.

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