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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. 12-042-T01, TARIFF: Emery Telephone (Emery) submits for approval 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 Emery is filing this modification of its existing Lifeline tariff, to comply with the order. The following changes are proposed:

1. ETCs Federal Lifeline Support will equal \$9.25 per month for each eligible non-Tribal Lifeline subscriber, which is a 75 cent reduction in federal support; and
2. Remove Link Up from the tariff. It will only be available to Tribal Lifeline subscribers.

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

The Division previously recommended that the Commission approve this tariff modification in its memo dated March 30, 2012, but overlooked a page numbering error. This modification will fix that error.

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. This modification 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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