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TO: PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

FROM: DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Chris Parker, Director
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Re: Utah Docket No. 13-2201-T03, TARIFF: Bear Lake Communications, Inc. (Bear Lake) submits for approval a revised tariff map showing the serving area of its Garden City exchange.

ISSUE:

On December 24, 2013 Bear Lake submitted an advice letter to update its Garden City exchange tariff map due to changes in cable facility feeds serving various subscribers. This new exchange map reflects the current boundaries of the Garden City serving area. The Division of Public Utilities (DPU) had previously worked with Bear Lake to update its exchange map since the original exchange map was old and not yet converted to a modern computer format. Bear Lake had also purchased this exchange from US West (now CenturyLink) and the tariff map for this exchange had not been updated.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Tariff Map Update on the Garden City Exchange

The DPU reviewed this filing with Bear Lake and recommended to Bear Lake that Garden City be updated at this time with the proper layout for exchange maps suitable to file with the commission. Bear Lake had an existing tariff map that was worked on in the past two years with the DPU that requires only minor modifications to reflect all the agreed upon changes and have the proper page format for filing. Bear Lake, therefore, now replaces its existing exchange map with a new exchange map that is updated and has been reviewed by the DPU.

The DPU has reviewed these modifications to exchange boundaries for conflicts with other ILEC exchange boundaries and has found none.

Bear Lake has requested that the Commission waive the 30-day filing requirement and authorize the updated tariff map to become effective January 1, 2014, for the reason that the revisions identify and define the existing service area boundaries for the applicable Bear Lake exchange. The DPU concurs with this request and also recommends that these changes become effective January 1, 2014.

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