



Emery Telephone and Carbon/Emery Telecom; Docket Nos. 15-042-01 and 15-2302-01

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Dear parties:

When we met yesterday during the scheduling conferences, we discussed scheduling a public witness hearing in each of the dockets above. Since then I've thought about this further and I'm wondering whether you'd like to forgo the public witness hearing.

I raise this question because in a typical rate case, the company would provide notice to its customers of the proposed change(s) and the date on which those customers may provide public input. In a UUSF case, however, those potentially affected by the change are *all* rate payers within the state; so, the proposed change is not limited to the company's customers.

Please let me know your thoughts. I'm happy to accommodate you either way. I'll wait to hear from counsel for all parties before I move ahead with scheduling orders.

Thank you,

Melanie



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On behalf of the companies we have always maintained that a public witness is not required in UUSF only cases. We would like to forego the public witness day.

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The Division's position continues to be that these are not rate cases when it's a stand alone USF request. That said, we're OK with keeping the public witness days. There is no set rule on how we schedule these hearings, but it seems reasonable to have a time for public to comment if they'd like to. USF cases while not changing rates directly do change rates for all Utah telephone bills through the surcharge and while unlikely based on past experience it is possible to have interested public witnesses. As the requests for USF increase it seems at least plausible that we will start to have more interest from the rate payers who are funding the USF.

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I am sorry that I did not get in touch with your sooner. Director Beck is out of town has yet to respond to my email. Also, I am new here and don't know what the Offices position is regarding public hearings at stand alone USF cases. I am fairly sure that I will hear from her today. If I don't I believe that the Office's position is to retain the status quo and have the public hearing. This position may change after I get a hold of Ms. Beck. Thank you.

Bob. Moore