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TO: PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

FROM: DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
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DATE: May 6, 2015

SUBJECT: In the Matter of UBTA-UBET Communications, Inc.'s Application for Utah Universal Service Fund Support.

RE: Docket Number 15-053-01

The Division has reviewed the Application for Utah Universal Service Fund Support. (USF) from UBTA-UBET Communications Inc. (dba Strata Networks), filed with the Commission on April 6, 2015, against the requirements of Administrative Rule R746-700-40 as requested by the Commission. The Division issued one data request to Strata during the review process to obtain more information on certain requirements. The data request was promptly answered, and the Division now believes the application to be substantially complete in accordance with the above referenced rule.

Although the Division does not believe that a request for USF support is equivalent to a rate case when customer rates are unaffected, and questions whether rate case rules apply, the Division recognizes the need for a complete application as an appropriate starting point for a satisfactory review of USF support levels.

The Division has no opposition to the filing and recommends that the Commission proceed with the scheduling conference on May 7, 2015.