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TO: PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

FROM: DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
Chris Parker, Director
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Re: Utah Docket No. 16-052-T03, In the Matter of the Petition of South Central Utah Telephone Association, Inc., to establish a new service offering called Ethernet Switched Access Local Transport (ESALT).

ISSUE:

South Central Utah Telephone Association (SCUTA) is requesting tariff changes to establish a new service offering called Ethernet Switched Access Local Transport (ESALT). ESALT enables the customer to handoff Internet Protocol (IP) traffic to SCUTA. This is offered as another direct trunk option and allows SCUTA to convert traffic from Time Division Multiplexing (TDM) to IP format which many Feature Group D carriers prefer.

RECOMMENDATION:

This filing references the authorized Interstate Access Tariff 5 in lieu of rates for ESALT. The Division of Public Utilities has determined that this tariff change does not change basic rates and does not require a formal hearing. The Division recommends that this filing become effective August 9, 2016 as requested.

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