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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. 16-2319-T01, In the Matter of the Petition of Direct Communications – Cedar Valley, LLC (Direct) for a revision in Emergency Line Rates to meet the current Commission approved Affordable Base Rate rules.

ISSUE:

Direct is requesting a revision in its Emergency Line Rate from \$13.00 to \$18.00, correcting an earlier oversight related to bundling pricing and how it ultimately impacts the consumer.

RECOMMENDATION:

The above emergency rate increase is also pursuant to the Public Service Commission's Notice of Requirement to File a Petition to Amend Tariff or to Deviate from the Utah Affordable Base Rate (Notice) issued April 18, 2016, Docket No. 16-R360-01

The Division recommends that the Commission **approve** the new updated tariff sheet for Direct in Docket No. 16-2319-T01 and that the **Commission waive the 30 day notice period** and that the tariff become retroactive effective July 1, 2016 as contemplated in the Commission's Notice and Order in Docket 16-R360-01 without penalty since the above oversight was not intentional.

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