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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. 16-2419-T02, Direct Communications – Cedar Valley, LLC (Direct) is filing to revise its tariff to comply with the Federal Communication's (FCC) 2016 Lifeline Modernization Order.

ISSUE:

Direct is filing a revision to its local tariff Utah PUC No. 1. This tariff change will comply with the FCC 2016 Lifeline Modernization Order for the adopted rules effective December 2, 2016 in Title 47: Telecommunication; Part 54-Universal Service. The eligibility requirements section is updated to reference those adopted sections. Additionally, this filing also removes references to Tribal Lifeline since Direct does not have any tribal land, and updates the lifeline Service section to reflect the \$9.25 federal credit instead of the dated Tier method.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Division reviewed Direct's petition to revise its tariffs to comply with the above FCC order and found that the filing will not increase any rate or charge, cause the withdrawal of service, or conflict with other Tariff sections and found that this change is revenue neutral.

The Division supports this change and recommends that the tariff be approved and become effective on December 2, 2016.

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