

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

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In the Matter of the Request of Beehive Telephone Company, Inc. for Modification of its Circuit Equipment Depreciation Rate

DOCKET NO. 17-051-01  
ORDER APPROVING REQUEST

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ISSUED: May 25, 2017

On April 24, 2017, Beehive Telephone Company, Inc. (Beehive) requested that the Public Service Commission of Utah (PSC) modify the utility's depreciation rate for circuit equipment. As of the date of its request, Beehive's depreciation rate for circuit equipment was 20%. Beehive requested a modified depreciation rate of 12.5%, effective retroactively to January 1, 2017.

Also on April 24, 2017, the PSC issued a notice establishing May 24, 2017 as the comment deadline and June 8, 2017 as the reply comment deadline in this docket.

On May 23, 2017, the Utah Division of Public Utilities (Division), filed comments, recommending that the request be approved. In recommending approval, the Division noted that "Beehive would not be over earning based on the proposed change" and that "the proposed depreciation rate falls within the range of depreciation rates and asset lives for similar industry assets."

As of the date of this order, no other comments have been filed. Therefore, the PSC does not anticipate reply comments and finds it appropriate to issue an order promptly.

**ORDER**

Given the foregoing, the PSC vacates the June 8, 2017 reply comment deadline in this docket and approves Beehive Telephone Company, Inc.'s request to depreciate circuit equipment

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at a rate of 12.5%, effective January 1, 2017. Beehive Telephone Company Inc.'s approved depreciation rates, as established in Docket No. 94-051-03, are hereby modified accordingly.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, May 25, 2017.

/s/ Jennie T. Jonsson  
Administrative Law Judge

Approved and confirmed May 25, 2017 as the Order of the Public Service Commission of Utah.

/s/ Thad LeVar, Chair

/s/ David R. Clark, Commissioner

/s/ Jordan A. White, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg  
Commission Secretary  
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Notice of Opportunity for Agency Review or Rehearing

Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §§ 63G-4-301 and 54-7-15, a party may seek agency review or rehearing of this order by filing a request for review or rehearing with the PSC within 30 days after the issuance of the order. Responses to a request for agency review or rehearing must be filed within 15 days of the filing of the request for review or rehearing. If the PSC fails to grant a request for review or rehearing within 20 days after the filing of a request for review or rehearing, it is deemed denied. Judicial review of the PSC's final agency action may be obtained by filing a Petition for Review with the Utah Supreme Court within 30 days after final agency action. Any Petition for Review must comply with the requirements of Utah Code Ann. §§ 63G-4-401, 63G-4-403, and the Utah Rules of Appellate Procedure.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY that on May 25, 2017, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served upon the following as indicated below:

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