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Public Service Commission of Utah
Heber M. Wells Building
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Salt Lake City, UT 84111

Re: Docket 17-052-T01

To the Commission:

In accordance with Utah Code Annotated Section 54-7-12(7) and R746-405 and pursuant to the Public Service Commission's ("Commission's") Rule R746-360-6, and the Commission's Order dated June 7, 2016 in Docket No. 16-R360-01, South Central Utah Telephone Association, Inc. ("South Central") hereby electronically files the following:

1. The 8th Revised Sheet No. 22, canceling the 7th Revised Sheet No. 22 of South Central's Local Access Tariff on file with the Commission.

The Board of Directors of South Central has, pursuant to Utah Code Annotated Section 54-7-12(7), approved a rate increase for the Basic Residential (R-1) Service from \$18.00 per month to \$20.00 per month in conformity with Commission Rule R746-360-6 which requires a telecommunications corporation to charge a minimum of \$20 per line as of July 1, 2017 to be eligible for USF subsidization.

Further, under Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules as of July 1, 2017, all eligible telecommunications carriers that are incumbent local exchange carrier recipients of federal high-cost support must report the number of residential service lines for which the sum of local rates and state fees (as of June 1, 2017) are below the 2016 rate floor for voice service (\$22.49). To the extent that an incumbent local exchange carrier's local rates, plus state regulated fees, are less than \$20 as of June 1, 2017, that carrier's high-cost federal support will be reduced. As a result, South Central requests an effective date for the rate increase of June 1, 2017 to meet the federal rate floor.

South Central held a duly noticed Public Meeting on April 26, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the rate increase necessitated by the FCC and the Commission. Therefore, all of the requirements of Utah Code Ann. Section 54-7-12(7) have been met prior to the implementation of the new rates. The tariff sheets as proposed do not constitute a violation of state law or Commission rule.

South Central respectfully requests, in accordance with R746-405-2(E)(3), that the Commission waive the thirty (30) day notice period and that the tariff become effective June 1, 2017.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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