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**TO: PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**FROM: DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**  
Chris Parker, Director  
Bill Duncan, Manager, Telecommunications and Water  
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**Re: Utah Docket No. 17-052-T02, In the Matter of the Petition of South Central Utah Telephone Association, Inc. (SCUTA), for an Increase in Rates to the current Commission approved Affordable Base Rate**

**ISSUE:**

SCUTA proposes to revise its local access service tariff Utah PUC No. 5. This tariff change will comply with the Public Service Commission's Notice of Intent to Amend Utah Administrative Code R746-360-6 and to Grant a Temporary Deviation from that Rule Issued May 24, 2017, in Docket No. 17-R360-02.

The FCC requires that the companies participating in the Connect America Fund (CAF), such as SCUTA, bring their rate levels to the CAF-mandated floor each year as a condition of continued participation. The 2017 FCC rate floor was frozen this year at \$18.00 for residential subscribers. SCUTA, therefore, proposes that the R-1 Residential Rate remain at \$18.00 rather than change to \$20.00 as proposed in previous Docket No. 17-052-T01.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Division reviewed SCUTA's petition to revise its tariffs to decrease its rate to the affordable base rate. The proposed R-1 Residential Rate for all exchanges will decrease by \$2.00 from \$20.00 to \$18.00 per line.

The Division agrees that this Tariff change complies with the above mentioned Notices and Order, and recommends that the tariff be approved and become effective on June 1, 2017 as requested.

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