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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. 17-2180-T01, In the Matter of the Petition of All West Communications, Inc, for an Increase in Rates to the current Commission approved Affordable Base Rate

ISSUE:

All West Communications, Inc. (All West) proposes to revise its local access service tariff Utah PUC No. 5. This tariff change will comply with the Utah Affordable Base Rate Rule R746-360-6, the Commission's Notice of Requirement to File a Petition to Amend Tariff or to deviate from the Affordable Base Rate (Docket No. 16-R360-01), the Commission's Supplemental Notice, and the Commission's Order setting the Utah Affordable Base Rate.

The FCC requires that each company participating in the Connect America Fund (CAF), such as All West, bring its rate levels to the CAF-mandated floor each year as a condition of continued participation. The 2017 FCC rate floor is \$20.00 for residential subscribers, as required by FCC Public Notice DA 17-167A1, which was released February 14, 2017. The Division of Public Utilities (Division) is reviewing All West's earnings based on its 2016 annual report. The Division will take appropriate action when the review is complete.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Division reviewed All West's petition to revise its tariffs to increase its rate to the affordable base rate. The proposed R-1 Residential Rate for all exchanges will increase by \$2.00 from \$18.00 to \$20.00 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. If the additional revenue or other circumstances render All West's revenues excessive, the Division may take further action.

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