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MEMORANDUM

To: Public Service Commission

From: Division of Public Utilities
Chris Parker, Director
Bill Duncan, Telecommunications / Water Manager
Ron Slusher, Utility Technical Consultant

Date: February 06, 2017

Re: In the Matter of the Application of Talk America Services, LLC to Discontinue
Telecommunications Services within the State of Utah, Docket Number 17-2236-01.

RECOMMENDATION (Approval):

The Division of Public Utilities (“Division”) has reviewed the request by Talk America Services, LLC to Discontinue Services to thirteen (13) long distance customers and recommends the Public Service Commission (“Commission”) grant this request. Talk America Services, LLC will continue to provide services to approximately 141 customers under its CPCN that was granted on November 25, 2014 in Docket No. 14-2236-01.

EXPLANATION:

On or about January 23, 2017, Talk America Services, LLC, filed with the Commission a request to discontinue telecommunications services within the State of Utah. The Division has reviewed this request and found the following:

Talk America Services, LLC was issued a Certificate to provide telecommunications services in Utah on November 25, 2014 in Docket No. 14-2236-01. On or about April 1, 2017 the Company plans to discontinue the provision of local exchange, digital subscriber line internet access, and intrastate and interstate long distance services to thirteen (13) customers in Utah. Its decision is based on the company that provides long distance services to Talk America Services, LLC is going to decommission its telecommunications equipment

Talk America Services, LLC does not seek to relinquish its operating authority, but only to discontinue service to a limited number of customers. Talk America Services, LLC will still provide

service to approximately 141 customers in Utah if it receives approval to discontinue long distance service to those thirteen (13) customers.

It appears they have complied with the rules for exiting as required under Administrative Rule R746-350.

cc: Keith Harvey, Vice President, Deputy General Counsel, Talk America Services, LLC
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