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ACTION REQUEST RESPONSE

To: Utah Public Service Commission

From: Utah Division of Public Utilities

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Date: November 12, 2019

Re: **Docket No. 19-043-T02**, Gunnison Telephone Company Proposed Tariff Revisions.

Recommendation (Approval)

The Division of Public Utilities (“Division”) recommends the Public Service Commission (“Commission”) approve Gunnison Telephone Company’s (“Gunnison” or “Company”) proposed revision of its Local Access Tariff. The requested effective date for this filing is December 1, 2019.

Issue

On October 31, 2019, the Company filed modified tariff pages in compliance with the 2016 Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) Lifeline Modernization Order. On October 31, 2019, the Commission issued an Action Request for the Division to investigate the proposed changes and report its findings and recommendation to the Commission by November 15, 2019. This memorandum represents the Division’s response to the Commission’s Action Request.

Background

Lifeline is a federal and state program that lowers the monthly cost of phone and internet for eligible low-income customers. Lifeline eligibility is determined by the Universal Service Administrative Company (“USAC”). Gunnison submitted a filing to the Commission dated October 31, 2019 to change its Local Access Tariff pertaining to Lifeline in order to be in compliance with the 2016 FCC Lifeline Modernization Order. The revision specifies the Lifeline residential one-party rates are as defined and set forth in 47 CFR 54.403 and Public Service Commission of Utah Rule R746-8-403.

Conclusion

The Division reviewed this filing and has no objection to Gunnison’s request to revise its tariff in order to comply with the 2016 FCC Lifeline Modernization Order. The Division therefore recommends this filing become effective on December 1, 2019.

cc: (Service list)