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Recommendation

To: Utah Public Service Commission
From: Utah Division of Public Utilities
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Date: June 13, 2019
Re: *Beehive Telephone Company's Proposed Tariff Revisions*
Docket No: 19-051-T01

Recommendation (Approval)

The Division of Public Utilities (“Division”) recommends that the Public Service Commission (“Commission”) approve Beehive Telephone Company’s (“Company”) proposed reduction to the Local Transport-LTR and Local Switching-LTR Intrastate access rates in its current tariff. The Division has reviewed the Company’s filing and the Company’s subsequent amended filing and has no objection to the proposed changes. The Division, therefore, recommends the Company’s existing tariff be modified and become effective on July 2, 2019, as requested.

Discussion

On June 10, 2019, the Company filed a request to revise its current tariff to implement the step down of End of Office terminating rates as prescribed by FCC rules. Also on June 10, 2019, the Commission requested the Division review these proposed changes to the Company’s tariff. On June 11, 2019 the Company filed an amended request to change the effective date of the proposed tariff revisions to July 2, 2019. The Division reviewed the Company’s proposed reduction to its Local Transport-LTR and Local Switching-LTR intrastate access rates and the related FCC rules.

Conclusion

Based on the Division's review, the Division recommends the Commission approve the Company's proposed revisions to its Local Transport-LTR and Local Switching-LTR intrastate access rates. The Division believes that the changes are consistent with the FCC's outlined transition of charges prescribed by FCC Part 51 Rules 51.907 through 51.919.

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