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## Action Request Response

**To:** Utah Public Service Commission

**From:** Utah Division of Public Utilities  
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**Date:** November 14, 2019

**Re:** **Docket No. 19-051-T02**, Beehive Telephone Company Inc. – Proposed Tariff Revisions

## Recommendation (Approval)

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) recommends that the Public Service Commission (Commission) approve Beehive Telephone Company Inc.'s (Beehive) proposed revision of their Local Access Tariff pertaining to the Lifeline Telephone Assistance Program.

## Issue

On November 8, 2019, the Commission received an Advice letter and modified tariff pages from Beehive in compliance with the 2016 Federal Communication Commission (FCC) Lifeline Modernization Order. The Commission issued an Action Request on November 8, 2019 for the Division to investigate the proposed changes and report its findings and recommendation to the Commission by November 25, 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).

On November 8, 2019, the Commission received Advice Letter 19-051-T02 and 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No.2 from Beehive requesting modifications to its Local Access Tariff pertaining to Lifeline Assistance 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 PSC of Utah Rule R746-8-403.

The Advice Letter and the Revised Sheet No. 2 were dated October 8, 2019. The requested effective date is December 1, 2019.

## **Conclusion**

The Division has reviewed this filing and has no objection to Beehive Telephone Company Inc.'s request to revise the tariff in order to comply with the FCC Lifeline Modernization Order. The Division therefore recommends this filing become effective on December 1, 2019.

Cc: (Service List)