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Action Request Response

To: Utah Public Service Commission

From: Utah Division of Public Utilities

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Date: November 5, 2019

Re: **Docket No. 19-053-T02**, UBTA-UBET Communications Inc. dba Strata Networks –
Proposed Tariff Revisions

Recommendation (Approval)

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) recommends that the Public Service Commission (Commission) approve UBTA-UBET Communications Inc.'s (dba Strata Network) proposed revision of the Strata Local Access Tariff. The requested effective date for this filing is December 1, 2019.

Issue

On October 29, 2019, UBTA-UBET filed modified tariff pages in compliance with the 2016 Federal Communication Commission (FCC) Lifeline Modernization Order. On October 29, 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 13, 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). UBTA-UBET Communications Inc. submitted a filing to the Commission dated October 29, 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 PSC of Utah Rule R746-8-403.

Conclusion

The Division has reviewed this filing and has no objection to UBTA-UBET Communications 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)