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VIA EMAIL TO PSC@UTAH.GOV

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Public Service Commission of Utah
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RE: Docket No. 19-2201-T01
Bear Lake Communications, Inc.
Intrastate Access Tariff PSC Utah No. 2

Dear Mr. Widerburg:

JSI files the enclosed tariff material on behalf of Bear Lake Communications, Inc. (“Bear Lake”). Proposed revisions are made in compliance with current Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) rules governing intercarrier compensation. The proposed revisions bear an effective date of July 2, 2019.

Proposed rates reflect the step down of End Office terminating rates as prescribed by FCC rules. Further, NECA interstate switched access rates are expected to decrease effective July 2, 2019, thereby reducing the capped rates which the issuing carriers must match for terminating access by July 2, 2019.¹ Rates are based on the -0.446 percent interstate switched access rate decrease as announced by NECA on April 3, 2019 (see Exhibit 1). If NECA rates approved by the FCC differ from the rates proposed in this filing, rates will be adjusted to match the approved NECA rates. Bear Lake’s interstate terminating switched access rates are contained in NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5 which may be found at https://www.neca.org/Tariff_5.aspx.

¹ See *In the Matter of Connect America Fund, et al.*, WC Docket No. 10-90 *et al.*, Order DA 13-564 (rel. March 27, 2013).

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Any questions regarding the filing may be directed to the undersigned at the address and telephone number listed above, or by email at vwimer@jsitel.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Valerie Wimer".

Valerie Wimer
Vice President

on behalf of
Bear Lake Communications, Inc.

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For your information
Switched access rate changes and
CAF ICC Data Collection reminder

April 3, 2019

TO: General and pool contacts at TS and SW pool members

Switched access rate changes

Commission rules require NECA to adjust capped interstate switched access rates, other than terminating end office rates, to reflect pool election changes. Pool election changes for the upcoming tariff year resulted in a -0.446 percent decrease from current rate levels following the methodology specified in 47 CFR §51.909(a)(6). We will adjust switched access rates by this factor for the upcoming tariff year. This decrease was not reflected in the data shown in the CAF ICC website when it opened on March 11 for data entry.

Adjusted rates will be available in the CAF ICC website on April 10.

NECA will apply the -0.446 percent rate decrease related to pool election changes to originating end office rates and all transport rate elements. Rates are rounded up to the last significant decimal place for a five or greater and rounded down otherwise.

The proposed terminating end office rate will be \$0.0007 per minute.

In the [CAF ICC website](#) (login required), we will modify the following for test period 2019-2020:

- interstate switched access rate levels,
- intrastate switched access rate levels for those companies with intrastate rates at parity with interstate rates,
- interstate terminating end office access service rates to not exceed \$0.0007 per minute, and
- switched access revenues.

Proposed interstate and intrastate monthly and nonrecurring switched access rates can be viewed in the CAF ICC Data Collection website in the Study Area Intrastate Data section by selecting the Intrastate Revenues (FCC TRP) Output link. Your company's existing local switching and local transport rate band assignments will remain unchanged in the upcoming filing. **Adjusted intrastate rates, both end office and transport, will be available on April 10 and need to be filed with state regulatory commissions.**

CAF ICC Data Collection reminder

The CAF ICC Data Collection will remain open for data submission until **midnight ET on Monday, April 8**. For access, go to our [website](#) (login required) and select *Member Services>Data Collections>CAF ICC Data Collection*.

If you have questions, please contact your member service manager.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Phillips

cc: Authorized consultants