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Recommendation

To: Utah Public Service Commission
From: Utah Division of Public Utilities
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Date: June 10, 2019
Re: *Bear Lake Communications, Inc. 's Proposed Tariff Revisions*
Docket No: 19-2201-T01

Recommendation (Approval)

The Division of Public Utilities (“Division”) recommends that the Public Service Commission (“Commission”) approve Bear Lake Communications, Inc.’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 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 May 31, 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 May 31, 2019, the Commission requested the Division review these proposed changes to the Company’s tariff. 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 change is consistent with the FCC's outlined transition of charges prescribed by FCC rules.

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