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ACTION REQUEST RESPONSE

To: Utah Public Service Commission

From: Utah Division of Public Utilities

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Date: November 12, 2019

Re: **Docket No. 19-2419-T01**, Direct Communications Cedar Valley Proposed Tariff Revisions.

Recommendation (Approval)

The Division of Public Utilities (“Division”) recommends the Public Service Commission (“Commission”) approve Direct Communications Cedar Valley (“Direct CCV” or “Company”) proposed revision of the Company’s Local Access Tariff. The requested effective date for this filing is December 1, 2019.

Issue

On October 28, 2019, the Company filed modified tariff pages in compliance with the 2016 Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) Lifeline Modernization Order. On October 28, 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 12, 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”). Direct CCV submitted a filing to the Commission dated October 28, 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 Public Service Commission of Utah Rule R746-8-403.

Conclusion

The Division reviewed this filing and has no objection to Direct CCV’s request to revise its tariff in order to comply with the 2016 FCC Lifeline Modernization Order. The Division therefore recommends this filing become effective on December 1, 2019.

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