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Action Request Response

To: Public Service Commission of Utah
From: Utah Division of Public Utilities
Artie Powell, Director
Brenda Salter, Utility Technical Consultant Supervisor
Justin Christensen, Utility Analyst
Date: November 10, 2020
Re: **Docket No. 20-2180-T02**, All West Communications, Inc.'s Proposed Tariff Revisions.

Recommendation (Approve Tariff Sheets)

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) recommends that the Public Service Commission (Commission) approve the revised Tariff sheet of All West Communications, Inc. (All West). The filing complies with the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) Title 47: Telecommunication; Part 54-Universal Service; Subpart E-Lifeline Modernization Order.

Issue

On October 30, 2020, All West filed its 3rd revision to tariff sheet No. 61, canceling the 2nd revised sheet. On October 30, 2020, the Commission issued an Action Request to the Division requesting the Division to review the application for compliance. The Commission asked the Division to report back by November 16, 2020. This memorandum represents the Division's response to the Commission's Action Request.

Discussion

On March 31, 2016, the FCC adopted a comprehensive reform and modernization of the Lifeline program. The Lifeline Modernization Order included broadband as a support service in the Lifeline program and established that support amounts for voice service would start at \$9.25 per month per subscriber and be stepped down over the next 5 years. On December 1, 2019, the amount was reduced to \$7.25 per month and on December 1, 2020, it will be reduced to \$5.25 per month. It will be reduced again on December 1, 2021, to \$0.00 for voice support.

Conclusion

Based on the Division's review, the Division recommends the Commission approve All West's proposed revisions with an effective date of December 1, 2020.

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