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Action Request Response

To: Public Service Commission of Utah

From: Utah Division of Public Utilities

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Date: September 1, 2020

Re: **Docket No. 20-2609-01**, Commnet Four Corners LLC's Request for Agency Action
re: Annual ETC Certification.

Recommendation (Approve)

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) recommends that the Public Service Commission (PSC or Commission) support Commnet Four Corners LLC's (Commnet) request for certification to receive federal universal service funding for the calendar year 2021.

Background

On August 20, 2021, Commnet sent a request to the PSC requesting the PSC certify to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and to the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) that Commnet is eligible to receive federal universal service funding for its Utah operations for the calendar year 2021.

Commnet has provided a signed affidavit that "all federal support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the new calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended," as required by the FCC. Commnet has also provided FCC Form 481 showing compliance.

Discussion

Commnet is the first Competitive Local Exchange Carrier designated as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) in the State of Utah to request certification from the PSC for federal universal service funds. The Division has found the affidavit and FCC Form 481 provided by Commnet to be complete and contain the required certifications.

Conclusion

As, Commnet has received ETC status from the Commission on February 13, 2019 in Docket No. 18-2609-01, and has provided the necessary documentation and certifications for eligibility, the Division recommends that the PSC support Commnet's request for certification to the FCC and USAC to receive federal universal service funding for the calendar year 2021.

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