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Action Request Response

To: Public Service Commission of Utah

From: Utah Division of Public Utilities

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Date: October 26, 2021

Re: **Docket No. 21-041-03**, Agreement for Local Interconnection between Citizens Telecommunications Company of Utah, d/b/a Frontier Communications of Utah, Emery Telecommunications & Video, Inc., E Fiber San Juan, LLC, and E Fiber Moab, LLC.

Recommendation (Acknowledge)

The Division of Public Utilities (“Division”) recommends that the Public Service Commission (“Commission”) acknowledge the receipt of this Interconnection Agreement.

Discussion

On or about October 20, 2021, Citizens Telecommunications Company of Utah (“Citizens”) filed the Interconnection Agreement per the above-referenced docket in accordance with § 54-8b-2.2(1) (d) of the *Utah Code*. This Agreement had been fully executed through voluntary negotiations on October 19, 2021 with E Fiber San Juan, LLC, and E Fiber Moab, LLC.

The Division has reviewed the above-mentioned Agreement between Citizens and E Fiber San Juan, LLC, and E Fiber Moab, LLC and sees no reason to reject it. Specifically, the Division

believes that the Agreement was negotiated in good faith and without unfair discrimination. Both parties also recognize that, to the extent that the existing rules are changed, vacated, dismissed, stayed or modified, this Agreement and all contracts adopting all or part of this Agreement will be amended to reflect such modification or change of the existing rules. Therefore, the Division recommends that the Commission acknowledge the receipt of this Interconnection Agreement.

Cc: Roderick Cameron, VP, Carrier Services, Citizens Telecommunications Company of Utah, Emery Telecommunications & Video, Inc.
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