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## Action Request Response

**To:** Public Service Commission of Utah

**From:** Utah Division of Public Utilities

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**Date:** May 26, 2021

**Re:** **Docket No. 21-2201-T01**, In the Matter of the Notice of Bear Lake Communications, Inc. Proposed Tariff Revisions.

### Recommendation (Approve Tariff Sheets)

The Division of Public Utilities (“Division”) has reviewed the tariff filing of Bear Lake Communications, Inc. (“Bear Lake”) and recommends the Public Service Commission (“Commission”) approve the modifications made to its tariff to comply with the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) 8YY order 20-143.

### Background

The purpose of Bear Lake’s filing is to comply with Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) amended rules, which implement 8YY access charge reform. FCC 8YY access charge reform requires all rate-of-return incumbent local exchange carriers (“ILECs”) to modify all the originating 8YY rates in the following groups: End Office/Local Switching, Transport, and Query Charge.

## **Discussion**

On or about May 14, 2021, Bear Lake filed with the Commission a redlined tariff sheet revision per Commission Rule 746-405-2(D)(6) to comply with the FCC 8YY order 20-143. The tariff revisions show that Bear Lake will charge for transport and origination \$0.001 per minute, a database query charge of \$0.004248 that will be reduced to \$0.0002 over the next three years, and will change the local switching rate to a bill-and-keep over a three year time frame. These changes reflect the amounts authorized in the FCC order adopted on October 07, 2020.

## **Conclusion**

The Division has reviewed Bear Lake's redlined tariff sheet filing and has no objections to the proposed revisions. Therefore, the Division recommends the Commission approve this filing as submitted.

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