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Action Request Response

To: Public Service Commission of Utah

From: Utah Division of Public Utilities

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Date: August 17, 2021

Re: **Docket No. 21-2249-01**, In the Matter of the McLeodUSA Telecommunication Services, LLC's Application for Waiver of Telecommunications Bond Requirement.

Recommendation (Approve)

The Division of Public Utilities ("Division") has reviewed the application of McLeodUSA Telecommunication Services, LLC ("McLeodUSA") for the waiver of its telecommunication bond as required under Utah Administrative Code R746-349-3(2) and recommends that the Public Service Commission ("Commission") approve this application. The public interest will be promoted by the Commission granting McLeodUSA's request.

Discussion

On or about July 27, 2021, McLeodUSA filed with the Commission an application for a waiver of its telecommunication bond. The Division reviewed the application and found the following.

McLeodUSA was granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (“CPCN”) on May 19, 1998. When the CPCN was granted, McLeodUSA put in place a bond in the amount of \$100,000 as is required by in Utah Administrative Code R746-349-3(2). Since that time, McLeodUSA has maintained the bond without incidence. McLeodUSA now requests a waiver of this requirement as it does not require customer deposits or customer prepayments of any kind. McLeodUSA states that it has and remains compliant with the Utah Public Telecommunications Service Support Fund and the Hearing and Speech Impaired Fund.

Conclusion

Based on the Division’s review of the filing, we conclude the public interest will be promoted by the Commission granting the cancellation of McLeodUSA telecommunication bond.

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