

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

Petition of UBTA-UBET Communications, Inc. d/b/a STRATA Networks for Restructuring of Extended Area Service Rates	<u>DOCKET NO. 22-053-02</u>
UBTA-UBET Communications, Inc.'s Proposed Tariff Revisions	<u>DOCKET NO. 22-053-T04</u> <u>ORDER APPROVING PETITION AND TARIFF REVISIONS</u>

ISSUED: October 5, 2022

BACKGROUND

On August 26, 2022, UBTA-UBET Communications, Inc. d/b/a STRATA Networks (“STRATA”) filed a petition to eliminate the extended area service (EAS) rate element as permitted by Utah Admin. Code R746-347-7 (“Petition”), along with proposed revisions to its 2nd Revised Sheet No. 20, P.S.C.U. No. 1 Tariff (“Tariff”) implementing the proposed change to the EAS rate element. STRATA explains the proposed 3rd Revised Sheet No. 20 revises its 2nd Revised Sheet No. 20 to eliminate the EAS rate element by combining it with the R1 and B1 rates to maintain the total subscriber revenue of \$28.75 (Residential) and \$37.50 (Business) while maintaining unlimited service between the exchanges. STRATA explains that as a result of technological advances in switching, there are no material incremental costs associated with providing EAS service.

On September 1, 2022, the Division of Public Utilities (DPU) filed comments in both dockets recommending the PSC approve the Petition and Tariff as filed, effective October 16, 2022. DPU explains the elimination of the EAS Rate charge is consistent with STRATA’s goal to simplify and update the tariff because EAS charges are no longer necessary. DPU states its

objective is to make the regulatory process as simple and understandable as possible. Therefore, the proposed rate element simplification is in the public interest.

ORDER

STRATA's Petition provides a cost based justification for the proposed elimination of the EAS rate element. Based on the PSC's review of the Petition and DPU's comments and recommendation, the PSC approves STRATA's Petition and revised Tariff as filed, effective October 16, 2022.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, October 5, 2022.

/s/ Thad LeVar, Chair

/s/ David R. Clark, Commissioner

/s/ Ron Allen, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg

PSC Secretary

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Notice of Opportunity for Agency Review or Rehearing

Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §§ 63G-4-301 and 54-7-15, a party may seek agency review or rehearing of this written order by filing a request for review or rehearing with the PSC within 30 days after the issuance of the order. Responses to a request for agency review or rehearing must be filed within 15 days of the filing of the request for review or rehearing. If the PSC fails to grant a request for review or rehearing within 30 days after the filing of a request for review or rehearing, it is deemed denied. Judicial review of the PSC's final agency action may be obtained by filing a Petition for Review with the Utah Supreme Court within 30 days after final agency action. Any Petition for Review must comply with the requirements of Utah Code Ann. §§ 63G-4-401, 63G-4-403, and the Utah Rules of Appellate Procedure.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY that on October 5, 2022, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served upon the following as indicated below:

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