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Action Request Response

To: Public Service Commission of Utah

From: Utah Division of Public Utilities

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Date: July 22, 2022

Re: **Docket No. 22-053-T02** UBTA-UBET Communications, Inc. Proposed Tariff Revisions

Recommendation (Approve)

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) has reviewed the tariff filing and recommends the Public Service Commission (Commission) approve UBTA-UBET Communications, Inc. (Company) request to revise their tariff sheets as summarized in their cover letter. The Division, therefore, recommends the tariff changes become effective on August 16, 2022.

Issue

On July 8, 2022, the Company submitted to the Commission Advice Letter Docket No. 22-053-T02, UBTA-UBET Communications Inc. Proposed Tariff Revisions. The filing included a cover letter with a summary of the changes on each page, rate, and rule, including revised tariff sheets and a redlined tariff. The proposed tariff revisions remove outdated tariff amounts and regulations, eliminate unused sheets, update service offerings, and modify and consolidate various rates. Because of the work involved, the Company chose to reformat the entire tariff. The tariff went from 149 pages to 48 pages, each with a new issue date, effective date, and Docket Number at a minimum. The Commission issued an Action

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Request on July 8, 2022, to the Division to investigate the proposed changes and report its findings and recommendation to the Commission by July 22, 2022. This memorandum represents the Division's response to the Commission's Action Request.

Background

Many telephone providers' tariffs are voluminous in size, with many rules and rates that have become obsolete. The Company has taken the opportunity to revise its tariff, complying with the Commission's rule R746-405 for tariff formatting and construction.

Discussion

The Division reviewed the proposed tariff sheets submitted with the Company's filing and compared them with the original tariff sheets. The proposed rates are summarized in the Company's cover letter and demonstrate the difference in rates. Through informal discussions with the Company, the Division obtained customer billing information used to analyze the proposed rates against the calendar year 2021. The billing information was used to determine the impact of the proposed rates on the customers. The overall impact on the Company's revenue when the proposed rates are applied results in an approximately \$34,000 additional income. The Company's rates have not been adjusted since 2004, and according to the Company, labor costs and other operations have increased considerably since that time. The Division believes the proposed rate increases are just and reasonable.

Conclusion

The Division has reviewed the submitted tariff sheets and has no objection to the proposed rates and revisions. Therefore, the Division recommends the Commission approve this filing as submitted with an effective date of August 16, 2022.

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