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Gary L. Widerburg
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Utah Public Service Commission
Heber M. Wells Building
160 East 300 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

Re: Advice Letter
Union Telephone Company
Revised Tariff Sheets to Comply with FCC Requirements
Docket No. 22-054-T01

To The Commission:

In Accordance with the R746-405 of the Rules of the Utah Public Service Commission (Commission), Union Telephone Company hereby electronically files an original and a redline version of certain revised Tariff Sheets for Access Service, Including:

P.S.C. UTAH NO. 3 PART V. PAGE 62, RELEASE: 17
and the redlined cancelled Page, Release 16.

The filing is required as the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) 8YY access charge reform requires all rate-of-return incumbent local exchange carriers (“LECs”) to modify all the originating 8YY rates in the following groups: End Office/Local Switching, Transport, and query charge.¹

Local Switching:

The FCC order requires LECs to transition their interstate and intrastate toll-free (or 8YY) originating end office access service rates to bill-and-keep over a three-year period. As part of the transition, beginning July 1, 2021, carriers were required to tariff separate rate elements for toll-free and non-toll free interstate and intrastate originating end office access service. In 2021 the intrastate toll-free originating end office access service rates were reduced to interstate levels if intrastate rates exceeded comparable interstate rates. In July 2022, these local switching rates will be reduced by 50% and then to zero in year three: 2023.

¹ *8YY Access Charge Reform*, WC Docket No. 18-156, Report and Order, 35 FCC Rcd 11594, FCC 20-143 (Oct. 9, 2020) (*8YY Access Charge Reform Order*); 85 Fed. Reg. 75894 (Nov. 27, 2020).

Query Charge:

Finally, incumbent LECs were required to reduce the intrastate and interstate toll-free database query charges in their tariffs to no more than \$0.004248 per query in July 2021. Further reductions will be made to the query rate in July 2022 to transition this rate down to the final rate of .0002 in 2023. In July 2022, this rate was moved down 50% of the transition, which resulted in a rate of \$0.002224.

In sum, the purpose of this filing is to adjust the transitional rate defined by the recently enacted FCC. The proposed changes do not constitute a violation of state law or Commission Rule. The FCC Rules require that the Tariffs become effective on July 1, 2022.

Please contact this office if you have questions concerning the matter.

Sincerely,


Bruce S. Asay

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