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Action Request Response

- To: Public Service Commission of Utah
- From: Utah Division of Public Utilities

Chris Parker, Director Brenda Salter, Utility Technical Consultant Supervisor Ron Slusher, Utility Technical Consultant

- Date: January 3, 2023
- **Re: Docket No(s). 22-2202-02 & 22-2536-02,;** Notice of Electric Lightwave, LLC, d/b/a Allstream and Zayo Group, LLC of a Pro Forma Consolidation.

Recommendation (Acknowledge)

The Division of Public Utilities ("Division") has reviewed the notice of Electric Lightwave, LLC, d/b/a Allstream ("Electric Lightwave") and Zayo Group, LLC ("Zayo") (together the "Parties"). The public interest will be promoted by the Public Service Commission ("Commission") acknowledging this Pro Forma Consolidation.

The Division expects that, based on history that a filing of this type and with the information submitted by the company, there will be no objections or opposition to this recommendation. Therefore, the Division requests that this docket be adjudicated informally in accordance with R746-110-1.

Discussion

On or about December 20, 2022, Electric Lightwave and Zayo notified the Commission of a Pro Forma Consolidation, which will result in a pro forma intra-consolidation of Electric Lightwave's parent company Allstream Business US, LLC ("Allstream") and Zayo. With Zayo remaining as the surviving entity. After the consolidation Electric Lightwave will continue to exist and continue its operations in the state.

The Applicants state the purpose of the restructuring is to simplify its corporate structure, reduce the reporting and accounting burdens, and provide operational efficiencies. Furthermore, the Parties submit that the consolidation will result in a stronger company to the ultimate benefit of consumers.

The Division recommends the Commission acknowledge this notice.

cc: Brett P. Ferenchak, Counsel for the Parties Lauren Lantero, General Counsel, Zayo Group, LLC Douglas Denny, Vice President, Legal & Regulatory, Allstream Business US, LLC Patricia Schmid, Assistant Attorney General, State of Utah Office of Consumer Services, State of Utah