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November 24, 2023

Eddie L. Cox
Bear Lake Communications
35 South State
Fairview, UT 84629

Re: *2022 Annual Report of Bear Lake Communications, Inc. ("Bear Lake")*,
Docket No. 23-2201-01

Dear Mr. Cox,

On April 24, 2023, Bear Lake filed its Annual Report for Calendar Year 2022 ("Report") with the Public Service Commission (PSC). On September 1, 2023, the Division of Public Utilities (DPU) filed its recommendation with the PSC stating that, based on its review of the Report, Bear Lake does not qualify for Utah Universal Public Telecommunications Support Fund ("UUSF") payments in calendar year 2024. DPU noted that Bear Lake is not currently receiving distributions from the UUSF and that no adjustments to the UUSF eligibility for Bear Lake are necessary. On September 6, 2023, the PSC issued a Notice of Filing and Comment Period, seeking comments on DPU's recommendation on or before October 6, 2023. On November 1, 2023, DPU filed its final comments which included final recommended UUSF annual disbursements, consistent with Utah Admin. Code R746-8-401(10)(e).¹ The PSC received no comments or challenges to DPU's final recommendation by the November 15, 2023, deadline under Utah Admin. Code R746-8-401(10)(f).

Based on the PSC's review of the Report, and on DPU's uncontested recommendation, and there being no comments or reply comments filed during the comment period, the PSC finds and concludes that Bear Lake does not qualify for a disbursement from the UUSF in 2024 under Utah Code Ann. § 54-8b-15. The PSC will take no further action in this Docket.

¹ See *Comments from the Division of Public Utilities*, Docket No. 23-999-03 filed November 1, 2023.

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Sincerely,

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg

PSC Secretary

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