



SPENCER J. COX
Governor

DEIDRE M. HENDERSON
Lieutenant Governor

UTAH DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Division of Public Utilities

MARGARET W. BUSSE
Executive Director

CHRIS PARKER
Division Director

Action Request Response

To: Public Service Commission of Utah

From: Utah Division of Public Utilities

Chris Parker, Director
Brenda Salter, Assistant Director
Doug Wheelwright, Utility Technical Consultant Supervisor
Annette Orton, Utility Analyst

Date: June 6, 2024

Re: **Docket No. 24-053-T01**, UBTA-UBET Communications, Inc.'s Proposed Tariff Revisions.

Recommendation (Approval)

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) has reviewed the tariff filing and recommends that the Public Service Commission (Commission) approve UBTA-UBET Communications, Inc.'s (UBTA-UBET or Company) request to revise its tariff sheets as summarized in its cover letter. The Division recommends that the tariff changes become effective on July 1, 2024.

Issue

On May 30, 2024, the UBTA-UBET submitted to the Commission Proposed Tariff Revisions. The filing included a cover letter with a summary of the changes and rule, revised tariff sheet No. 20, and a redlined tariff sheet No. 20. The proposed tariff changes are in accordance with rule R746-405 and the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) required increase in Access Charge Reform (ARC), which is effective July 1, 2024.¹

Background

On July 1, 2024, the FCC will increase the ARC by \$1.00 on multiline businesses. The Company proposes to reduce Business (B1) One-Party Service and PBX Trunk and PBX

¹ UBTA-UBET will continue to raise the ARC by \$1.00 each year until the maximum of \$6.00 per month is achieved, consistent with 47 CFR §51.917(e).

Outward Only rates by \$1.00. This change will not result in any changes in rates to the customer since the \$1.00 increase in ARC will offset the \$1.00 reduction. UBTA-UBET ARC's rate is currently at \$5.00 and proposes that it increase to \$6.00.²

Discussion

The Division reviewed the cover letter, the redline version, and the final version of the tariff sheets with the Company's filing. The proposed rates for sheet No. 20 do not impact revenue, as the federal ARC rate increases by \$1.00, and the Company's state rate decreases by \$1.00. The Division confirmed with UBTA-UBET that the offset will not have an impact on the customers or company revenue.

Conclusion

The Division has reviewed UBTA-UBET Communications, Inc.'s filing and has no objections to the proposed tariff revisions. Therefore, the Division recommends that the Commission approve this filing as submitted, effective July 1, 2024, as requested.

cc: Kira M. Slawson, Blackburn & Stoll, LC
Bruce Todd, UBTA-UBET Communications, Inc.
Jason McKee, UBTA-UBET Communications, Inc.

² Ibid