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Memorandum

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

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Date: May 1, 2025

Re: Docket No. 24-087-02, Overpayment of New Cingular Wireless PSC, LLC, an AT&T Company, into the Utah Universal Service Support Fund.

Recommendation Remittance Approval

On October 16, 2024, the Public Service Commission (Commission or PSC) approved the settlement agreement to refund over payments totaling \$2,262,120 to New Cingular Wireless (AT&T or Company) beginning February 2025, after the Company establishes and utilizes a new methodology to report its monthly number of access lines subject to the Utah Universal Service Fund (UUSF). The Utah Division of Public Utilities (Division) has confirmed that the Company has established and is currently utilizing a new method of reporting its access lines subject to the UUSF surcharge. Refund distributions to the Company are further conditioned by the following:

<u>Condition 1:</u> When, as a result of the remittances into the fund and distributions from the fund in the immediately preceding month, the UUSF balance increases from the prior month.

<u>Condition 2:</u> The Company has remitted to the Commission all UUSF surcharge assessments currently due.

The UUSF showed a balance of \$8,757,478 at the end of March 2025, which is an increase of \$1,203,576 from the previous month. The Company has completed its remittance for the month of March. The Division has determined that the Company has met the established conditions to receive a refund distribution. The Stipulation established a minimum distribution equal to not less than five percent of the growth of the UUSF fund in the previous month if established conditions are met with any amount determined by the Commission and subject to the Commission's consideration of factors affecting the UUSF balance. The Division recommends the Commission issue a check for at least five percent of the increase of \$1,203,576 as established in the settlement stipulation. Five percent of \$1,203,576 equals \$60,178.81.

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