

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

Application of Stratus Networks, Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Local Exchange Telecommunications Services in the State of Utah	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>DOCKET NO. 24-2648-01</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>NOTICE OF PROTEST AND COMMENT PERIOD</u></p>
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ISSUED: July 23, 2024

On July 22, 2024, the Utah Rural Telecom Association (URTA) filed with the Public Service Commission (PSC) its Protest (“Protest”) to the PSC’s Proposed Order and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN), issued in this docket on July 12, 2024 (the “Order”). URTA requests the PSC either modify the Order and CPCN, or convert the matter to a formal adjudicatory matter so that URTA and its Members may intervene as incumbent telephone corporations pursuant to Utah Code § 54-8b-2.1(3).¹ Assuming the PSC decides to modify the Order and CPCN, URTA requests the PSC modify the original statewide authority referenced in the CPCN, by adding the statement that Stratus Networks, Inc. (“Stratus”) may not provide local exchange service in any area with fewer than 5,000 access lines that is served by an incumbent local exchange carrier that has fewer than 30,000 total access lines.²

URTA filed the Protest within 20 days from July 12, 2024, consistent with the PSC’s Order. In accordance with Utah Admin. Code R746-110-2, the PSC suspends its Order and the CPCN until further notice, and requests that Stratus and the Division of Public Utilities respond to the Protest on or before **Tuesday, August 6, 2024.**

¹ Protest, at 6.

² *Id.*, 3 and 6.

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DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, July 23, 2024.

/s/ Michael J. Hammer
Presiding Officer

Attest:

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg
PSC Secretary
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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