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Action Request Response

To: Public Service Commission of Utah

From: Utah Division of Public Utilities

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Re: **Docket No. 26-051-01**, Review of 2025 Annual Report for Beehive Telephone Company, Inc. and Recommendations for 2027 Utah Universal Service Fund assistance.

Recommendation (Approve)

The Utah Division of Public Utilities ("Division" or "DPU") recommends the Public Service Commission of Utah ("Commission" or "PSC") adjust the annual Utah Universal Service Fund ("UUSF") amount payable to Beehive Telephone Company ("Beehive" or "Company") to [REDACTED] annually or [REDACTED] monthly, effective January 1, 2027. This is an increase of [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] from the 2026 UUSF distribution of [REDACTED] annually or [REDACTED] monthly.

Discussion

Utah Admin. Code R746-8-401 requires the Division to make annual recommendations to the Commission for adjustments to the monthly UUSF distribution to each provider based on an established Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") rate of return and the provider's financial information from its last Annual Report filed with the Commission. On April 14, 2026, the Company filed its annual report of operations in compliance with this rule. The Commission issued an Action Request on April 15, 2026, for the Division to review



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the filing and make recommendations by September 1, 2026. In response to a Division data request, the Company filed an amended 2025 annual report on May 11, 2026. This memo is the Division's response to the Commission's Action Request. Included with this memo is a comprehensive report that provides a review of the Company's 2025 operations and proposes changes to the 2027 UUSF distribution.

Conclusion

Based on the review completed by the Division, the Division recommends the Commission adjust the UUSF distribution payable to Beehive to be [REDACTED] annually or [REDACTED] monthly, effective January 1, 2027.

cc: Larry Mason, Beehive Telephone Company, Inc.