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Action Request Response

To: Public Service Commission of Utah

From: Utah Division of Public Utilities

Chris Parker, Director
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Date: May 20, 2026

Re: **Docket No. 26-053-T01**, UBTA-UBET Communications Inc. Tariff Filing.

Recommendation (Approval)

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) has reviewed UBTA-UBET Communications Inc.'s (UBTA-UBET or Company) tariff filing and has determined the Public Service Commission of Utah (Commission) should approve the tariff changes.

Issue

On May 11, 2026, the Division filed an action request response with the Commission recommending the approval of the tariff changes in this Docket. On May 19, 2026, the Commission issued a Supplemental Action Request asking the Division to "clarify whether, based on the [Division's] analysis in this Docket, UBTA-UBET's proposed tariff language changes are merely a 'rate change' or if they instead would result in a 'rate increase' for any of its customers."

Background

The proposed tariff language changes are a rate change, the key point is that the new rates establish non-recurring construction fees for new service requests, such as line extensions.



While these charges are in addition to regular rates they are charged at the time of construction, therefore they will not result in a rate increase for current customers since they only apply to applicants requesting a new line extension or upgrade.

Conclusion

The Division recommends the Commission approve the tariff filing with an effective date of June 1, 2026.

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