

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

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In the Matter of the Request for a )  
One-Time Distribution for Service in )  
Sanpete County for Evan G. Bingham )

DOCKET NO. 02-046-01  
REPORT AND ORDER

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ISSUED: August 19, 2002

SYNOPSIS

The Public Service Commission of Utah grants a one time distribution from the State Universal Public Telecommunications Service Support Fund to facilitate the provision of telecommunications service, by Manti Telephone Company, to Evan G. Bingham in Sanpete County, Utah.

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By The Commission:

This matter was originated by a request from Evan G Bingham for Universal Service Fund support for extension of telephone service approximately 2 ½ miles from the current location of Manti Telephone Company facilities. Mr. Bingham resides outside the city limits of Manti, within the certificated area fo Manti Telephone Company. There is currently not adequate telephone service in the area. There are three other building lots in the area that are expected to require telephone service in the near future. The Division of Public Utilities investigated the request. On July 8, 2002, the Commission received the results of the Division of Public Utilities' investigation, which included a recommendation for a one-time USF distribution for the requested service extension.

The Division's recommendation states that total expected costs are \$45,540.00 for cable, pedestals, excavation, labor, permits, and splicing. By application of Rule R746-360-9, the funds, per line, would be paid as follows: \$2,648 from the subscriber, \$2,865 from Manti Telephone Company, and \$5,372.25 from the Fund. In total this would be \$11,460 from Manti Telephone Company, \$10,591 from subscribers, and \$21,489 from the Universal Service Fund. Manti Telephone Company would be responsible for submitting the actual incurred costs to the Division for verification of the costs' reasonableness and necessity, with the final payment from the Fund being for those costs deemed to be reasonable and necessary for the project.

We conclude that the proposed extension of land line based telephone service is in the public interest in providing telephone service to an underserved area, and furthers universal service goals.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that:

1. The request for a one time distribution from the State Universal Public Telecommunications Service Support Fund, in an amount estimated to be \$21,489, is in the public interest and is approved.
2. The subscribers identified in the request will pay \$2,648 toward the cost of the project before the start of construction.
3. Manti Telephone Company shall make a good faith effort to survey all potential customers in the area and offer them service at the \$2,648 rate per line before the beginning of construction.
4. Any additional subscribers that sign up in the area of this extension within five years of completion of the project will pay a customer contribution payment in accordance with Rule 360-9.

5. Manti Telephone Company shall place the same type of facilities and technology as was assumed in developing the construction costs estimate, and will size its facilities to accommodate future growth. Construction should be completed prior to the end of 2002.

6. Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 63-46b-13, an aggrieved party may file, within 20 days after the date of this Order, a written request for reconsideration by the Commission. Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 54-7-15, failure to file such a request precludes judicial review of the Order. If the Commission fails to issue an order within 20 days after the filing of such a request, the request shall be deemed denied. Judicial review of this Order may be sought pursuant to the Utah Administrative Procedures Act (Utah Code Ann. §§ 63-46b-1 et seq.)

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2002.

/s/ Stephen F. Mecham, Chairman

/s/ Constance B. White, Commissioner

/s/ Richard M. Campbell, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Julie Orchard  
Commission Secretary

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