

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

In the Matter of the Request for)	<u>DOCKET NO. 03-041-04</u>
Universal Service Fund for)	
James Cason and Jim Haller)	<u>REPORT AND ORDER</u>

ISSUED: December 5, 2003

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 Citizens Telephone Company, for service to James Cason and Jim Haller in Monticello, Utah.

By The Commission:

This matter was originated by a request from potential customers James Cason and Jim Haller ("Subscribers") for telephone service to Subscriber's residences in Monticello, Utah. That area is in the certificated service territory of Citizens Telephone Company ("Citizens"). There currently is no landline telephone service. Citizens estimates that the cost of furnishing the line extension necessary to provide service is estimated to be \$46,417, resulting in this request that this Commission approve a one-time distribution from the Universal Public Telecommunications Service Support Fund (the "Fund") to defray a portion of the cost of providing service to Subscriber.

On November 24, 2003, the Commission received the results of the Division of Public Utilities' investigation. The Division indicated that it had investigated the engineering and estimated costs and approved of the estimated costs provided by Citizens. The Division recommended that a one-time distribution for extension of service to these customers be approved. The Division's recommendation also contained a proposed breakdown of the costs of the project between the Citizens, Subscriber, and the Fund. Total construction costs are estimated to be \$46,417. According to the Division's breakdown, in accordance with our Rule R746-360, the funds would be paid as follows: \$6,528 from the Subscribers', \$5,730 from Citizens, and \$34,159 from the Fund. Citizens 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 unserved area, and furthers universal service goals. We will approve the one-time distribution.

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 \$34,159, is in the public interest and is approved.
2. The subscribers' identified in the request will pay \$6,528 toward the cost of the project before the start of construction.
3. Citizens Telephone Company shall place the same type of facilities and technology as was assumed in developing the construction costs estimate.

4. Citizens Telephone Company shall submit the actual incurred costs to the Division for verification of the costs' reasonableness and necessity, and the final payment from the Fund will be for those costs deemed to be reasonable and necessary for the project.
5. Citizens Telephone Company shall make a good faith effort to survey all potential customers in the area and offer them service in accordance with the requirements of our Rule R746-360-9 before the beginning of construction.
6. 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, and such payments will be remitted to the Fund as required by that rule.
7. 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 5th day of December, 2003.

/s/ Ric Campbell, Chairman

/s/ Constance B. White, Commissioner

/s/ Ted Boyer, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Julie Orchard
Commission Secretary

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