

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

In the Matter of the Increase of)
Rates and Charges by Manti)
Telephone Company)

DOCKET NO. 03-046-01
REPORT AND ORDER

ISSUED: September 3, 2003

SYNOPSIS

The proposed telephone service rates and the annual distributions from the Utah State Universal Service Support Fund are approved by the Commission

By the Commission:

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

This matter was initiated by an Application filed by Manti Telephone Company (Manti or Company) on July 2, 2003. The Division of Public Utilities (DPU or Division) reviewed the Application and performed an audit of the Company's records of recent utility operations; reviewing revenues and expenses. Following its investigation, the Division stipulated with the Company agreeing to proposed rates and withdrawals from the Utah State Universal Service Support Fund ("USF"). The parties filed a Stipulation (Stipulation) reflecting their agreement with the Commission on July 2, 2003. The parties recommend approval of the Application pursuant to the terms of the Stipulation. No opposition to the Application or Stipulation has been filed in this docket.

Based on the record in this Docket, the Application, the Stipulation, and the Exhibits filed therewith, the Commission makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Company has less than 30,000 subscriber access lines.
2. The Company has provided notice of the proposed rate change pursuant to the requirements of Utah Code §54-7-12(7).
3. The Application was accompanied by all necessary information and schedules required in accordance with Utah Code §54-7-12(7).
4. The Commission adopts the representations and statements contained in the Stipulation, which are incorporated herein by this reference, as additional findings of fact.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Commission has subject matter jurisdiction in this Docket pursuant to Sections 54-4-1 and 54-8b-15 Utah Code Ann.
2. It is in the public interest to approve the Stipulation.
3. The rate change may be implemented pursuant to Utah Code §54-7-12(7).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that:

1. The Stipulation is hereby approved.
2. The rate change set forth in the Stipulation is approved as being just and reasonable and in the public interest.
3. The withdrawals under the Utah Universal Public Telecommunications Service Support Fund as set forth in the Stipulation are approved, effective July 1, 2003.
4. Pursuant to Utah Code 63-46b-12 and 54-7-15, agency review or rehearing of this order may be obtained by filing a request for review or rehearing with the Commission within 30 days after the issuance of the order. Responses to a request for agency review or rehearing must be filed within 15 days of the filing of the request for review or rehearing. If the Commission fails to grant a request for review or rehearing within 20 days after the filing of a request for review or rehearing, it is deemed denied. Judicial review of the Commission's final agency action may be obtained by filing a Petition for Review with the Utah Supreme Court within 30 days after final agency action. Any Petition for Review must comply with the requirements of Utah Code 63-46b-14, 63-46b-16 and the Utah Rules of Appellate Procedure.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah this 3rd day of September, 2003.

/s/ Ric Campbell, Chairman

/s/ Constance B. White, Commissioner

/s/ Ted Boyer, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Julie Orchard
Commission Secretary

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