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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

In the Matter of Potential Amendments to R746-100-3) Docket No. 16-R100-01
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) COMMENTS OF UTAH RURAL
) TELECOM ASSOCIATION
) REGARDING PAPER FILINGS
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On April 8, 2016, the Utah Public Service Commission (the “Commission”) issued a Request for Comments on proposed amendments to R746-100-3. The notice issued by the Commission provided that Comments should be submitted by May 24, 2016, on whether the current mandate to file both paper and electronic filings to the Commission should be revised to eliminate the requirement to file paper copies and permit electronic filing only.

Utah Rural Telecom Association (“URTA”) on behalf of its members All West Communications, Inc., Bear Lake Communications, Inc., Beehive Telephone Company, Carbon/Emery Telcom, Inc., Central Utah Telephone, Inc., Direct Communications Cedar Valley, LLC, Emery Telephone, Manti Telephone Company, Skyline Telecom, South Central Utah Telephone Association, Inc., UBTA-UBET Communications Inc. (dba Strata Networks), and Union Telephone Company, hereby files these comments in support of the Comments

filed by CenturyLink and supported by the AT&T Companies.

COMMENTS

URTA has reviewed CenturyLink's Comments, filed on May 12, 2016, and the Comments of the AT&T Companies filed on May 17, 2016, and supports all of the recommendations of CenturyLink. Specifically, URTA agrees that elimination of the requirement to file paper copies will reduce the time and effort needed to prepare and produce paper filings, reduce costs by eliminating courier and delivery fees, and save on the unnecessary use of paper. URTA supports the modifications of rule R-746-100-3 proposed by CenturyLink in its Comments, including the Guidelines for Filing (Exhibit A), and the redlines to R746-100-3 provided in Exhibit B to CenturyLink's Comments. URTA encourages the Commission to adopt CenturyLink's proposal.

Respectfully submitted this 24th day of May, 2016.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 24th day of May, 2016, I served a true and correct copy of Utah Rural Telecom Association's Comments on the Proposed Amendments to R746-100-3 via e-mail transmission to the Public Service Commission Distribution list in this docket and the following persons at the e-mail addresses listed below:

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