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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

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In the Matter of the Utah Universal Service ) Docket No. 16-360-04  
Fund Surcharge )  
) COMMENTS OF UTAH RURAL  
) TELECOM ASSOCIATION ON THE  
) UTAH UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND  
) SURCHARGE  
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On June 28, 2016, the Utah Public Service Commission (the “Commission”) issued a Notice of Proposed Rule Amendment on the Utah Universal Service Fund (“UUSF”) surcharge. The Rule Amendment proposes an increase in the UUSF surcharge from 1% of billed intrastate retail rates to 1.65% of billed intrastate retail rates, with a proposed effective date of October 1, 2016. The Commission noted that comments would accepted until August 15, 2016.

On May 16, 2016 and June 2, 2016 URTA filed comments and reply comments on the UUSF Surcharge in Commission Docket 16-R360-02, which among other things, suggested that the Commission adopt a per line/per connection UUSF surcharge. URTA adopts, by reference, those comments in this docket, and encourages the Commission to modify its rules to permit a per line/per connection surcharge in the future. In the meantime, however, URTA

supports the increase of the UUSF Surcharge to 1.65% of billed intrastate retail rates as proposed in this docket, effective October 1, 2016.

Respectfully submitted this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016, I served a true and correct copy of Utah Rural Telecom Association's Comments on the Universal Service Fund Surcharge 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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