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Enclosed for filing in Docket No. T-01923A-13-0229 are the original and 13 copies of the required proof of mailing.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Marc McLemore  
Accounting Manager  
South Central Utah Telephone Association, Inc.



**PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE HEARING ON THE  
APPLICATION OF SOUTH CENTRAL UTAH  
TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION, INC., DBA SOUTH  
CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR A  
DETERMINATION OF THE CURRENT FAIR VALUE  
OF ITS UTILITY PROPERTY AND FOR AN INCREASE  
IN ITS RATES AND CHARGES  
(DOCKET NO. T-01923A-13-0229)**

On July 1, 2013, South Central Utah Telephone Association, Inc., dba South Central Communications ("Company") filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application requesting authority to increase basic local access line rates from \$11.00 per month in the Colorado City rate area and from \$13.18 per month in the Fredonia rate area to \$14.00 per month in both areas.

On November 18, 2011, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") issued a comprehensive new Order. Among other things, the FCC's Order establishes that for the Company to receive all available federal support funds, the Company's local residential monthly service rates must be increased to floor rates of at least \$14.00 as of December 1, 2013. Thereafter, the FCC will determine the floor rate annually. If the Company's rates are not increased to the floor rate, the amount of federal support funds the Company receives is reduced dollar-for-dollar for each customer by the difference between the existing local rate and the FCC floor rate.

The Commission's Utilities Division ("Staff") is in the process of analyzing the application, and has not yet made any recommendations regarding the Company's proposed rates. The Commission will determine the appropriate relief to be granted based on the evidence presented by the parties. The Commission is not bound by the proposals made by the Company, Staff, or any intervenors. Therefore, the final rates approved by the Commission may be higher or lower than the rates requested by the Company.

**How You Can View or Obtain a Copy of the Rate Application**

Copies of the application and proposed rates are available by contacting Alan Torgersen at South Central Communications, 45 North 100 West, Escalante, UT (435) 826-4211, at the Commission's Docket Control Center at 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, Arizona, 85007, for public inspection during regular business hours, and on the Internet via the Commission's website ([www.azcc.gov](http://www.azcc.gov)) using the e-Docket function and Docket No. T-01923A-13-0229.

**Arizona Corporation Commission Public Hearing Information**

The Commission will hold a hearing on this matter beginning **October 7, 2013, at 10:00 a.m.**, at the Commission's offices, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona. Public comments will be taken on the first day of the hearing. Written public comments may be submitted by mailing a letter referencing **Docket No. T-01923A-13-0229** to: Arizona Corporation Commission, Consumer Services Section, 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007. If you require assistance, you may contact the Consumer Services Section at 602.542.4251 or 1.800.222.7000.

1 Interested parties may participate in this matter through (1) filing for intervention and becoming a formal  
2 party to the proceeding; or (2) through written or oral public comment. Any interested person may file written  
3 public comments regarding the Company's application in **Docket No. T-01923A-13-0229** at any time.

4 If you do not intervene in this proceeding, you will receive no further notice of the proceedings in this  
5 docket. **However, all documents filed in this docket are available online** (usually within 24 hours after  
6 docketing) at the Commission's website [www.azcc.gov](http://www.azcc.gov) using the e-Docket function, located at the bottom of the  
7 website homepage. RSS feeds are also available through e-Docket.

#### 8 **About Intervention**

9 You do not need to intervene if you want to appear at the hearing and provide public comment on the  
10 application, or if you want to file written comments in the record of the case.

11 Any person or entity entitled by law to intervene and having a direct substantial interest in the matter will  
12 be permitted to intervene. The granting of intervention entitles a party to present sworn evidence at hearing and to  
13 cross-examine other witnesses, and is governed by Arizona Administrative Code R14-3-105. **If you wish to  
14 intervene, you must file an original and 13 copies of a written motion to intervene with the Commission's  
15 Docket Control Center no later than September 20, 2013, and send a copy of the motion to the Company or  
16 its counsel and to all parties of record.**

17 Contact information for the Company and parties of record may be obtained using the Commission's e-  
18 Docket Function and Docket No. T-01923A-13-0229. Your motion to intervene must contain the following:

- 19 1. Your name, address, and telephone number, and the name, address, and telephone number of any party  
20 upon whom service of documents is to be made, if not yourself;
- 21 2. A short statement of your interest in the proceeding (e.g., a customer of the Company, a shareholder of  
22 the Company, etc.); and
- 23 3. A statement certifying that you have mailed a copy of the motion to intervene to the Company or its  
24 counsel and to all parties of record in the case.

25 For a sample intervention request form, go to <http://www.azcc.gov/divisions/utilities/FORMS/interven.pdf>.  
26 All parties must comply with Arizona Supreme Court Rules 31, 38, and 42 and A.R.S. § 40-243 with respect to the  
27 practice of law.

28 **If you do intervene, and wish to present direct testimony and associated exhibits at the hearing, you  
29 must, on or before September 27, 2013: (1) reduce your direct testimony and associated exhibits to writing,  
30 (2) file the original and 13 copies with the Commission's Docket Control Center by 4:00 p.m., and (3) mail a  
31 copy to each party.**

#### 32 **Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA")/Equal Access Information**

33 The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to its public meetings.  
34 Persons with a disability may request reasonable accommodations such as a sign language interpreter, as well as  
35 request this document in an alternative format, by contacting the ADA Coordinator, Shaylin Bernal, E-mail  
36 [sabernal@azcc.gov](mailto:sabernal@azcc.gov), voice phone number 602-542-3931. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time  
37 to arrange the accommodations.