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DOCKET NO. T-02724A-17-0034

PROCEDURAL ORDER
(Grants Extension of Time Deadline)

BY THE COMMISSION:

On February 3, 2017, Table Top Telephone Company, Inc. ("Table Top" or "Company") filed an application with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to A.R.S. §40-250 and Arizona Administrative Code ("A.A.C.") R14-2-103, for a determination of its earnings and the fair value of its investment ("Application"). Table Top requested that its residential rates be increased as necessary to compensate for the rate impacts of the Federal Communication Commission's ("FCC") November 18, 2011, USF/ICC Transformation Order ("USF/ICC Order"). Table Top states that it depends on federal high-cost loop support mechanisms, and that to retain federal support it must increase local area rates to the annual floor as determined by the FCC. Table Top's Application also requests an increase in its basic residential rate from \$18.00 per month to \$20.00 per month, effective

1 June 1, 2017. Table Top did not file all of the schedules required for a typical rate case under A.A.C.
2 R14-2-103, and requested a waiver of any provisions of this rule not required by the Arizona
3 Constitution and applicable laws. Table Top also requests that the processing of its Application receive
4 expedited treatment.

5 On February 10, 2017, a Procedural Order was issued regarding consent to email service.

6 On February 14, 2017, a Procedural Order was issued scheduling a procedural conference for
7 February 28, 2017.

8 On February 15, 2017, Table Top filed a Consent to Email Service.

9 On that same date, the Commission's Utilities Division ("Staff") filed a Sufficiency Letter
10 classifying Table Top as a Class C utility.

11 On February 24, 2017, a Procedural Order approving Table Top's consent to email service was
12 issued.

13 On February 28, 2017, a procedural conference was held as scheduled. Discussion was held
14 regarding a compliance item issued in Decision No. 74830 (November 13, 2014), which required the
15 Company to file a full rate case. Staff and the Company agreed that the Company would file a request
16 with the Commission pursuant to A.R.S. §40-252 to amend Decision No. 74830.¹ Further, the
17 timeclock in this matter was suspended pending further action by the Commission.

18 On April 13, 2017, Table Top filed a Motion to Consolidate ("Motion"). The Motion requests
19 consolidation of Docket Nos. T-02724A-17-0034 and T-02724A-13-0416, to accommodate the
20 Company's request to amend Decision No. 74830 to remove the requirement for the Company to file
21 a full rate case to justify an increase in rates from \$18 to \$20.

22 On the same date, the Company filed a Form of Notice to be provided to customers setting a
23 hearing in this matter.

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26 ¹ Decision No. 74830 was issued in Docket No. T-02724A-13-0416. On March 1, 2017, in Docket No. T-02724A-13-0416
27 Table Top filed a Motion to Amend Decision No. 74830 *Nunc Pro Tunc*. Subsequently, on March 28, 2017, Table Top
28 filed a Petition to Amend Decision No. 74830 pursuant to A.R.S. §40-252. On May 9, 2017, the Commission voted to
approve the Company's Petition to Amend Decision No. 74830 pursuant to A.R.S. §40-252, eliminating the requirement
for the Company to file a full rate case in this matter. A conforming Order will be issued at a later date.

1 On May 2, 2017, a Procedural Order was issued consolidating Docket Nos. T-02724A-13-0416
2 and T-02724A-17-0034 and this matter was set for hearing and other procedural deadlines were
3 established.

4 On May 4, 2017, Staff filed a Request for Extension of Time to File Staff Report from May 15,
5 2017, to May 19, 2017 ("Request"). Staff's Request states that the FCC issued a Notice of Proposed
6 Rulemaking and Order on April 27, 2017, which would, among other things, freeze the rate floor at
7 \$18.00. Further, Staff states that the issue is scheduled to be voted on by the FCC on May 18, 2017,
8 and that Staff's recommendation in this matter will depend on the outcome of the FCC vote.

9 Good cause has been shown to grant Staff's request.

10 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Staff's Request for an Extension of Time, until May 19,
11 2017, to file the Staff Report in this matter is hereby granted.

12 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all other time deadlines outlined in the May 2, 2017
13 Procedural Order, remain in place.

14 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the timeclock in this matter remains suspended.

15 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Ex Parte Rule (A.A.C. R14-3-113-Unauthorized
16 Communications) applies to this proceeding as the matter is now set for public hearing, and shall remain
17 in effect until the Commission's Decision in this matter is final and non-appealable.

18 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that each party or prospective party shall **refer to the Procedural**
19 **Order Regarding Consent to Email Service** issued in this matter on **February 10, 2017**, for
20 additional information regarding the process to consent to service by email. Information regarding
21 Consent to Email Service is also available on the Commission's website (www.azcc.gov) by clicking
22 on "Email Service Consent."

23 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all parties must comply with Arizona Supreme Court Rules
24 31, 38, 39, and 42 and A.R.S. § 40-243 with respect to the practice of law and admission *pro hac vice*.

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1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Administrative Law Judge may rescind, alter, amend, or
2 waive any portion of this Procedural Order either by subsequent Procedural Order or by ruling at
3 hearing.

4 DATED this 10th day of May, 2017.

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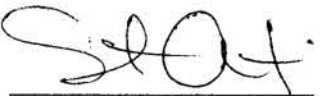
On this 10th day of May, 2017, the foregoing document was filed with Docket Control as a Procedural Order Grants Extension of Time, and copies of the foregoing were mailed on behalf of the Hearing Division to the following who have not consented to email service. On this date or as soon as possible thereafter, the Commission's eDocket program will automatically email a link to the foregoing to the following who have consented to email service.

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