# Public Service Commission • 2005 Annual Report

for the period July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005



Electricity • Natural Gas
Telecommunications • Water



Public Service Commission of Utah

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#### State of Utah

## **Public Service Commission**

Honorable Jon M. Huntsman, Jr. Governor, State of Utah Honorable Members of the Senate Honorable Members of the House of Representatives

November 5, 2005

t is a pleasure to present you the
Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2005
of the Public Service Commission of
Utah. This report has been prepared
in accordance with Utah Code
§ 54-1-10, which requires the
Commission submit to you a report
of its activities during the fiscal year
ending June 30, 2005.

This annual report highlights the issues and activities the Commission has focused on during the year.

We look forward to your continued support as we serve the citizens of Utah.

Respectfully submitted,

Ric Campbell, Commission Chairman Ted Boyer, Commissioner Ron Allen, Commissioner

# **Public Service Commission**

### **Personnel**

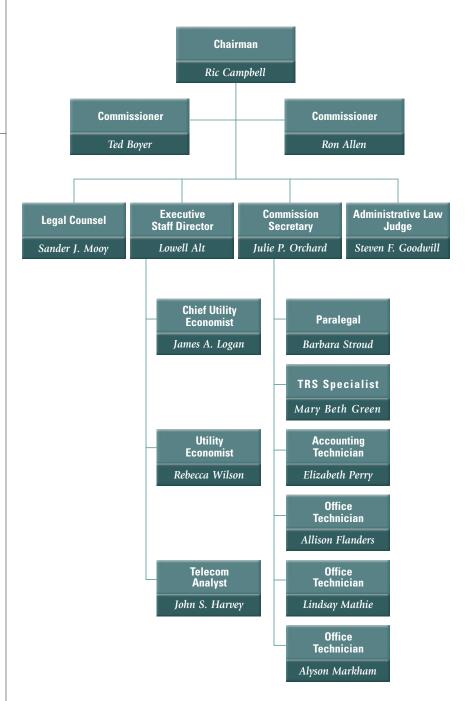
June 30, 2005

Chairman ......Ric Campbell Commissioner.....Ted Boyer Commissioner.....Ron Allen Commission Secretary ......Julie P. Orchard Staff Director .....Lowell Alt Legal Counsel.....Sander J. Mooy *Administrative* Law Judge ..... Steven F. Goodwill **Telecommunications** Analyst ......John S. Harvey Chief Utility Economist ......James A. Logan Utility Economist .... Rebecca Wilson Paralegal.....Barbara Stroud TRS Specialist......Mary Beth Green Accounting Technician.....Elizabeth Perry Office Technician......Allison Flanders Technician.....Lindsay Mathie Office

Technician.....Alyson Markham

## **PSC Organization**

June 30, 2005





**Ric Campbell Commission Chairman** Original Term: March 1, 2001 - March 1, 2007 Designated Chairman: June 1, 2003

ic Campbell was appointed to the Public Service Commission on March 1, 2001 and was designated chairman of the Commission on June 1, 2003. His term expires March 1, 2007. Chairman Campbell is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and serves on the Committee on Electricity.

Prior to his appointment, he was an advisor to Governor Michael O. Leavitt on energy issues and had served as the Director of the Utah Division of Public Utilities since 1995. While at the Division, Ric also served as a member of the Utah Telecommunications Advisory Council and on the **Utah Rural Telecommunications Task** Force. He was also a member of the Staff Subcommittee of Executive Directors for NARUC.

Before joining the Division, Ric was the Executive Director of the Utah Health Policy Commission. This Commission was charged with recommending market-based health care reforms. Prior to Ric's public service in state government, he worked for Shell Oil Company. Ric has a B.S. degree in Accounting from Brigham Young University and a M.S. degree in Economics from the University of Utah.



Ted Boyer Commissioner

Original Term: June 20, 2003 - March 1, 2009

ed Boyer was appointed to his first term as a commissioner of the Public Service Commission on June 20, 2003 by Governor Michael O. Leavitt. His term expires March 1, 2009.

Commissioner Boyer is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and serves on the Telecommunications Committee and International Committee, as well as Chair of the Telecommunications Committee of the Western Conference of Public Service Commissioners (WCPSC).

Prior to his appointment, Commissioner Boyer served on the Cabinet of Governor Leavitt as Executive Director of the Utah Department of Commerce and before that as Director of the Utah Real Estate Division. After receiving his BS and MS degrees from Brigham Young University, he earned his Juris Doctorate from the University of Utah and practiced law in Salt Lake City for over 20 years.



Ron Allen **Commissioner** 

Original Term: March 18, 2005 - March 1, 2011

on Allen was appointed to his first term as a Commissioner of the Public Service Commission of Utah by Governor Jon M. Huntsman on March 18, 2005. His term expires March 1, 2011.

Prior to his appointment he served as a Utah State Senator representing Magna, West Valley and Stansbury Park. While in the senate he served as Minority Whip and on the Executive Appropriations and Executive Management Committees. Ron also served on the Utah Tax Review Commission and on the Privatization Review Board. He also served on the Energy and Electric Utilities Committee for the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Ron is formerly a self-employed business and technology consultant and has owned and operated several Utah businesses, making the list of Utah's 100 fastest growing firms several times. Ron has a B.S. degree in Accounting and an M.A. degree in Art History from the University of Utah

# **PSC History & Regulatory Process**

## **Origins of the PSC**

ince its origin in the Public Utilities Act of 1917, the Commission has served the citizens of the State through technical, economic regulation of Utah's public utility companies. These privately owned but government-regulated companies provide the telecommunications, electricity, natural gas, water, and sewerage systems over which important services are delivered to Utah households and businesses.

Utility systems are key structural elements of Utah's economy. Collectively, all such structural elements, whether provided by public authorities or regulated private companies, are known as "infrastructure." Roads, railways and other modes of transportation, and communications and other network-based services like electricity, natural gas and water, facilitate the flow of goods and services between buyers and sellers, making this infrastructure a prerequisite for economic growth.

Utility companies are certificated monopolies. With recent exceptions primarily in the telecommunications industry, each is the sole provider of utility service in designated geographic areas of the State called "certificated service territories."

Because there is no competition, Federal and State law obligates the Commission to promote and protect the public interest by ensuring that public utility service is adequate in quality and reliability, and is available to everyone at just and reasonable prices. This is the Commission's goal. The prices, terms and conditions of utility service affect the quality of the State's infrastructure.

## **Organization of the Regulatory Function in Utah Today**

Since 1983, when the legislature last reorganized Utah's public utility regulatory function, the Commission has been an independent entity with a small clerical, legal, and technical advisory staff. The office of the Commission consists of a three-member commission, each commissioner appointed by the Governor to a six-year term; an administrative secretary and clerical staff; an executive staff director and technical staff; a legal counsel and paralegal staff; and an administrative law judge. Currently the Commission employs 15 persons.

The Division of Public Utilities, Department of Commerce, performs public utility audits and investigations, helps to resolve customer complaints, and enforces Commission orders. Since the 1983 reorganization, the Division has been empowered to represent an impartially determined, broad public interest before the Commission. It does so with legal assistance from the Office of the Attorney General. Also functioning within the Department of Commerce is the Committee of Consumer Services, the state agency advocate before the Commission for the

## **Public Service Commission of Utah**

### **Commissioners**

Yrs. of Service	Name	Home Town
1917–21	Henry H. Blood	Kaysville
1917-23	Joshua Greenwood	Nephi
1917-25	Warren Stoutner	Salt Lake City
1921-23	Abbot R. Heywood	Ogden
1923-37	Elmer E. Corfman	Salt Lake City
1923-37	Thomas E. McKay	Huntsville
1925-33	George F. McGonagle	Salt Lake City
1933–35	Thomas H. Humphreys	Logan
1935–37	Joseph S. Snow	St. George
1937-41	Ward C. Holbrook	Clearfield
1937-41	Otto A. Wiesley	Salt Lake City
1937-40	Walter K. Granger	Cedar City
1941-43	George S. Ballif	Provo
1941-49	Oscar W. Carlson	Salt Lake City
1941–51	Donald Hacking	Price
1943–52	W. R. McEntire	Huntsville
1949–73	Hal S. Bennett	Salt Lake City
1951-56	Stewart M. Hanson	Salt Lake City
1952-72	Donald Hacking	Price
1956–57	Rue L. Clegg	Salt Lake City
1957-63	Jesse R. Budge	Salt Lake City
1963-65	Raymond W. Gee	Salt Lake City
1965–67	D. Frank Wilkins	Salt Lake City
1967-69	Donald T. Adams	Monticello
1969-72	John T. Vernieu	Richfield
1972–75	Eugene S. Lambert	Salt Lake City
1972-76	Frank S. Warner	Ogden
1973–79	Olof E. Zundel	Brigham City
1975–76	James N. Kimball	Salt Lake City
1976-77	Joseph C. Folley	Ogden
1976-82	Milly O. Bernard	Salt Lake City
1977-80	Kenneth Rigtrup	Salt Lake City
1979–85	David R. Irvine	Bountiful
1980–89	Brent H. Cameron	Salt Lake City
1982–95	James M. Byrne	Salt Lake City
1985–92	Brian T. Stewart	Farmington
1989–91	Stephen F. Mecham	Salt Lake City
1991–92	Stephen C. Hewlett*	Salt Lake City
1992–95	Stephen C. Hewlett	Salt Lake City
1992-2003	Stephen F. Mecham	Salt Lake City
1995–2005	Constance B. White	Salt Lake City
1995-2001	Clark D. Jones	Salt Lake City
	Richard M. Campbell	Riverton
2003-Present	Theodore Boyer	Salt Lake City
2005-Present		West Valley City
*Commissioner P.	ro Tempore	

Secretaries

Secretaries			
Yrs. of Service	Name	Home Town	
1917–23	Thomas E. Banning	Salt Lake City	
1923-35	Frank L. Ostler	Salt Lake City	
1935-36	Theodore E. Thain	Logan	
1936–38	Wendell D. Larson	Salt Lake City	
1938-40	J. Allan Crockett	Salt Lake City	
1941-43	Charles A. Esser	Salt Lake City	
1943-44	Theodore E. Thain	Logan	
1945–48	Royal Whitlock	Gunnison	
1949-49	C.J. Stringham	Salt Lake City	
1949-56	Frank A. Yeamans	Salt Lake City	
1956-59	C.R. Openshaw, Jr.	Salt Lake City	

## **Appointment Dates of Commissioners**

<ul><li>Ap</li></ul>	pointment Years <b>D</b> — D	Democrat <b>R</b> — Republic	an <b>I</b> — Independent
Year	Commissioner 1	Commissioner 2	Commissioner 3
1973	<ul> <li>Bennett - R (49-73)</li> <li>Zundel - R (73-79)</li> </ul>	Warner - <i>D (72-76)</i>	Lambert - <i>D (72-75)</i>
1974			
1975		•	Kimball - <i>D (75-76)</i>
1976		Bernard - D (76-82)	Folley - D (76-77)
1977			<ul><li>Rigtrup - 1 (77-80)</li></ul>
1978			
1979	<ul><li>Irvine - R (79-85)</li></ul>		
1980			Cameron - D (80-89)
1981		•	
1982		Bryne - <i>D (82-95)</i>	
1983			•
1984			
1985	<ul><li>Stewart - R (85-92)</li></ul>		
1986			
1987		•	
1988			
1989			<ul><li>Mecham - R (89-91)</li></ul>
1990			
1991	•		Hewlett - R (91-95)
1992	Mecham - R (92-03)		
1993		•	
1994			
1995		White - <i>I (95-05)</i>	<ul><li>Jones - R (95-01)</li></ul>
1996			
1997	•		
1998			
1999		•	
2000			
2001			• Campbell - <i>R (01- )</i>
2002			
2003	Boyer - R (03- )		
2004			
2005		Allen - D (05- )	
2006			
2007			•

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Yrs. of Service	Name	Home Town
1959–60	Frank A. Yeamans	Salt Lake City
1960-70	C.R. Openshaw, Jr.	Salt Lake City
1970-71	Maurice P. Greffoz*	Salt Lake City
1971–72	Eugene S. Lambert	Salt Lake City
1972–77	Ronald E. Casper	Salt Lake City
1977–79	Victor N. Gibb	Orem
1979–81	David L. Stott	Salt Lake City
1981–83	Jean Mowrey	Salt Lake City
1983–86	Georgia Peterson	Salt Lake City
1986-91	Stephen C. Hewlett	Salt Lake City
1991-Present	Julie Orchard	Bountiful
* Acting Secretar	7/	

Acting Secretary

interests of residential, small commercial and agricultural customers. The Committee, established by the legislature in 1977, consists of six citizens appointed by the Governor. It employs a director and an eight-member clerical and technical staff. Legal assistance is provided by the Attorney General.

## **How the Commission Works**

As a regulatory decision making body, the Commission exercises a delegated legislative power. Each regulatory decision is reached quasi-judicially — that is to say, the decision must be based on evidence of record gathered in open public hearings in docketed proceedings. All dockets are closely scheduled, but the due process rights of parties, carefully observed by the Commission, mainly govern their timing.

In the course of a hearing, parties participating may include the subject public utility, the Division of Public Utilities (representing an impartial view of the overall public interest), and the Committee of Consumer Services (representing the particular group interests of residential, small commercial, and agricultural customers).

Parties present the sworn testimony and evidence of expert witnesses on matters at issue. Witnesses will be crossexamined by the attorneys assisting each party.

In cases where tens of millions of dollars may be at stake, or important issues of regulatory policy arise, a number of other intervenors, representing interests as diverse as low-income customers and large industrial customers, may also participate. They too will employ expert witnesses and attorneys. They will want to be involved because regulatory decisions distribute outcomes as gains or losses to particular parties. Cases raise issues of law, economics, accounting, finance, and engineering.

Reaching decisions, which balance the often-competing interests of concerned parties, in pursuit of outcomes, which protect and promote the overall public interest, is the Commission's task. These decisions, reviewable by the Utah Supreme Court, must be drawn directly from the evidentiary record created in open public hearings.

During fiscal year 2005, 497 cases were docketed. Of these, 132 were resolved by written Commission order, following hearing and deliberation on the evidentiary record. Many of the remaining cases were handled informally. The more important cases, whether for regulatory policy or financial implications, are highlighted in discussions of electricity, natural gas, telecommunications, and water, which follow in the next section of the report.



PacifiCorp provides more than 80 percent of the electricity consumed by Utah's households and businesses. Thus, most of the Commission's work in the electric industry arises from regulation of PacifiCorp.

## **Overview of Electric Utility**

he principal electric utility regulated by the Commission is PacifiCorp, an investor-owned utility doing business in the state as Utah Power and Light Company. PacifiCorp also serves retail customers in five other western states and wholesale customers throughout the west. PacifiCorp provides more than 80 percent of the electricity consumed by Utah's households and businesses. Other Utah customers are served either by municipal utilities, which are not regulated by the Commission, or by rural electric cooperatives, which are subject to minimal state regulation. Thus, most of the Commission's work in the electric industry arises from regulation of PacifiCorp.

## **Holiday Power Outage**

About 190,000 Utah customers lost power service following a series of storms beginning December 26, 2003. The Commission received a record number of concerned customer calls and immediately launched an investigation to gain an understanding of factors contributing to the outage and to the utility's lengthy efforts to restore power. Both PacifiCorp and the Division of Public Utilities provided reports on the outage to the Commission on May 18, 2004. Both reports are available on the Commission's website.

The reports identify over forty actions PacifiCorp will undertake to avoid or lessen the

likelihood of experiencing similar outages in the future and by which it may improve the efficacy of its restorative efforts.

On June 24, 2005 the Commission issued a letter to parties of record concluding this investigative docket. In this letter, the Service Quality Task Force created in Docket No. 04-035-42 is tasked with addressing issues that warrant further examination to determine whether a change in utility operations is required. These efforts are expected to derive more detailed cost-benefit analyses examining increasing the design and operational limits in Utah Power's distribution



network, including a focus on the various Utah service areas which experience more frequent and severe outages. The Service Quality Task Force is also expected to consider the "major event" definition used in network performance reporting and the network's reliability statistics or measurements to determine whether the application and information provided is the most useful in assessing the provision of electric service consistent with regulatory policy and public interest goals.

## **Planning for Least Cost and Reliable Power Supply**

As required by the Commission, PacifiCorp hosted public input meetings and filed its biennial Integrated Resource

Plan 2004 ("IRP 2004") final report and action plan with the Commission on January 20, 2005. Through the IRP, PacifiCorp evaluates additional power supply options and energy efficiency programs to determine the least cost way to provide adequate and reliable service. IRP 2004 presents PacifiCorp's most recent plan to supply and manage growing demand for electricity throughout its six state service territory over a 20 year planning horizon. The report identifies as its least cost plan, investment in a diversified portfolio of power plants and power purchases, coupled with customer

efficiency programs and direct-control load management. The type, timing and magnitude of resource additions is noted and an action plan provided.

Based on its assumptions of power plant lives, purchase power contract lengths, short and intermediate-term firm power purchases, and load growth, PacifiCorp identifies a deficiency between existing resources and peak system requirements plus a 15% planning margin that grows from 73 megawatts in 2008 to 2,777 megawatts in 2014.

PacifiCorp identifies "Portfolio E with Class 1 DSM" as its least cost plan or "Preferred Portfolio" to meet this deficiency. The Preferred Portfolio identifies power purchases, wind power, natural gas plants, coal plants, and energy efficiency programs as least cost to meet growing customer demand. Additions in the near term come from wind power, cogeneration projects, firm power purchases of less than 5 years duration and demand side management. The next large thermal generating plant, a 525 megawatt natural gas-fired power plant, is selected for summer, 2009. PacifiCorp bases this selection on its analysis of the present value of future

revenue requirement, load

growth uncertainty, fuel and market price volatility, firm transmission transfer capability, hydro variability, potential environmental costs and lead time required for plant construction or bidding.

In April and May 2005, the Commission received comments from regulators, interested parties and PacifiCorp on whether to acknowledge that this IRP and its associated action plan meet the required standards and guidelines for IRP.

## **Additional Power Supply**

In November 2004, following a competitive bidding process, the Commission granted PacifiCorp a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to construct the Lake Side Power Project at the Geneva Steel site in Vineyard, Utah. The electric power generation plant is a 534 megawatt natural gasfired combined cycle combustion turbine and is planned for service in the summer of 2007.



#### **Energy Resource Procurement Act**

In March 2005, the Utah State Legislature passed Senate Bill 26, "Energy Resource Procurement Act," Utah State Code 54-17-101. The new law requires PacifiCorp use a solicitation process to construct or acquire significant energy resources, defined as 100 megawatts or more with a dependable life of ten years or more, or request a waiver. The law also requires the participation of an independent evaluator, appointed by the Commission, to actively monitor the solicitation process for fairness and compliance with state law. The law also requires PacifiCorp use a solicitation process that is approved by the Commission and allows PacifiCorp to request Com-

mission approval of its significant energy resource decision prior to construction or binding agreement to acquire the resource and provides for cost recovery of an approved resource decision.

#### **Utah Power Rates**

In August 2004, PacifiCorp filed a request for a \$111 million rate increase based on a future test period beginning April 1, 2005 and ending March 31, 2006. Following investigation of the reasons for the increase and settlement meetings among interested parties, the rate case concluded in February with the Commission accepting an unopposed settlement of all issues by parties in the case and authorizing a \$51 million increase and a 10.5 percent rate of return, effective March 1, 2005. The average customer rate increase is about 4.7% percent.

## **Electric Utility Dockets**

#### 04-028-01

In the Matter of the Application of Garkane Energy Cooperative for a Declaratory Ruling Regarding the Proposed Acquisition of the Electric Utility Assets of Kanab City

Order issued August 10, 2004. Garkane Energy Cooperative may purchase the utility assets of Kanab City's municipal electric utility operations and incorporate the assets and customers into its operations as proposed.

#### 04-035-53

In the Matter of the Application of PacifiCorp for Approval of a Power Purchase Agreement with Tesoro Refining and Marketing Company

Order issued October 4, 2004. We enter this order approving the Agreement between PacifiCorp and Tesoro Refining and Marketing Company as discussed herein.

#### 04-035-04

In the Matter of the Petition of Desert Power, L.P. for Approval of a Contract for the Sale of Capacity and Energy From its Proposed QF Facilities

Order issued October 7, 2004.
The Commission approves the contract for the sale to PacifiCorp of electric energy and capacity from Desert Power's proposed Qualifying Facility.

#### 04-035-60

In the Matter of the Application of PacifiCorp for Approval of a Power Purchase Agreement Between PacifiCorp and Kennecott Utah Copper Corporation

Order issued October 25, 2004. Approving the Agreement between PacifiCorp and Kennecott Utah Copper Corporation as discussed herein.

#### Key:

Docket Number Short Title

Status as of June 30, 2004

#### 03-035-28

In the Matter of Comcast Cable Communications, Inc., claimant, a Pennsylvania Corporation vs. PacifiCorp, an Oregon Corporation, respondent

Order issued November 9, 2004. granting PacifiCorp's Motion to Submit Late-Filed Exhibits.

#### 03-035-28

In the Matter of Comcast Cable Communications, Inc., a Pennsylvania Corporation vs. Pacificorp, d.b.a. Utah Power, an Oregon Corporation

Order issued November 12, 2004. Order granting PacifiCorp's Motion to Strike Affidavit of Gary Goldstein and declining to enter the Affidavit, and those portions of Comcast's Brief discussing the Affidavit, into the record.

#### 04-035-30

In the Matter of the Application of PacifiCorp for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity Authorizing Construction of the Lake Side Power Project

Order issued November 12, 2004. The Commission grants a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing PacifiCorp to construct a 534 megawatt natural gas-fired combined cycle combustion turbine electric generation plant for service in the summer of 2007 at the Geneva Steel site in Vineyard,

#### 04-035-45

In the Matter of the Formal Complaint of Wasatch Plaza Holdings II, LLC Complainant, vs. Utah Power And Light, Respondent

Order issued November 12, 2004. Complainant having failed to appear to prosecute this matter, the Commission dismissed the same.

#### 02-035-04

In the Matter of the Application of PacifiCorp for an Investigation of Inter-Jurisdictional Issues

Order issued December 14, 2004. In this order the Commission approves a stipulation by parties supporting the use of the Revised Protocol method in conjunction with rate mitigation measures for apportioning PacifiCorp's costs and revenues among its various jurisdictions for determining Utah revenue requirement. The stipulation provides for a method that permits PacifiCorp to plan and operate as a single integrated company doing business in six states.

#### 03-035-38

In the Matter of the Petition of US Magnesium LLC for Approval of a Contract for the Salt of Capacity and Energy from Its Existing Proposed QF Facilities

Order issued December 16, 2004. Order approves the Agreement between PacifiCorp and US Magnesium.

#### 03-035-19

In the Matter of the Application of US Magnesium LLC for Determination of Long-Term Economic Development Rates and Conditions of Interruptible Service

Order issued December 16, 2004. By this Order, the Commission approves an Electric Service Agreement between PacifiCorp and US Magnesium LLC. The Electric Service Agreement specifies the rates, terms and conditions under which PacifiCorp will provide interruptible electric service to US Magnesium.

#### Electric Utility Dockets (cont.)

#### 03-035-28

In the Matter of Comcast Cable Communications, Inc., a Pennsylvania Corporation, Claimant, vs. PaficiCorp, an Oregon Corporation, Respondent

Order issued December 21, 2004. The Commission ordered Comcast Cable Communications to pay PacifiCorp the applicable per pole back rent and unauthorized attachment charges for each PacifiCorp pole on Comcast to pay its pro rata share of the cost of the 2002/2003 Audit. The Commission ordered PacifiCorp to refund to Comcast any amount previously paid to PacifiCorp in excess of the \$3,773,330.47 Comcast owes to PacifiCorp in unauthorized attachment, back rent, and 2002/2003 Audit charges. The Commission acknowledged that Comcast may continue to provide PacifiCorp reasonable evidence of authorization or non-ownership of attachments claimed by PacifiCorp to be unauthorized and to obtain a refund of applicable charges previously paid to PacifiCorp. The Commission determined that, as of the date of this Order, all Comcast attachments identified by the 2002/2003 Audit on PacifiCorp poles in Utah are deemed authorized for purposes of all future Comcast and PacifiCorp joint-use operations.

In the Matter of the Application of PacifiCorp, d/b/a Utah Power & Light Company for Approval of the Supply of Supplementary, Maintenance and Back-up Electric Service to Kennecott Utah Copper Corporation

Order issued January 20, 2005. A Protective Order issued in this matter

#### Key: **Docket Number** Short Title

Status as of June 30, 2004

#### 04-035-20

In the Matter of the Application of PacifiCorp for Approval of the Supply of Supplementary, Maintenance Back-up Electric Service to Kennecott Utah Copper Corporation

Order issued February 10, 2005. Order Approving Service Agreement, approves the proposed agreement on a tentative basis.

#### 03-035-28

In the Matter of PacifiCorp. dba Utah Power & Light Company vs. US Magnesium LLC

Order issued February 10, 2005. Order on Stipulated Motion for Voluntary Dismissal, the Commission Dismissed the matter with prejudice in accordance with the terms of the Parties' motion.

#### 05-2035-01

In the Matter of the Acknowledgment of PacifiCorp Integrated Resource Plan 2004

Order issued February 10, 2005. Request for Comments regarding this plan.

#### 04-035-42

In the Matter of the Application of PacifiCorp for Approval of its Proposed Electric Service Schedules and Electric Service Regulations

Order issued February 10, 2005. Order approving a stipulation regarding revenue requirement, revenue spread and rate design increasing PacifiCorp's annual revenue requirement by \$51 million, effective March 1, 2005, based on a projected April 2005 - March 2006 test year and an allowed rate of return on equity of 10.5 percent.

#### 05-035-08, 05-035-09

In the Matter of the Petition of Spring Canyon LLC for Approval of a Contract for the Sale of Capacity and Energy from its Proposed QF Facilities

In the Matter of the Petition of Pioneer Ridge LLC & Mountain Wind for Approval of a Contract for the Salt of Capacity and Energy from its Existing and Proposed QF Facilities: Protective Order Issued in this matter.

#### 05-030-01

In the Matter of the Approval of Moon Lake Electric Association Revolving Line of Credit

Order issued March 14, 2005. Report and Order tentatively approving the proposed issuance of debt by Moon Lake Electric Association in the form of a loan from the National Rural Utilities Finance Corporation with a cap of \$10,000,000.00 for a period of not more than 30 years.

#### 04-035-21

In the Matter of HELP, Electric Lifeline Program Evaluation

Order issued March 16, 2005. Order Granting Intervention to Light and

#### 03-035-14, 05-035-09, 05-035-08

In the Matter of the Petition of Spring Canyon LLC for Approval of a Contract for the Sale of Capacity and Energy from its Proposed QF Facilities; In the Matter of the Petition of Pioneer Ridge LLC & Mountain Wind for Approval of a Contract for the Sale of Capacity and Energy from its Existing and Proposed QF Facilities; In the Matter of the Application of PacifiCorp for Approval of an IRP-based Avoided Cost Methodology for QF Projects Larger than One Megawatt

Order issued March 17, 2005. Order Granting Intervention to ExxonMobil Prodution Company.

#### 05-035-09, 05-035-08, 03-035-14

In the Matter of the Application of PacifiCorp for Approval of an IRP-based

Avoided Cost Methodology for QF Projects Larger than One Megawatt; In The Matter of the Petition of Spring Canyon LLC for Approval of a Contract For the Sale of Capacity and Energy From Its Proposed of Facilities In The Matter of the Petition of Pioneer Ridge LLC & Mountain Wind For Approval of a Contract For the Sale of Capacity and Energy from its Existing and Proposed of Facilities

Order issued April 1, 2005. The Commission determines that QF pricing contained in the Stipulation approved in Docket No. 03-035-14 may be used for negotiating a QF contract between PacifiCorp and Spring Canyon. The Commission determines, pursuant to the Stipulation, 100 MW of QF capacity remains available for such a contract. The Commission directs PacifiCorp and Spring Canyon to attempt to negotiate a contract consistent with this Report and Order. The Commission lifts its suspension of PacifiCorp's obligation under Electric Service Schedule 38 to respond within thirty days to a request for indicative pricing. The Commission sets a conference in Docket No. 03-035-14 to schedule proceedings intended to establish transparent, final avoided cost pricing methods.

#### 05-035-28

In the Matter of the Request of Utah Power and Light for an Exemption to the Deposit Criteria for Bryan Scott

Order issued May 12, 2005. The Public Service Commission of Utah grants Utah Power and Light's request for an exemption from the security deposit criteria specified in the Company's Schedule 300 and authorizes UP&L to charge a \$500.00 security deposit to Bryan Scott.

## **Electric Utility Companies Operating in the State of Utah**

## under the Jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission



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Web: www.garkaneenergy.com

#### **Moon Lake Electric Association Inc**

188 West 200 North PO Box 278 Roosevelt UT 84066-0278

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SLC: (801) 619-3700 (800) 437-9056 Fax: (435) 722-3752 Web: www.mleainc.com

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#### Mt Wheeler Power Inc 1600 Great Basin Blvd

PO Box 151000 Ely NV 89301-1000 (775) 289-8981 (800) 977-6937 (775) 289-8987

Web: www.mwpower.net

#### **Raft River Rural Electric** Cooperative Inc

250 N Main St PO Box 617

Malta ID 83342-0617 Tel· (208) 645-2211 (800) 342-7732 (208) 645-2300

#### **Wells Rural Electric Company**

1451 N Humboldt Ave PO Box 365

Wells NV 89835-0365 Tel: (775) 752-3328 (775) 752-3407 Fax: Web: www.wellsrec.com

## Wholesale Coop

#### **Deseret Generation** & Transmission Cooperative

10714 South Jordan Gtwy, Suite

South Jordan UT 84095-3921 (801) 619-6500 (800) 756-3428 (801) 619-6599

Web: www.deseretgt.com

## **Others**

#### Strawberry Electric **Service District**

803 North 500 East PO Box 349 Payson UT 84651 (801) 465-8020 Tel: (801) 465-8017

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www.strawberryelectric.com

#### Strawberry Water Users Association

745 North 500 East PO Box 70

Payson UT 84651-0070 (801) 465-9273 Tel: (801) 465-4580 Fax:



About 70 percent of the total cost of providing natural gas service to customers in Utah, some \$650 million annually, is for the gas itself.

## **Overview of Gas Utility**

uestar Gas Company is the only operating natural gas utility regulated by the Utah Public Service Commission. Questar Gas currently serves over 745,000 customers in Utah. Questar Gas is a local natural gas distribution company that also owns natural gas production property that provides about half of its supply needs.

#### **Questar Gas Rates**

Twice annually, as permitted by law, Questar Gas files a "pass-through" application to adjust the commodity and associ-

ated cost portions of its Utah natural gas rates. The remaining costs are recovered in general rate case proceedings. About 70 percent of the total cost of providing natural gas service to customers in Utah, some \$650 million annually, is for the gas itself. Expedited pass-through proceedings allow timely recovery of gas costs actually incurred. New rates are established on a projected basis. When actual costs vary from those projected, the difference is maintained in a special balancing account and an appropriate rate adjustment is made in the following pass-through proceeding.

During this fiscal year, Questar Gas's rates changed two times. On August 30, 2004, the Commission approved an approximately \$25 million rate refund to customers for gas-processing costs found to be imprudently incurred. On May 31, 2005 the Public Service Commission approved a \$115.4 million gas cost passthrough rate increase (14.42%). This rate change is driven by higher wholesale natural gas prices.

## **Natural Gas Utility Companies** in the State of Utah under the Jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission

#### **Questar Gas Company**

180 East 100 South PO Box 45360 Salt Lake City UT 84145-0360 Tel: (801) 324-5555 (801) 324-5111, (800) 323-5517

- Customer Service (800) 541-2824-Emergency

**Wendover Gas Company** 

PO Box 274 Wendover, UT 84083-0274 Tel: (801) 324-5491-Barrie McKay Fax: (801) 324-5485-Barrie McKay Tel: (801) 324-3167-Darren Shepherd Fax: (801) 324-3816-Darren Shepherd Tel: (801) 324-5938-Legal Fax: (801) 324-5131-Legal Web: www.guestar.com

460 Mesa St West Wendover, NV 89883 Tel: (775) 664-2291 Fax: (775) 664-4422

## **Natural Gas Utility Dockets**

#### 04-057-06

In the Matter of the Complaint of Renato C. Lao vs. Questar Gas Company

Order issued November 1, 2004. Complaint dismissed.

98-057-12, 99-057-20, 03-057-05 & 01-057-14 In the Matter of the Application of Questar Gas Company to Adjust Rates for Natural Gas Service in Utah

Order issued August 30, 2004. The Commission determined that Questar Gas Company failed to meet its burden of proving it acted prudently in response to increasing deliveries of low heat content coal-seam gas to its distribution system by affiliate Questar Pipeline Company. The Commission rejects the parties' carbon dioxide stipulation, denies Questar Gas Company's request for carbon dioxide processing plant rate recovery The Commission will conduct further proceedings, in a separate docket, to address treatment of funds collected from ratepayers and address a long term solution to coal-seam gas delivered to customers.

#### 04-057-11

In the Matter of the Application of Questar Gas Company to adjust rates for natural gas service in Utah

Order issued September 29, 2004. Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered that the proposed rate increase in the annualized amount of \$77,212,000 requested by Questar Gas Company by be placed in effect on an interim basis as of October 1, 2004.

Key:

**Docket Number** Short Title

Status as of June 30, 2004

05-057-01, 04-057-09, 04-057-13, 04-057-11 & 04-057-04

In the Matter of the Application of Questar Gas Company to Adjust Rates for Natural Gas Service in Utah; Application of Questar Gas Company for a Continuation of Previously Authorized Rates and Charges Pursuant to its Purchased Gas Adiustment Clause: In the Matter of the Investigation of Questar Gas Company's Gas Quality; Application of Questar Gas Company for Recovery of Gas Management Costs in its 191 Gas Cost Balancing Account.

Order issued March 7, 3005. Protective Order granted to Questar Gas Company in the above matters.

#### 05-057-02

In the Matter of the Application of Questar Gas Company for Approval of a Firm Transportation Agreement with PacifiCorp

Order issued March 7, 2005. Protective Order granted in this matter.

#### 05-057-05

In the Matter of the Application of Questar Gas Company for Approval of a Firm Transportation Agreement with PacifiCorp

Order issued May 24, 2005. The Commission finds the proposed firm transportation agreement between Questar Gas Company and PacifiCorp to be in the public interest and approves the same.

#### 05-057-06

In the Matter of the Application of Questar Gas Company to Adjust Rates for Natural Gas Service in Utah

Order issued May 31, 2005. Interim

#### 05-057-03

In the Matter of the Formal Complaint of Kasey Burgess vs. Questar Gas

Order issued June 27, 2005. Complainant having failed to demonstrate that Questar Gas Company violated any provision of statute, rule, tariff, we dismiss



During the 2004/05 fiscal year Utah continued to see some interest on the part of potential competitors to compete in the state.

## Overview of Telecommunications Utilities

## **Industry Changes**

he 1995 Utah Telecommunications Reform Act and the 1996 Federal Telecommunications Act substantially altered the purposes and practices of telecommunications regulation and practice in Utah and set in motion the process that has resulted in the development of competition for local phone service along the Wasatch Front. During the 2004/2005 fiscal year Utah continued to see some interest on the part of potential competitors to Qwest in qualifying to compete in the state. Since Qwest received federal approval to move into long-distance markets in Utah (2001) it has begun offering new options to its customers, and its potential customers. Qwest is now compet-

ing "head-to-head" with competitors by offering bundled services, including local, long-distance, wireless, and internet services at various rates. In January of 2005 the State Legislature amended the 1995 Utah Telecommunications Reform Act. This legislation removed most of the incumbent tariff obligations from Qwest and placed it on a level with the competitive local exchange carriers (CLECs) that compete against it. With the exception of being required to offer a basic residential phone line at existing tariff rates, Qwest has received pricing flexibility for all other residential and business services.

In the previous two fiscal years most of the FCC's rules that had governed the basic obligations of Qwest (and other major carriers in the US) to make portions of its network available to competitors were overturned in federal court. Since that time the FCC has issued new rules that dramatically reduce the obligations Qwest has to lease portions of its network to CLECs. As a result, Qwest could face reduced competition from CLECs unless the CLECs are capable of building a network of their own, or the CLECs are willing to enter into commercial agreements with Qwest. The Commission will continue to review the level of competition to ensure that consumers are protected.

#### **Price or Rate Regulation**

Under the 2005 amendments to state law, Qwest has pricing flexibility for all retail level services except for the basic residential line. For customers that choose not to add any features, or bundled services, Qwest is obligated to continue providing that line at the existing tariffed rate. The law allows the companies to implement new prices five days after filing them, but it also allows the Commission

to review them either during the five days, or after the change takes place.

## **Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Interconnection Agreements**

Currently 89 competitive telecommunications companies currently hold a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) from the Commission allowing them to provide local telephone service to Qwest's customers (an increase of 4 from our last report). The Commission continues to both arbitrate and reviewed "interconnection agreements" and "commercial agreements"— terms by which the incumbent and the competitor will interconnect facilities to provide effective and efficient service. The agreements, both interconnection and commercial, facilitate competition by providing a means for the competitors and Qwest's networks to communicate.

### State of the Industry

Of the approximately 400 telecommunications dockets the Commission addressed this year a significant portion of them dealt with either the entry of competitors, or the interaction between Qwest and competitors as the market transitioned from monopoly to competition. These dockets addressed topics such as certificate applications, mergers and acquisitions, approval and enforcement of interconnection agreements, resolution of inter-carrier complaints, approval of special contracts for regulated services, and other service issues.

As may be noticed in the following enumeration of orders, such cases were in addition to the Commission's other regulatory responsibilities.

## **Telecommunications Utilities Dockets**

## **Qwest Major Orders**

#### 88-049-07

In the Matter of the Investigation into the Reasonableness of the Rate and Charges of The Mountain States Telephone And Telegraph Company

Order issued October 6, 2004. In a memo dated October 1, 2004 the Division of Public Utilities recommended that the Commission order the discontinuation of Owest's obligation to file its Separated Results of Operations required by Commission Order in Docket No. 88-049-07. The Commission concurs with the recommendation and so orders.

#### 05-049-26

In the Matter of the Request of Qwest Corporation for Waiver of Price Cap Compliance Filing

Order issued March 4, 2005. Order Waiving Price Cap Compliance Filing Requirement: This Order granted the request of Qwest Corporation for waiver of the Price Cap Compliance Filing requirement of R746-352-7 is granted.

#### 05-049-68

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Qwest and FirstDigital Telecom, LLC for Approval of Purchase of Sale of Farmington Ranches Assets

Order issued May 23, 2005. The Commission find the proposed purchase by Owest of FirstDigital Telecom's assets in the Farmington Ranches subdivision to be in the public interest and approves the same.

#### 04-049-T21

In the Matter of the Tariff filing of Owest Corporation regarding the grandfathering of Local Area Data Service (LADS)

Order issued February 1, 2005 approving the tariff.

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#### 04-049-T20

In the Matter of the Tariff filing of Qwest Corporation regarding the restructuring of switched access elements on a revenue neutral basis: Order approving the tariff

Order issued February 1, 2005 approving the tariff.

#### 05-049-28

In the Matter of the filing under protest of the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Metropolitan Telecommunications of Utah, Inc.

Order issued May 12, 2005. The Interconnection Agreement at issue being defective as involving a non-certificated carrier, the Commission rejects the Interconnection Agreement.

## Independent ("Rural") Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers' Dockets

### 04-2419-01

In the Matter of the application of Direct Communications Rockland, Inc. and its subsidiary, Direct Communications Cedar Valley, LLC, meet the statutory and other administrative requirements for issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

Order issued August 9, 2004. Subject to the conditions explained in the Order, the Commission approves the application.

#### 04-2218-01

In the Matter of the Petition of Frontier Telephone Company for One-Time Distribution for Robins and Kim McPherson of Lynndyl, Utah

Order issued August 23, 2004. The Public Service Commission of Utah grants a one-time distribution from the State Universal Public Telecommunications Service Support Fund to facilitate the provision of telecommunications service, by Frontier Communications of Utah, for service to Robins and Kim McPherson of Lynndyl, Utah.

#### 04-053-03

In the Matter of the Application of Uintah Basin Telecommunications Association, Inc., and UBET Telecom, Inc. for an Order of the Commission Approving the Combination, Merger and Consolidation of UBET Telecom, Inc., and Uintah Basin Telecommunications Association, Inc.

Order issued November 26, 2004. The Commission finds the proposed combination, merger, and consolidation of Uintah Basin Telecommunications Association, Inc. with its subsidiary, UBET Telecom, Inc. to be in the public interest and approves the same. The Commission also modifies the existing certified service territory of UBET Telecom as requested by UBET Telecom and Owest Corporation

#### 04-053-05

In the Matter of the Request for USF of Bobby Hayes in the Service Territory of UBET

Order issued May 12, 2005. The Public Service Commission of Utah grants a one-time distribution from the State Universal Public Telecommunications Service Support Fund to facilitate the provision of telecommunications service, by UBTA-UBET Communications, Inc., to Bobby Hayes in Duchesne County, Utah.

#### 05-052-0

In the Matter of the Request of Sharon Cooke for USF from South Central Utah Telephone

Order issued May 13, 2005. The Public Service Commission of Utah grants a one-time distribution from the State Universal Public Telecommunications Service Support Fund to facilitate the provision of telecommunications service, by South Central Utah telephone Association, to Sharon Cooke and customers in the immediate surrounding area of Elephant Butte.

#### 05-052-01

In the Matter of Extended Area Service (EAS) for Sanpete County

Order issued June 7, 2005. Manti Telephone, Gunnison Telephone Company and Central Utah Telephone undertake a TSLRIC study in the manner described in this order.

#### 05-2302-01

In the Application for Increase of Rates and Charges and USF Eligibility for Carbon/Emery Telcom, Inc.

Active docket.

## **Policy Issues Orders**

#### 04-2383-01

In the Matter of the Comcast Serving Area

Order issued September 20, 2004. This docket is converted to an informal administrative proceeding pursuant to Administrative Rule 746-110. This order will become final and effective, without further Commission action, 20 days from its issuance date, unless meritorious protest is submitted to the Commission during the 20 period. This docket will be closed on the effective date of this order, unless the order is suspended by the Commission. The Commission concludes that no further proceedings are needed as it has determined that Comcast is providing telephone services in those areas in which it represents telephone service is available.

#### 04-2424-01

In the Matter of the Federal Communications Commission's Assignment of 811 to One Call Notification Centers for Advanced Notice of Excavation Activities

Order Issued May 16, 2005. The Federal Communications Commission found that assignment of the 811 dialing code to be a single source for information regarding utilities' facilities potentially damaged by excavation activities to be in the public interest and designated 811 to be used accordingly. The Utah Public Service Commission Orders that 811 be assigned to Blue Stakes in Utah, and provides a method to implement the FCC's Order.

#### 05-999-06

In the Matter of the Utah Rural Telecom Association's Request for Suspension of Wireline to Wireless Number Portability Obligations Pursuant to Section 251(f)(2) of the Communications Act of 1924, as Amended

Order Issued June 2, 2005. The Commission denies the petition to suspend the deadlines for compliance with intermodal local number portability set forth in the Stipulation and Settlement approved by the Commission on July 7, 2004.

#### 03-049-62

In the Matter of Qwest Corporation's Land Development Agreements (LDA) Tariff Provisions

Order Issued June 6, 2005. This order implements provisions of the 2005 rewrite of Utah Telecommunications Law with Respect to Facility Construction.

#### Telecommunications Utilities Dockets (cont.)

#### 01-049-75

In the Matter of: the Formal Complaint of Beaver County, Box Elder County, Cache County, Carbon County, Davis County, Duchesne County, Emery County, Garfield County, Grand County, Iron County, Juab County, Kane County, Morgan County, Piute County, Rich County, Salt Lake County, Millard County, San Pete County, Sevier County, Summit County, Tooele County, Uintah County, Utah County, Wasatch County, Washington County, Wayne County, Weber County, and all other Persons or Entities Similarly Situated vs. Qwest Corporation fka US West Communications, Inc., fka Mountain States Telephone &

Order issued June 17, 2005, Order granting motion for Summary Judgment.

#### **Arbitration Orders**

Telegraph Services, Inc.

#### 04-2277-02

In the Matter of the Petition of DIECA Communications, Inc. d/b/a Covad Communications Company, for Arbitration to Resolve Issues Relating to an Interconnection Agreement with Qwest Corporation

Order issued February 8, 2005. This Arbitration Report and Order contains the arbitration agreement between Covad and Qwest Corporation.

#### 04-2277-02

In the Matter of the Petition of DIECA Communications, Inc., D/B/A Covad Communications Company, for Arbitration to Resolve Issues Relating to an Interconnection Agreement with Qwest Corporation

Order issued April 13, 2005, Order on Reconsideration: Upon reconsideration, the Commission affirms its prior Arbitration Order with respect to Issues 1, 2, and 5; clarifies Qwest's notice obligations under Issue 1: concludes that Qwest is required to commingle Section 251(c)(3) elements with Section 271 elements; and requires Qwest to provide a 45-day payment period to Covad so long as Qwest fails to provide electronic invoices containing circuit identification numbers.

## **Certificates of Public Convenience** and **Necessity for New Telecommunications Companies**

#### 04-2426-01

In the Matter of the Petition of X5 SLC, LLC d/b/a X5 Solutions, for Authority to Compete as a Telecommunications Corporation and to Offer Public Local Exchange and Interexchange Telecommunication Services Request for Agency Action

Order issued July 12, 2004. By this Report and Order, the Public Service Commission of Utah grants the request of X5 SLC, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing Applicant to provide public telecommunications services within the State of Utah, excluding those local exchanges having fewer than 5,000 access lines of an incumbent telephone corporation with fewer than 30,000 access lines in the state.

#### 03-2416-01

In the Matter of the Public Convenience And Necessity to Provide Dedicated Private Line Service within the State of Utah for Questar Infocomm, Inc.

Order issued July 12, 2004. By this Report and Order, the Public Service Commission of Utah grants the request of Questar Infocomm, Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing Applicant to provide public telecommunications services within the State of Utah.

#### 03-2323-01

In the Matter of the Application of OnFiber Carrier Services, Inc. for Authority to Provide Competitive Facilities-Based and Resold Local Exchange and Interexchange Telecommunication Services within the State of Utah

Order issued July 19, 2004. By this Report and Order, the Public Service Commission of Utah the request of OnFiber Carrier Services, Inc., for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing Applicant to provide public telecommunications services within the State of Utah, excluding those local exchanges having fewer than 5,000 access lines of an incumbent telephone corporation with fewer than 30,000 access lines in the state.

#### 04-2387-01

In the Matter of the Application of RSA Corporation for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Local Exchange, Inter-exchange Access, and Interexchange Telecommunications Services

Order issued August 2, 2004. RSA Corp having filed Chapter 7 bankruptcy and no longer provides services in Utah rendering cancellation of its authority to operate as a telecommunications service provider in the state of Utah, the Commission orders the cancellation of the Company's Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

#### 04-2429-01

In the Matter of the application of CommPartners, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing to provide public telecommunications services in the State of Utah

Order issued August 16, 2004. By this Report and Order, the Public Service Commission of Utah grants the request of CommPartners, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing Applicant to provide public telecommunications services within the State of Utah, excluding those local exchanges having fewer than 5,000 access lines of an incumbent telephone corporation with fewer than 30,000 access lines in the state

#### 04-2427-02 & 04-2427-01

In the Matter of the Application of Southwestern Bell Communications d/b/a/ SBC Long Distance For a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Resold and Facilities-Based Local Exchange Services within the State of Utah

Order issued September 22, 2004. The Commission granted the request of SBC Long Distance for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing Applicant to provide public telecommunications services within the State of Utah, excluding those local exchanges having fewer than 5,000 access lines of an incumbent telephone corporation with fewer than 30,000 access lines in the state.

#### 04-2433-01

In the Matter of the Application of E-Pinnacle Communications, Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Resold and Facilities-Based Local Exchange Services within the State of Utah

Order issued October 20, 2004. The Commission granted the request of E-Pinnacle Communications, Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing Applicant to provide public telecommunications services within the State of Utah, excluding those local exchanges having fewer than 5,000 access lines of an incumbent telephone corporation with fewer than 30.000 access lines in the state.

#### 04-2432-01

In the Matter of the Application of Global Connection, Inc. of America as a reseller of long distance service

Order issued November 17, 2004. The Commission granted the request of Global Connection, Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing Applicant to provide public telecommunications services within the State of Utah, excluding those local exchanges having fewer than 5,000 access lines of an incumbent telephone corporation with fewer than 30,000 access lines in the state.

### 04-2442-01

In the Matter of the Application of UCN, Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Resold and Limited Facilities-Based Competitive Local Exchange Services within the State of Utah

Order issued February 4, 2005. Order grants the request of UCN, Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

## 04-2446-01

In the Matter of the Application of VCI Company for a certificate authorizing it to provide local exchange services

Order issued February 25, 2005. By this Report and Order, the Public Service Commission of Utah grants the request of VCI Company, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing Applicant to provide public telecommunications services within the State of Utah, excluding those local exchanges having fewer than 5,000 access lines of an incumbent telephone corporation with fewer than 30 000 access lines in the state.

#### Telecommunications Utilities Dockets (cont.)

#### 05-2450-01

In the Matter of the Application of Preferred Long Distance for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Facilities-Based and Resold Local Exchange and Interexchange Services

Order issued March 9, 2005. Order grants the request of Preferred Long Distance, Inc. for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity.

#### 04-2431-01

In the Matter of the Application of Trans National Communications International, Inc. for a License to Provide Resale Facilities-Based UNE-P Service and Basic Local Exchange Service throughout the State of Utah in the Zone and Exchange Areas served by Qwest

Order issued March 10, 2005. Order grants the request of Trans National Communications International, Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

#### 04-2441-01

In the Matter of the Application of Paetec for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Facilities Based Local Exchange Service in the State of Utah

Order issued March 30, 2004. By this Report and Order, the Public Service Commission of Utah grants the request of Paetec Communications, Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing Applicant to provide public telecommunications services within the State of Utah, excluding those local exchanges having fewer than 5,000 access lines of an incumbent telephone corporation with fewer than 30,000 access lines in the state.

#### 04-2445-01

In the Matter of the Application for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for NextG Networks of California, Inc. d/b/a NextG Networks West

Order Issued March 30, 2005. By this Report and Order, the Public Service Commission of Utah grants the request of NextG Networks of California, Inc. d/b/a NextG Networks West, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and

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Necessity authorizing Applicant to provide telecommunications services within the State of Utah, excluding those local exchanges having fewer than 5,000 access lines of an incumbent telephone corporation with fewer than 30,000 access lines in the state.

#### 04-2434-01

In the Matter of the Application of Lightyear Network Solutions, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Resold and Facilities-Based Local Exchange Services within the State of Utah

Order issued April 7, 2005. By this Report and Order, the Commission of Utah grants the request of Lightyear Network Solutions, LLC, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing Applicant to provide public telecommunications services within the State of Utah, excluding those local exchanges having fewer than 5,000 access lines of an incumbent telephone corporation with fewer than 30,000 access lines in the state.

# Cancelled Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity

#### 04-2387-01

In the Matter of the Application of RSA Corporation for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Local Exchange, Interexchange Access, and Interexchange Telecommunications Services

Order issued August 2, 2004. RSA Corp having filed Chapter 7 bankruptcy and no longer provides services in Utah rendering cancellation of its authority to operate as a telecommunications service provider in the state of Utah, the Commission orders the cancellation of the Company's certificate of public convenience and necessity

#### 04-2259-01

In the Matter of ICG Telecom Group Inc., Application for Authority to Discontinue Certain Public Telecommunications Operations Within the State of Utah

Order issued September 17, 2004. ICG's request to permit the discontinuance of various services is granted, despite its failure to fully comply with Rule 746-350.

#### 01-2381-01

In the Matter of the Application of TDI Communications, Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate as a Non-Facilities-Based Resold Interexchange Telecommunications Services Provider

Order issued October 28, 2004. TDI Communications, Inc., having requested withdrawal of their Application, withdrawal is approved.

#### 04-2230-02

In the Matter of the Formal Request to cancel the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity of Intermedia Communications, LLC

Order issued January 25, 2005. This Order cancels the company's Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

#### 05-2248-01

In the Matter of the Cancellation of Service of Teligent

Order issued March 14, 2005. Applicant having sought voluntary certificate cancellation, and no detriment to the public interest appearing, the Commission canceled the certificate.

# Non-Compliant Carrier Orders

#### 04-049-112

In the Matter of the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Lightyear Network Solutions, Inc.

Order issued February 18, 2005. Order to Show Cause, if any, why Lightyear Network Solutions, LLC has operated as a public utility without a certificate of public convenience and necessity, and further to show cause why Lightyear Network Solution LLC should not be fined for operating without a certificate, and have other remedies imposed on Lightyear Solution LLC and its officers.

#### 05-049-07

In the Matter of the Resale Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and eAcceleration Corp.

Order issued April 14, 2005. The Interconnection Agreement at issue being defective as involving a non-certificated carrier, the Commission rejects the Interconnection Agreement.

#### 05-049-09

In the Matter of the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and New Rochelle Telephone Corporation

Order issued April 14, 2005. The Interconnection Agreement at issue being defective as involving a non-certificated carrier, the Commission rejects the Interconnection Agreement.

#### 05-049-11

In the Matter of the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and New Rochelle Telephone Corporation fka Peconic Telco, Inc.

Order issued April 15, 2005. The Interconnection Agreement at issue being defective as involving a non-certificated carrier, the Commission rejects the Interconnection Agreement.

#### 05-049-31

In the Matter of the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Pipertel Communications

Order issued May 12, 2005. The Interconnection Agreement at issue being defective as involving a non-certificated carrier, the Commission rejects the Interconnection Agreement.

#### 05-049-30

In the Matter of the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Metropolitan Telecommunications of Utah, Inc.

Order issued May 12, 2005. The Interconnection Agreement at issue being defective as involving a non-certificated carrier, the Commission rejects the Interconnection Agreement.

#### 05-049-29

In the Matter of the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Metropolitan Telecommunications of Utah, Inc.

Order issued May 12, 2005. The Interconnection Agreement at issue being defective as involving a non-certificated carrier, the Commission rejects the Interconnection Agreement.

#### 05-049-28

In the Matter of the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Metropolitan Telecommunications of Utah, Inc.

Order issued May 12, 2005. The Interconnection Agreement at issue being defective as involving a non-certificated carrier, the Commission rejects the Interconnection Agreement.

#### Telecommunications Utilities Dockets (cont.)

#### 05-049-55

In the Matter of the filing under protest of the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Metropolitan Telecommunications of Utah, Inc.

Order issued May 12, 2005. The Interconnection Agreement at issue being defective as involving a noncertificated carrier, the Commission rejects the Interconnection Agreement.

#### 05-049-42

In the Matter of the filing under protest of the Interconnection . Aareement Between New Rochelle Telephone Corp. fka Pconic Telco, Inc. and Owest Corporation for the Provision of Qwest Platform Plus Service

Order issued June 17, 2005. The Interconnection Agreement at issue being defective as involving a noncertificated carrier, the Commission rejects the Interconnection Agreement.

#### 05-049-54

In the Matter of the filing under protest of the Interconnection Agreement Between Vycera Communications, Inc. and Qwest Corporation for the Provision of **Qwest Platform Plus Service** 

Order issued June 17, 2005. The Interconnection Agreement at issue being defective as involving a noncertificated carrier, the Commission rejects the Interconnection Agreement.

In the Matter of the Interconnection Agreement Between Prime Time Ventures, LLC and Qwest Corporation

Order issued June 20, 2005. The Interconnection Agreement at issue being defective as involving a noncertificated carrier, the Commission rejects the Interconnection Agreement.

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Order issued June 20, 2005. The Interconnection Agreement at issue being defective as involving a noncertificated carrier, the Commission rejects the Interconnection Agreement.

#### 05-049-56

In the Matter of the filing under protest of the Interconnection Agreement Between Prime Time Ventures, LLC and Qwest Corporation for the Provision of Qwest Platform Plus Service

Order issued June 20, 2005. The Interconnection Agreement at issue being defective as involving a noncertificated carrier, the Commission rejects the Interconnection Agreement.

#### 05-049-38

In the Matter of the Interconnection Aareement Between Prime Time Ventures, LLC and Qwest Corporation

Order issued June 21, 2005. The Interconnection Agreement at issue being defective as involving a noncertificated carrier, the Commission rejects the Interconnection Agreement.

#### 05-049-53

In the Matter of the filing under protest of the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Pipertel Communications, LLC

Order issued June 21, 2005. The Interconnection Agreement at issue being defective as involving a non-certificated carrier, the Commission rejects the Interconnection Agreement.

## Merger and **Reorganization Orders**

#### 02-2208-01

In the Matter of the Application of XO Utah, Inc., XO Long Distance Services and XO Communications Services, Inc. For Approval of Internal Corporate Reorganization

Order issued August 31, 2004. The Commission approves the Applicants proposed merger and authorizes the transfer of XO Utah Inc.'s operating certificate to XO Communications Services Inc.

#### 04-2230-01

In the Matter of the Request of Intermedia Communications, Inc. For Approval of its Merger into Intermedia Communications LLC

Order issued September 21, 2004. Based upon the foregoing, the Commission issues this order approving the merger of Intermedia Communications, Inc. into Intermedia Communications LLC.

#### 04-2439-01

In the Matter of the Application of MCCC ICG Holdings LLC and ICG Communication, Inc. For Approval of Transfer of Control

Order issued October 10, 2004. The Commission approves the Applicants' proposed transfer of control of ICG

#### 04-2292-01

In the Matter of the Transfer of Control of QuantumShift Communications, Inc.

Order issued October 25, 2004. The Order authorizes transfer of control.

#### 04-2248-01

In the Matter of the Stock Sale Transaction Involving Teligent, Inc. and Transfer of Control of Teligent Services Inc.

Order issued October 25, 2004. The Order authorizes transfer of control.

In the Matter of the Notice of Williams Communications, LLC Name Change to WilTel Communications, LLC

Order issued January 7, 2005. Order approving the proposed name change.

#### 05-2257-01

In the Matter of the Application for Name Change of Z-Tel Communications. Inc. to be known as Trinsic Communications, Inc.

Order issued January 21, 2005. No detriment to the public interest appearing, the Commission approved the proposed name change.

#### 04-2427-03

In the Matter of the Application for Name Change of Southwestern Bell Communications, Inc d/b/a SBC Long Distance to be known as SBC Long Distance, Inc.

Order issued January 26, 2005. No detriment to the public interest appearing, the Commission approved the proposed name change.

#### 04-2427-04

In the Matter of the Joint Petition of SBC Telecom, Inc. and Southwestern Bell Communications Services Inc. d/b/a/ SBC Long Distance for Approval of a Proposed Corporate Reorganization

Order issued March 4, 2005. The Commission finds the proposed corporate reorganization of SBC Telecom, Inc.

and Southwestern Bell Communications Services Inc. d/b/a SBC Long Distance to be in the public interest and approves the same.

#### 05-2427-01

In the Matter of the Joint Application of SBC Telecom, Inc. and AT&T Corp. for Approval of a Agreement and Plan of Merger

Order issued May 25, 2005. The Commission finds the proposed merger of SBC Telecommunications, Inc. and AT&T Corp. to be in the public interest and approves the same.

#### 05-2427-01

In the Matter of the Joint Application of SBC Telecom, Inc. and AT&T Corp. for Approval of a Agreement and Plan of Merger

Order issued May 25, 2005. The Commission finds the proposed merger of SBC Telecommunications, Inc. and AT&T Corp. to be in the public interest and approves the same.

## **Complaint Orders**

#### 04-094-01

In the Matter of the Investigation of Customer Complaints and Compliance with FCC Rules, Commission Administrative Rules and State Statutes by Sprint Communications Company LC

Order issued October 6, 2004. The Settlement Agreement is accepted and approved, and is adopted as part of this Order. Sprint shall pay to the State of Utah \$20,000 within 30 days of the date of this Order. The Petition in this matter is dismissed with prejudice.

#### 05-2224-01

In the Matter of the Formal Complaint of Yongchang Wang Complainant, vs. USTEL, Respondent

Order issued March 15, 2005. The subject matter of this complaint being international long distance telephone service rates over which this Commission does not have jurisdiction, we dismiss.

#### 05-087-10

In the Matter of the Formal Complaint of Bonnie L. Reynolds Complainant, vs. AT&T Communications of the Mountain States, Respondent

Order issued May 24, 2005. Order granting motion to dismiss.

## **Service and Equipment Distribution Program**

iscal Year 2005 has been filled with great change and advances with respect to telecommunications and services for people who are deaf, hard of hearing, and speech disabled. There are more choices than ever for people who are unable to use a standard telephone with services such as Video Relay, Internet Protocol Relay, and captioned telephones, in addition to the various means of using the traditional Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) which has now been available for more than 15 years.

This most recent legislative session also saw the passage of House Bill 145 which was sponsored by Senator Brent Goodfellow. "Amendments to Hearing and Speech Impaired Telecommunications Program" passed unanimously through the Senate and is groundbreaking with respect to funding interpreter training programs to increase the number of certified sign language interpreters across the state. There was also a huge response to presentations across the state which is evident through the growth in requests for specialized telecommunications equipment.

#### Outreach

The Public Service Commission once again utilized the services of an advertising agency to help with outreach, marketing, and public relations for Relay Utah and the equipment distribution Program. Penna Powers Brian Haynes/ Proclix (PPBH) agreed to a new one year contract with the goal to increase awareness of relay services in Utah. As a result of the increased outreach and public relation efforts, the equipment program has expanded tremendously. During Fiscal Year 2004, there were 70 pieces of specialized telecommunications equipment delivered. During Fiscal Year 2005, this number increased almost six-fold with the distribution of 409 pieces of equipment. Not only was this due to increased efforts in making presentations across the state, but a commercial aired on the local Utah ABC and FOX affiliates as well as brochures being distributed statewide. With PPBH's assistance, the Public Service Commission made many presentations throughout the state to increase knowledge of the available programs. The presentations were made at retirement centers, senior citizen centers, Utah Speech and Hearing Association conferences, Self Help for the Hard of Hearing meetings, schools, and emergency response training centers. Following is the presentation schedule for Fiscal Year 2005:

The majority of Outreach presentations have been made at Senior Centers throughout Utah due to efforts to reach more remote areas of Southeastern, Southwestern and Northern Utah. It is important to increase awareness of Relay Utah, the equipment distribution program and other services that are available to all Utahns. The Provo Senior Companions program is a good example of the outreach efforts made. Eighty senior companions attended this presentation where in turn each companion assisted anywhere from 5 to 10 individuals who were homebound. The outreach effort is a valuable grass roots effort in reaching Utah citizens who are isolated often times because of hearing loss. These increased outreach efforts have also identified many individuals not only with hearing loss but vision problems as well. The success of the PSC outreach program is reflected in the increased number of inquiries as well as the number of applications for amplified telephones and captioned telephones during Fiscal Year 2005.

#### House Bill 145

The 2005 State Legislature enacted House Bill 145 "Amendments to Hearing and Speech Impaired Telecommunications Program" related to training persons to qualify as certified interpreters. This bill was sponsored by Senator Brent Goodfellow, and as a result, the Public Service Commission is authorized to provide funds to programs qualified to train persons to become certified interpreters. A qualified provider has an interpreter training program that is approved by the Utah State Board of Regents, or is a program that contracts with the Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DSDHH).

There is great demand for certified sign language interpreters in the State of Utah, as well as the rest of the country, and currently there is a shortage of qualified certified inter-



Art Valdez demonstrates a TTY telephone, which is a piece of equipment that is distributed by the PSC to qualified applicants.

## **Relay Utah Presentations Completed in FY 2005**

10/12/2004	West Jordan Senior Center	30 attendees	3/24/2005	Golden Age Center (Vernal)	60-80 attendees
10/18/2004	Tenth East Senior Center (Salt Lake City)	70-75 attendees	4/4/2005	Farr West Center	55 attendees
10/19/2004	Weber Human Services	10 attendees	4/20/2005	Hyrum Senior Citizen's Center	50-60 attendees
10/21/2004	Spanish Fork Senior Center	225 attendees	4/22/2005	Santaquin Senior Citizen's Center	70-75 attendees
10/25/2004	Midvale Senior Center	50 attendees	4/25/2005	Enterprise Senior Center	35 attendees
10/27/2004	Banding Senior Center	60-65 attendees	4/26/2005	St. George Senior Center	5 attendees
11/15/2004	Senior Companions (Provo)		4/27/2005	Hurricane Senior Center	50 attendees
12/7/2004	Liberty Senior Center (Central City)	50 attendees	5/9/2005	Options for Independence (Logan)	
12/14/2004	Sunday Anderson Westside Senior Center	35 attendees	5/18/2005	Professionals for Seniors (Logan)	
1/20/2005	Morgan Senior Center	30 attendees	5/24/2005	Ferron Senior Center	30 attendees
1/27/2005	Ephraim Senior Center	20 attendees	5/25/2005	Green River Senior Center	20 attendees
1/28/2005	Cedar City Senior Center	100 attendees	5/26/2005	Karl Peterson Senior Center (Price)	100 attendees
1/31/2005	Huntington Senior Center	20 attendees	5/27/2005	East Carbon Senior Center	25 attendees
2/01/2005	Castledale Senior Center	30 attendees	6/2/2005	Gateway Senior Center (Duchesne)	60-65 attendees
2/04/2005	Payson Senior Center	40-50 attendees	6/15/2005	Coalville Senior Center	35-40 attendees
2/11/2005	Cache County Senior Center (Logan)	60-80 attendees	6/17/2005	Tremonton Senior Citizens Center	35 attendees
3/9/2005	Brigham City Senior Center	100 attendees	6/22/2005	Emery Friendship Center	40 attendees
3/17/2005	Roy Hillside Center	40-50 attendees			

preters. This is due in large part because of the growing use of Video Relay Service (VRS). The state has its own certification process but also recognizes national certification from organizations such as the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID). There are 3 levels of certified interpreters: Novice, Intermediate, and Master. Novice level interpreters tend to have below entry-level skills, so generally Intermediate and Masters level interpreters are considered to be "qualified."

According to the Utah DSDHH, there are only 74 interpreters in the State at the Intermediate and Master Level. These 74 individuals work mainly in the private sector rather than in education due to it being more lucrative. DSDHH states that there is a need for approximately 400 more interpreters than are currently available. Sorenson Communications, Inc., one provider of VRS, states that it could hire up to 300 certified Master Level interpreters in Utah.

The Utah Public Service Commission is excited and anxious to implement House Bill 145 in a manner that increases the number of certified interpreters in the State of Utah at all skill levels. All eyes are on Utah to see if a program such as this

is successful in meeting the demands of people who are deaf who depend upon sign language and sign language interpreters in order to communicate at school, on the job, and over the telephone line.

## **Video Relay Service**

Video Relay Service (VRS) is one of the most exciting developments in the field of telecommunication relay services, and it has experienced tremendous growth throughout the state of Utah, as well as throughout the nation. VRS is a method of communication that allows a deaf individual to communicate with sign language using a certified American Sign Language Interpreter. This Video Interpreter (VI) is obtained using a computer or television, a web camera, and a high-speed internet connection such as DSL, cable modem, or ISDN. The VI is at a remote location and can see the deaf person on a screen. The phone conversation is interpreted in

real time which allows deaf people to clearly express their message in their own language without delay. Sprint was the first company to establish a video relay service in July, 2002. People who are deaf and hard of hearing can access Sprint's VRS by connecting with the web page www.utvrs.com. Utah Video Relay Service continues to gain momentum as more companies set up services for the deaf in Utah and throughout the country. In 2003, a local Utah company, Sorenson

Communications, entered the VRS arena and is realizing tremendous growth throughout the United States. Sorenson VRS has grown over 500% since 2003, and by the end of fiscal year 2004 had processed approximately 200,000 calls per month. They have 45 Utah based interpreter employees who work either full or parttime. Because of its success, Sorenson now has 35 video relay centers across the U.S. with 10 more in the planning stages. Sorenson is the largest provider of VRS in the country, conducting seven out of every ten calls made. They have also introduced new technology that will impact how VRS develops in the future. Sorenson VRS can be contacted at www.sorensonvrs.com.



## CapTel

A new technology known as the CapTel, or captioned telephone, was developed for people who are hard of hearing. It was developed by Ultratec and is only distributed through them. It was introduced in Utah in the fall of 2003 when Utah was included in the trial testing period. Ultratec allowed the Public Service Commission to distribute 10 phones per month to test its capabilities and to make suggestions for improving technology. The CapTel allows hard of hearing individuals to not only hear, but also read the information being spoken by the person he or she is calling. This technology makes having a conversation more natural and enjoyable for everyone involved. Both the CapTel and VRS are considered by many to be the most functionally equivalent form of communication that has been introduced for deaf and hard of hearing individuals.

## **Local Exchange Carriers that Remitted a Surcharge to** the State of Utah's Public Service Commission in FY 05 include:

AT&T

All West/World Connect America Fiber Network Beehive Telephone Company **Bear Lake Communications** 

Carbon Emery Telecom Central Utah Telephone Citizens Telecom of Utah Comcast Phone of Utah Comm South Companies Electric Lightwave **Emery Telecom** 

**Gunnison Telephone** Company Hankville Telecom Integra Telecom Manti Telephone Company MCI

Navajo Communications

Qwest **SBC Telecom** Skyline Telecom South Central Utah Telephone TCG Utah **UBET Telecom** 

**Uintah Basin Telephone** ASN Universal Access, Inc. Vartec Telecom, Inc. XO Utah, Inc. Z-Tel, Inc



## **IP Relay**

Internet Protocol Relay, IP Relay, allows people with hearing or speech disabilities to communicate through an Internet connection. An individual can access IP Relay using a computer and the internet rather than the text telephone (TTY) and a telephone or through the Video Relay Service. People using IP Relay do not need to invest in a TTY but can use a computer to communicate. One can access IP Relay through providers such as Sprint at www.sprintip.com or Sorenson at www.siprelay.com. A benefit of IP Relay is that it is available to anyone who has access to the Internet via a computer, a personal digital assistant, Web-capable telephone, or some other device. IP Relay is available when a TTY may not be available, and some say it is easier than using a TTY because of typing on a computer keyboard which can be faster. One can see more of the conversation than is normally viewed on a TTY screen and one can print out or save conversations. It is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week just like Telecommunications Relay Service.

#### **Funding**

Funding for Relay Utah and the Equipment Distribution Program comes from a monthly surcharge on Utah residential and business telephone lines, with a mandated maximum not to exceed \$.25 per month per land telephone line. This rate is set by Public Service Commission rule. The current surcharge is \$.10 per line per month. During the FY 05 the total amount received from the local exchange carriers was approximately \$1,273,000. The surcharge collections pay for Relay Utah services, finances the equipment distribution programs, and administrative costs for the program.

## **Community Feedback**

In the Utah Code 54-8b-10 (7) it states, "The commission shall solicit the advice, counsel, and physical assistance of severely hearing or speech impaired persons and the organizations serving them in the design and implementation of the program." In order to comply with this rule, in FY 04 the Public Service Commission held quarterly meetings (Relay Utah Consumer Council or RUCC) with representatives and organizations who include individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, or speech disabled.

The RUCC meetings are held in conjunction with Sprint who provides the Telecommunications Relay Services in Utah. The members of the RUCC are very active in providing feedback and ideas of how the needs of the relay consumers in Utah could be better served. Through these meetings and continued contact with relay consumers, the Public Service Commission is able to gather information to better design and implement the Telecommunications Relay Service.

The Public Service Commission is committed to improving and maintaining the quality of the Relay Utah service. Telecommunications Relay Service is in a period of rapid growth and change. With the introduction of VRS and Cap-Tel, steps are being taken, in Utah, to provide the most functionally equivalent form of telecommunication for deaf and hard of hearing people that is technologically possible. All of the new rules and increased services that have come about in the last year bring Utah Relay closer to what standard telephone users experience and enjoy every day. These new rules and services expand Relay Utah to many new groups who were unable to use Telecommunication Relay Services in the past. We look forward to the development of new technologies and better customer service so that we may serve those in need more actively.

## **CLECs Operating in the State of Utah**

## under the Jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission

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**AboveNet Inc** fka MFN of Utah LLC

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ACN Communications Services Inc

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Washington DC 20007 Tel: (202) 295-4200 (877) 726-4368 Fax: (202) 338-8798

**Comcast Phone of Utah LLC** *fka AT&T Broadband* 

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#### **Frontier Communications** of America

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(678) 966-8444 (770)458-6773 Fax: Web: www.globalc-inc.com

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## **NOW Communications Inc**

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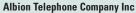
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(800) 562-3956 Fax: (318) 388-9602 Web: www.centurytel.com

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Utah residents, primarily in sparsely populated rural areas,
who receive their water from privately owned water utilities
are subject to Commission jurisdiction.

## **Overview of Water Utilities**

#### **Water Service**

here is no utility service more crucial to Utah's citizens than safe, clean, culinary water at affordable rates. For this reason, privately owned water companies have been under the Commission's jurisdiction since its inception.

However, for the overwhelming majority of Utahns, culinary water is delivered either by municipal systems or quasi-governmental special improvement or water districts. The Commission has no jurisdiction over such entities. Irrigation water, delivered by irrigation cooperatives, is likewise not subject to Commission jurisdiction.

Nevertheless, there are Utah residents, primarily in sparsely populated rural areas, who receive their water from privately owned water utilities are subject to Commission jurisdiction. In recent years, relatively few new culinary water companies have been organized, and most of these have been formed more with a view toward serving as a marketing tool for real estate development than as economically viable enterprises in their own right.

## **Water Companies**

This being the case, many of the new water companies have been set up as non-profit cooperatives with the intent that control and ownership, with all the responsibilities attendant

thereto, will transfer to the lot owners as the lots are sold. In the meantime, many developers subsidize their water companies to enable them to offer attractive rates.

The Commission's policy is to exercise its jurisdiction, which under the law it is required to do, so long as the developer retains effective voting control of the water company. Once the lot owners/water users have attained voting control, the Commission relinquishes jurisdiction — again as required by law.



In uncontested cases, the Commission adjudicates the status of a water company informally, and those companies, which appear to be bonafide cooperatives, are issued informal letters of exemption without the formal entry of a Commission order. Those companies found to be subject to Commission jurisdiction are issued Certificates of Convenience and Necessity by formal Commission order. Currently there are 35 certified water companies.

#### **Commission Jurisdiction**

As with other utilities, the Commission exercises regulatory jurisdiction over rates. Rate cases in the water context are relatively infrequent. Filing and

prosecuting a rate case is somewhat costly, so companies tend to apply only when the need for an increase is acute. The Commission also entertains consumer complaints regarding water companies as it does other utilities.

During fiscal 2005, the Commission issued two new Certificates of Convenience and Necessity.

## **Water Dockets**



#### 04-2364-01

In the Matter of the Iron Town Property Owners Rate Proposal

Order issued September 2, 2004. Iron Town Property Owners' Association proposed rates are approved as set forth supra, effective the date of this Order.

#### 03-2417-01

In the Matter of the Application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to Operate as a Public Utility Rendering Service, or for an Exemption from PSC Regulation, for Wolf Creek Water Conservancy

Order Adjusting Interim Rates issued September 7, 2004. Petitioner, having submitted additional information concerning its proposed rate structure and conservation plan, the Commission set interim rates and approved a conservation plan as indicated.

#### 04-2438-01

In the Matter of the Application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for Pineview West Water Company for Culinary and Secondary Water Services

Order issued September 30, 2004. Applicant, having demonstrated its fitness to serve, and no opposition to the application appearing, the Commission grants the certificate and approves rates as indicated.

#### 04-2438-01

In the Matter of the Application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for Pineview West Water Company for Culinary and Secondary Water Services

Order issued October 12, 2004. This clarifying order specifies that the Pineview West Water Company's certificated service area in Radford Hills and Pineview West No. 1 subdivision located in Weber County, Utah.

#### 04-2254-01, 04-2254-02

In the Matter of the Formal Complaint of Jackie Clements, vs. Boulder King Ranch Estates Water; In the Matter of the Formal Complaint of Bradley and Stephanie Timothy vs. Boulder King Ranch Estates Water

Order issued March 3, 2005. Boulder King Ranch Estates Water shall, effective the date of this Order, cease billing its customers in advance for water service. Henceforth, Boulder King Ranch Estates Water shall not send bills to its customers for the preceding quarter's water service until the last business day of the quarter and shall provide customers a twenty (20) day period following said billing date in which to pay their bills with no late fee, penalty, or interest. Boulder King Ranch Estates Water shall remove from customers' accounts all charges for interest applied under its previous advance billing procedure, except that interest charges accruing after 20 days following the end of the guarter for which service was provided may continue. Boulder King Ranch Estates Water shall file a tariff consistent with this Report and order within 30 days of the date of this Order. The DPU shall review the revised tariff sheets for compliance with this Report and Order. Boulder King Ranch Estates Water shall amend its billing and other records to reflect one fully paid connection fee for Lot 7, recognize that Ms. Clements maintains one water service connection on Lot 7, and henceforth bill Ms. Clements for water use on Lot 7. Boulder King Ranch Estates Water shall treat Lot 6 as a dry lot in accordance with its approved tariff. Boulder King Ranch Estates Water shall accept the .20 acre-foot water share granted by the Timothies and credit \$600.00 to the Timothies' account in accordance with out Order and the Settlement Agreement approved in Docket No. 02-2254-01. Boulder King Ranch Estates Water shall reverse any interest accrued on said \$600.00 commencing July 1, 2004.

#### 05-071-01

In the Matter of the Proposed Transfer of Sewer Operations from Wolf Creek Water and Sewer Company

Order issued March 4, 2005. The Commission approves the proposed amendment of the Wolf Creek Water and Sewer Company Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to remove authorization to provide sanitary sewer services.

#### 05-2428-T01

In the Matter of the Tariff Filing of Harmony Mountain Ranch Water Company Association

Order issued March 16, 2004. Applicant, having filed a tariff that does not comply with previous Commission order, we reject the same.

#### 05-019-01

In the Matter of the Application for Name Change of Wilkinson Water Company, to be known as Wilkinson Cottonwood Mutual Water Company and the Matter of the Proposed Rate Change.

Order issued April 1, 2005. No detriment to the public interest appearing, the Commission approved the proposed name change.

The Public Service Commission is not prepared to make a decision about the Company's proposed rate change at this time. A decision will be made in this matter when a recommendation from the Division of Public Utilities has been received.

Key:

Docket Number
Short Title

Status as of June 30, 2004

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## Water Utilities Operating in the State of Utah

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## **Bridgerland Water Co Inc**

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## **Chekshani Water Company Inc**

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Tel: (702) 878-7528 Fax: (702) 878-1032

#### **Color Country Owners Association**

PO Box 912

Cedar City UT 84721-0912

Tel: (435) Fax: (435) 865-1090

## **Community Water Company Inc**

C/O The Canyons Utah 1840 Sun Peak Dr

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Provo UT 84604 (801) 377-0400 (801) 377-0630

#### **Durfee Creek Homeowners Association Inc**

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#### Elk Ridge Estates Water Company

PO Box 723

Cedar City UT 84721-0723 435) 682-2515 Fax: (435) 682-2520

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#### **Harmony Heights Water Company**

722 East 200 South PO Box 487 New Harmony UT 84757 (435) 586-9208 (435) 586-9208

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5225 S Alvera Cir Salt Lake City UT 84117-7105 (801) 272-3525

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#### Highlands' Water Company Inc

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#### **Horseshoe Mountain Ranch Estates**

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#### **Iron Town Property Owners' Association**

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#### **KWU Inc**

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50 W Broadway Ste 600 Salt Lake City UT 84101 (801) 363-1215 ext 131 (801) 292-6062 Fax:

#### **Lakeview Water Corporation**

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#### **Legacy Sweet Water Inc**

276 West 100 North PO Box 201 Springville UT 84663 (801) 491-9414 Tel: (801) 491-8704

#### Apple Valley Water **Company Inc** 2894 S Cartland Dr

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71 South 7th Avenue Page AZ 86040-0340 (928) 645-9478 Tel: Adrian Powell (928) 645-5745

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#### **Pineview West Water Company**

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#### **Shadow Mountain Estates**

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#### **Sherwood Water Company**

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(435) 864-4947 Fax: Cell: (435) 864-7913

#### **South Duchesne Culinary Water Inc**

289 W Main St PO Box 294 Duchesne UT 84021-0294 (435) 738-6000

(435) 738-6003

### **Wanship Cottage Site** Water Company

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#### **West Slope Water Company**

94 East 2530 North PO Box 1081 Cedar City UT 84721-1081 Tel: (435) 586-7688 (435) 867-1001

#### White Hills Water Company Inc

PO Box 9440 Salt Lake City UT 84109-0440 (801) 485-5274

#### Wilkinson Water Company Inc

2985 W Old Hwy Rd Morgan UT 84050 (801) 876-3113

#### Winchester Hills Water Company Inc

1090 West 5830 North Saint George UT 84770 Tel: (435) 673-9403

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1132 South 500 West Salt Lake City UT 84101 (801) 844-0101 (801) 975-0900 Fax: Web: www.wolfcreekranch.com

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## Storm Haven Water Company Inc

4782 S Cove Ln Heber City UT 84032-9641 (435) 654-3119

#### Wolf Creek Water & Sewer Co Inc 3718 N Wolf Creek Dr

PO Box 658 Eden UT 84310 Tell: (801) 745-3435 (801) 745-3454

#### Sewer

#### **Mountain Sewer Corporation**

932 South 6525 East Huntsville UT 84317 Tel: (801) 745-3004 (801) 745-3131 Faxl:

# **Complaint Resolutions**

## **Operating Utilities**

## **Monopolies**

f a privately owned company is a monopoly, it is in position to exploit its customers. Since that company will be the sole source of a good or service, its dissatisfied customers have nowhere else to turn to acquire the monopolized service or product at better price or quality. The customer takes what the monopoly offers or does without. This picture changes in the case of services provided by regulated public utility companies, as it must, not least because public utility services are necessities of modern life. Households and businesses cannot do without these services. The Commission is the intermediary between public utility monopolies and customers.

### The Role of the Division

A dissatisfied customer who cannot resolve service problems through contact with the utility comes to state regulators for help. Walk-in, a local call, or a toll-free 800 number connects the customer with the staff of the Division of Public Utilities. Division staff constructs a factual statement, through discussions with both the complainant and the utility, of the problem. Often, this is enough to resolve the difficulty.

In other instances, the utility itself takes action to correct the problem upon Division contact. At times, a customer facing service difficulty may ask the Committee of Consumer Services for help. Though following the same sort of process the Division does, if the Committee learns that other customers face similar problems, it may petition the Commission for action in a manner having wider applicability. An example might be changes in late payment arrangements to assist low-income customers or others having difficulty paying their bills.

#### The Role of the Commission

Oftentimes customers contact the Commission to converse directly with a Commissioner, the administrative secretary or a member of the technical staff. This has the dual benefit, whether or not the complaint is resolved this way, of giving the customer direct contact with either an expert or a decision-maker, while it keeps the Commission aware of circumstances of utility service current in the community. But in

cases where informal processes do not satisfy the customer, he or she is free to pursue formal action at the Commission.

## **Formal Complaints**

In cases involving factual disputes over which the Commission has jurisdiction, the Commission resolves a formal complaint by hearing before the administrative law judge, who establishes the facts on the record and renders a recommended decision.

Docketed complaint cases resolved by the Commission through formal processes during the fiscal year are listed below. By far most customer complaints are resolved, however, in the informal ways mentioned.

The following table shows the number of informal complaints processed by the Division of Public Utilities in FY 2005. Of these, 16 became formal complaints before the Commission during FY 2005 requiring a hearing by an Administrative Law Judge.

## **Informal Complaints**

Utility Complaint	for the year 2005
Electric	376
Natural Gas	180
Telecom –ILEC	499
Telecom – CLEC	610
Telecom – Long Distance	109
Water and Sewer	2
TOTAL	1,776



# Performance of Utah's Regulated Utilities

## **Price Changes of Utah's Utilities**

July 15, 2005 *Deseret News* article describes how prices for different goods and services have changed along the Wasatch Front compared to the nation in the past seventeen years. Wells Fargo Bank's analysis looks at ten different categories of goods and services and shows that utilities is one of only four categories that show percentage increases less for the Wasatch Front than nationally. The percentage increase over the seventeen years for Wasatch Front Utilities was half that of the nation.

Looking solely at utility service regulated by the Utah Public Service Commission, the

typical residential customer has experienced an 11% decline in Utah Power electric bills since 1988 and a 91% increase in Questar Gas Company natural gas bills. About half of Questar Gas's rates are determined by the cost of the natural gas commodity, which is passed through to consumers at cost. The natural gas commodity market has become much higher priced in recent years partly due to increased use for electric generation.



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