

DECISION MEMORANDUM

TO: COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER
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WORKING FILE

FROM: CAROLEE HALL

FRE-T-13-01

DATE: SEPTEMBER 27, 2013

RE: FREMONT TELECOM'S TARIFF ADVICE NO. 13-05 REQUESTING COMMISSION APPROVAL TO ELIMINATE ITS NUMBER RESERVE SERVICE, CLARIFY ITS SEASONAL SERVICE OFFERING, INCREASE THE SEASONAL SERVICE RESIDENTIAL RATE TO COMPLY WITH FCC RATE FLOOR AND IMPLEMENT A NON-RECURRING SERVICE ORDER CHARGE.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Blackfoot Telecommunications Group ("BTG") recently acquired Fremont from FairPoint Communications. *See* Case No. FRE-T-12-01. As a result of the acquisition, the Company has been actively working to update its tariffs and billing systems while transitioning the Fremont customer base over to its upgraded services. With this filing the Company seeks Commission approval to eliminate Number Reserve services; clarify its current Seasonal service offering and adjust the rate for residential customers to comply with the FCC's rate floor guidelines set forth in FCC 47 CFR § 54.318. The Company is also asking the Commission to approve an additional \$25.00 non-recurring charge for the second and subsequent activation of Seasonal service. The Company proposes an effective date of November 1, 2013.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Because this filing is requesting a residential rate increase of \$1.10 per month for Seasonal service customers, Staff recommends that the Commission issue a Notice and process this under Modified Procedure with a 14-day comment period. Staff is confident that this filing

can be completed prior to the Company's requested effective date, therefore it is not necessary to suspend.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission agree?



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