

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA

Application of Rural Telephone Company for authority to)	
establish its annual revenue requirement for telephone)	
service rates; establish new charges, fees, and rules for)	
telephone customers; adjust intrastate access charges;)	Docket No. 14-11006
establish draw from the Nevada Universal Service Fund;)	
reflect changes in the cost of capital; modify depreciation)	
rates; and for other relief properly related thereto.)	
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NOTICE OF CONSUMER SESSIONS
AND
NOTICE OF HEARING

On November 7, 2014, Rural Telephone Company (“Rural”) filed with the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (“Commission”) an Application, designated as Docket No. 14-11006, for authority to establish its annual revenue requirement for telephone service rates; establish new charges, fees, and rules for telephone customers; adjust intrastate access charges; establish draw from the Nevada Universal Service Fund (“NUSF”); reflect changes in the cost of capital; modify depreciation rates; and for other relief properly related thereto (“Application”).

Rural seeks authorization to increase its annual intrastate revenue requirement for telecommunications service by \$464,342 to \$1,636,989. Rural requests authorization to increase its basic, local residential rate from \$14.00 to \$18.00. Rural also seeks to increase the single-line business rate from \$16.00 to \$32.00. In addition, Rural proposes to increase rates of custom calling features, such as Caller ID, Call Waiting and Call Forwarding, and Distinctive Ring, and charges for services, such as the vacation rate, non-published and non-listed number, and additional listing. Rural requests that its depreciation rates be adjusted as described in the Application.

DOCUMENT REVIEW AND APPROVAL ROUTING

DRAFTED BY: RB

FINAL DRAFT ON 01/08/15 AT 4:15 P.M

REVIEWED & APPROVED BY: _____ DATE _____

ADMIN / ASST. (_____) _____ / /

COMM / COUNSEL RB Per HW 01/08/15

SECRETARY / ASST. SEC. _____ / /

OTHER (_____) _____ / /

Rural is seeking a rate of return on rate base of 8.40%, using a return on equity of 10.7% as approved by the Commission in Docket No. 12-10012 for Small Scale Providers of Last Resort.

Rural further seeks funding from the NUSF for calendar year 2015 in the amount of \$389,570 to keep Rural's rates at reasonably comparable levels to urban rates, and to allow Rural an opportunity to fulfill its revenue requirement. Rural states that the \$389,570 draw from the NUSF is necessary to make up for the portion of Rural's revenue requirement that cannot be reasonably satisfied from end-user revenues. Rural further proposes to bring its intrastate access rates to parity with interstate rates through its Application.

The Commission may approve rates as proposed, or decrease or increase rates as necessary to provide that such rates are just and reasonable.

Rural filed the Application in accordance with the Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") and the Nevada Administrative Code ("NAC"), Chapters 703 and 704, including, but not limited to, NRS 704.100, 704.110, and 704.120 and NAC 703.2715 et seq., 703.27116 et seq., 704.68046, and 704.68048. Pursuant to NAC 703.5274, Rural requested confidential treatment of information submitted under seal with the Application.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to NRS 704.069 and NAC 703.164, the Commission has scheduled two CONSUMER SESSIONS in this docket to be held as follows:

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2015
6:00 p.m.
Red Rock Community Center
14000 Rancho Drive
Reno, Nevada 89508

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRAURY 18, 2015
6:00 p.m.
Independence Valley Elementary School
Hc 32
Tuscarora, Nevada 89834

Interested persons may appear at the consumer sessions and be heard regarding the above-captioned matter and the effect this matter may have on their utility service. A representative from Rural will be present at the consumer sessions to provide an overview of the Application and to answer questions. Public comments will be limited to five minutes per person. To accommodate individuals who attend the consumer sessions who are sensitive to fragrance and chemical products, please use sparingly or not at all: perfumes, colognes, and perfumed body lotions, aftershave, hair products, etc.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commission has scheduled a HEARING in this docket to be held as follows:

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2015
10:00 a.m.
Hearing Room A
Public Utilities Commission of Nevada
1150 East William Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701

VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE TO:

Hearing Room A
Public Utilities Commission of Nevada
9075 West Diablo Drive, Suite 250
Las Vegas, Nevada 89148

This hearing may be continued from day to day as necessary. At this time, the Commission has scheduled April 16-17, 2015, for this hearing.

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The Commission is not responsible for providing clerical or administrative assistance or materials to parties during Commission proceedings. If such assistance is necessary, parties must make other arrangements for this type of assistance.

The Application is available for public viewing on the Commission's website at: <http://puc.nv.gov> and at the offices of the Commission: 1150 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701 and 9075 West Diablo Drive, Suite 250, Las Vegas, Nevada 89148. This Notice of Consumer Sessions and Hearing has been posted at the county courthouses located in Carson City, Las Vegas, and Reno.

By the Commission,



BREANNE POTTER
Assistant Commission Secretary

Dated: Carson City, Nevada

1-9-15

(SEAL)

