

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF TABLE TOP TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC., FOR APPROVAL OF A
RATE INCREASE FOR RESIDENTIAL TELEPHONE SERVICE.
DOCKET NOS. T-02724A-13-0416 AND T-02724A-17-0034**

Summary

On November 13, 2014, the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") issued Decision No. 74830 (in Docket No. T-02724A-13-0416), authorizing Table Top Telephone Company, Inc. ("Table Top" or "Company") to increase its rate for residential local exchange service to \$18, effective June 1, 2016. Decision No. 74830 also required Table Top to file a full rate case.

On February 3, 2017, Table Top filed an application with the Commission in Docket No. T-02724A-17-0034 for an expedited rate increase in its residential rates from its current \$18 per month to \$20 per month, effective June 1, 2017. Table Top's application requests that its residential rates be increased to compensate for the rate impacts of the Federal Communication Commission's ("FCC") November 18, 2011, USF/ICC Transformation Order. Table Top's application states that the Company depends on federal high-cost loop support mechanisms, and that to retain federal support it must increase local area rates to the annual floor as determined by the FCC. The Company alleges that reductions in federal support have caused Table Top's 2017 projected net income to be negative even without the increase to \$20, and to 0.30 percent with the increase.

On May 2, 2017, the Commission granted Table Top's motion to consolidate Docket Nos. T-02724A-13-0416 and T-02724A-17-0034.

The Commission's Utilities Division ("Staff") is in the process of auditing and analyzing Table Top's application and has not yet made any recommendations regarding Table Top's proposed rate increase. **The Commission is not bound by the proposals made by Table Top, Staff, or any intervenors; therefore, the final rates approved may be higher or lower than the rates requested by Table Top or recommended by other parties.** The Commission will issue a Decision regarding the application following consideration of testimony and evidence presented at an evidentiary hearing.

How You Can View or Obtain a Copy of the Application

Copies of the application and proposed rates are available by contacting Lisa Rossi at Table Top's offices at **600 N. Second Ave., Ajo, AZ 85321; by calling the Company toll free at 800-560-8101**, at the Commission's Docket Control Center at 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, Arizona, for public inspection during regular business hours; and on the Commission's website (www.azcc.gov) using the e-Docket function.

Arizona Corporation Commission Public Hearing Information

The Commission will hold a hearing on the application on **May 24, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.**, at the Commission's offices, in Hearing Room No. 1, 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, Arizona. Public comments will be taken **on the first day** of the hearing.

Written public comments may be submitted by mailing a letter referencing Docket Nos. **T-02724A-13-0416 and T-02724A-17-0034** to the Arizona Corporation Commission, Consumer Services Section, 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007, or by submitting comments on the Commission's website (www.azcc.gov) using the "Submit a Public Comment for a Utility" function. If you require assistance, you may contact the Consumer Services Section at 602-542-4251 or 1-800-222-7000 (outside the metro Phoenix area).

About Intervention

The law provides for an open public hearing at which, under appropriate circumstances, interested parties may intervene. Any interested person may be granted intervention if the outcome of the case will directly and substantially impact the person, and the person's intervention will not unduly broaden the issues in the case. Intervention, among other things, entitles a party to present sworn evidence at hearing and to cross-examine other parties' witnesses. However, failure to intervene will not preclude any interested person or entity from appearing at the hearing and providing public comment on the application or from filing written comments in the record of the case.

To request intervention, you must file an **original and 13 hard copies** of a written request to intervene with Docket Control, 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007, **no later than May 17, 2017**. You also **must** serve a copy of the request to intervene on each party of record, on the same day that you file the request to intervene with the Commission. Information about intervention and sample intervention requests are available on the Commission's website (www.azcc.gov) using the "Intervention in Utility Cases" link.

Your request to intervene must contain the following:

1. Your name, address, and telephone number and the name, address, and telephone number of any party upon whom service of documents is to be made, if not yourself;
2. A reference to **Docket Nos. T-02724A-13-0416 and T-02724A-17-0034**;
3. A short statement explaining:
 - a. Your interest in the proceeding (e.g., a customer of the Company, etc.)
 - b. How you will be directly and substantially affected by the outcome of the case; and
 - c. Why your intervention will not unduly broaden the issues in the case;
4. A statement certifying that you have served a copy of the request to intervene on the utility or its attorney and all other parties of record in the case; and
5. If you are not represented by an attorney who is an active member of the Arizona State Bar, and you are not representing yourself as an individual, sufficient information and any appropriate documentation to demonstrate compliance with Arizona Supreme Court Rules 31, 38, 39, and 42, as applicable.

The granting of motions to intervene shall be governed by A.A.C. R14-3-105, except that all motions to intervene must be filed on or before **May 1, 2017**. If representation by counsel is required by Arizona Supreme Court Rule 31, intervention will be conditioned upon the intervenor obtaining counsel to represent the intervenor.

ADA/Equal Access Information

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