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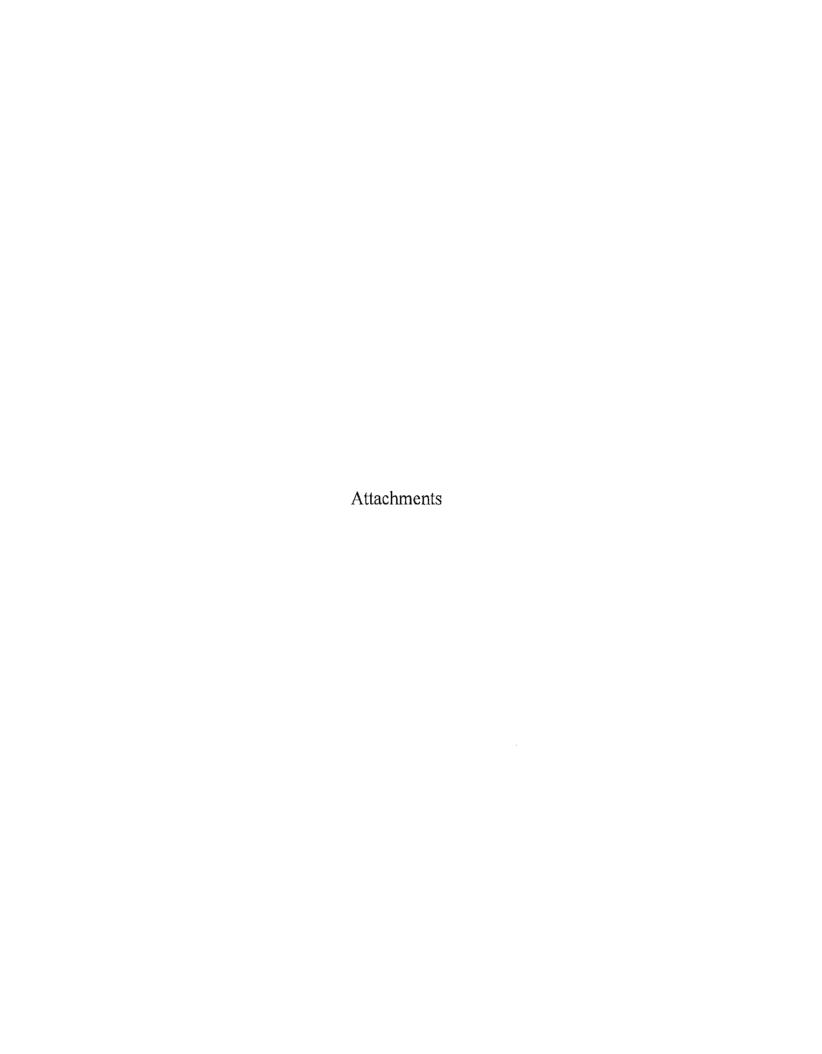
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Gunnison Telephone Company Demonstration of Compliance with Applicable Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules

In establishing this certification in its 2005 ETC Order,¹ the FCC found that an ETC must make "a specific commitment to objective measures to protect consumers." ² The Commission found that for wireless ETCs, compliance with CTIA's Consumer Code for Wireless Service would satisfy this requirement" and that the sufficiency of other commitments would be considered on a case-by-case basis. ³ In this context, the FCC stated, "to the extent a wireline or wireless ETC applicant is subject to consumer protection obligations under state law, compliance with such laws may meet our requirement." ⁴

Gunnison Telephone Company ("Company") hereby certifies that it is complying with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules. The Company is subject to consumer protection obligations under the Utah Service Rules for Telecommunications Corporations. These obligations include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) filing a Local Exchange Tariff pursuant to the requirements of Utah Public Service Commission which disclose rates, terms and conditions of service to customers; (2) adherence to state consumer protection requirements governing telephone providers which require billing procedures (R746-240-4) and procedures for responding to and

¹ Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, Report and Order, FCC 05-46 (rel. Mar. 17, 2005) ("2005 ETC Order").

² *Id.* at para. 28.

³ Id. The FCC noted that under the CTIA Consumer Code, wireless carriers agree to: "(1) disclose rates and terms of service to customers; (2) make available maps showing where service is generally available; (3) provide contract terms to customers and confirm changes in service; (4) allow a trial period for new service; (5) provide specific disclosures in advertising; (6) separately identify carrier charges from taxes on billing statements; (7) provide customers the right to terminate service for changes to contract terms; (8) provide ready access to customer service; (9) promptly respond to consumer inquiries and complaints received from government agencies; and (10) abide by policies for protection of consumer privacy." Id. at n. 71.

resolving consumer disputes (R746-240-7); (3) truth-in-billing requirements; and (4) CPNI, Red Flag Rules and other applicable federal and state requirements governing the protection of customers' privacy. Pursuant to Telecommunications Service Rule R746-240-1.H, the Company provides a copy of "Customer's Statement of Rights and Responsibilities" as approved by the Utah Public Service Commission to all account holders.

The Company is subject to consumer protection obligations for broadband services under federal law. These obligations include, but are not limited to, the following: public disclosure of accurate information regarding network management practices, performance, and commercial terms of broadband internet access services; as a means of providing sufficient information for consumers to make informed choices regarding use of such services, and for content, application, service and device providers to develop, market, and maintain internet offerings as specified in F.C.C. 47 C.F.R. Part 8 §8.3. The Company furthermore will comply with all requirements set forth in the 2015 Open Internet Order when it becomes effective.

Gunnison Telephone Company's Demonstration of Ability to Function in Emergency Situations

Gunnison Telephone Company hereby certifies that it is able to function in emergency situations as set forth in §54.202(a)(2). The Company's voice and broadband network is designed to remain functional in emergency situations without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations as required by Section 54.202(a)(2). The Company can change call routing translations as needed to reroute traffic around damaged facilities. Changing call routing translations will also allow the Company to manage traffic spikes throughout its network, as emergency situations require.

Specifically, each central office building is supplied with standby generators and battery back-up that enable the central office to keep running until power is restored so long as fuel is available, or until system changes are made to reroute traffic. The Company's central office can maintain 8 hours battery reserve rated for peak traffic load requirements, and a permanent auxiliary power unit is installed which can be delivered and connected within four hours. The Company has battery backup at all office locations and in its electronic equipment sites capable of running for a minimum of 8 hours.

Length of run time is determined by the equipment serving the area and the number of customers working out of the equipment. Generators are installed at all Central Office

Section 54.202(a)(2) requires ETCs that are designated by the Commission to "demonstrate its ability to remain functional in emergency situations, including a demonstration that it has a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations."

locations. They will continue to run as long as the Company has access to fuel. The Company tests the batteries at least once per year.

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Five-Year Network Improvement Plan and Progress Report For Gunnison Telephone Company

In its *USF/ICC Transformation Order* and subsequent Orders, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC" or "Commission") required Eligible Telecommunications Carriers ("ETCs") to submit a five-year build-out plan in a manner consistent with Section 54.202(a)(1)(ii) of the Commission's Rules by July 1, 2014 and to submit annual progress reports thereafter. In its *March 5, 2013 Order*, the FCC specified that for rate-of-return carriers, the five-year plans "should describe the carrier's network improvement plan, which should provide greater visibility into current plans to extend broadband service to unserved locations in rate-of-return service territories." Gunnison Telephone Company ("GTC" or the "Company") is a rate-of-return carrier ETC and hereby submits its annual progress report covering any progress made during the first half of 2015 on the initial five-year network improvement plan submitted in 2014 as well as any updates to the plan made since initial submission of the plan.

I. The Company's Five-Year Network Improvement Plan

When the Commission adopted its five-year plan requirements for FCC-designated ETCs in its 2005 ETC Order, it set forth the following criteria as to how the ETC is to describe with

¹ See Connect America Fund; A National Broadband Plan for Our Future; Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers; High-Cost Universal Service Support; Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; Lifeline and Link-Up; Universal Service Reform—Mobility Fund; WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109, CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45, GN Docket No. 09-51, WT Docket No. 10-208, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 11-61 (rel. Nov. 18, 2011) (USF/ICC Transformation Order) at Para. 587; pets. for review denied, Direct Comm. Cedar Valley, et al v. FCC 11-161, No. 11-9900 www.ca10.uscourts.gov/opinions/11/11-9900.pdf (10th Cir. filed May 23, 2014); see also Connect America Fund et al., WC Docket 10-90 et al., Order, DA 12-147 (rel. Feb. 12, 2012) at Para. 5 (amending Section 54.313(a)(1) to clarify this requirement); Connect America Fund et al., WC Docket 10-90 et al., Third Order on Reconsideration, FCC 12-52 (rel. May 14, 2012) at Para. 10 (changing the filing deadline for the annual reports from April 1 to July 1); Connect America Fund et al., WC Docket 10-90 et al., Order, DA 13-332 (rel. Mar. 5, 2013) ("March 5, 2013 Order") at Para's. 4, 6-9. Delaying Five-year Plan until July 1, 2014 see WC Docket No. 10-90, Order, DA 13-1115, Para. 8 (released May 16, 2013).

² March 5, 2013 Order at Para. 9 citing Section 54.202(a)(1)(ii).

"specificity" the proposed improvements or upgrades to the ETC's network throughout its service area:

(1) how signal quality, coverage, or capacity will improve due to the receipt of high-cost support throughout the area for which the ETC seeks designation; (2) the projected start date and completion date for each improvement and the estimated amount of investment for each project that is funded by high-cost support; (3) the specific geographic areas where the improvements will be made; and (4) the estimated population that will be served as a result of the improvements.³

In that order, the FCC clarified that service quality improvements in the five-year plan "do not necessarily require additional construction of network facilities." Accordingly, the improvements listed in the plan may be projects related to the expansion of the network (one or multiple services), projects related to updating technology to accommodate new services or higher bandwidth or maintenance projects, such as to reduce trouble reports or replace outdated equipment. Additionally, in some cases, the projects may be ones that improve or upgrade the entire network rather than discrete areas within a study area or they may be ones that are ongoing projects that have no specific start and completion dates.

The instructions to the Form 481 state "[r]ecipients may describe where improvements are expected to occur by wire center or census block, as appropriate. To the extent no improvements are planned in specific areas, the five-year plan should so indicate." The instructions also require that in subsequent annual progress reports, which must include the total amount of universal support received, this information must be provided "broken out separately by the amount spent

³ Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, Report and Order, FCC 05-46 (rel. Mar. 17, 2005) ("2005 ETC Order").

⁴ *Id*.

⁵ Instructions for Completing FCC Form 481, OMB Control No. 3060-0986 (High-Cost), OMB Control No. 3060-0819 (Low-Income), July 2013, Line 112.

on capital expenses and the amount spent on operating expenses." Accordingly, the Company's five-year plan separately provides both capital expenditures and operating expenses.

A. The Company's Major Network Improvement Projects

Based upon this framework, **Appendix A** updates the Company's five-year plan submitted in 2014 and reflects Gunnison's major network improvement projects for the calendar years 2015 through 2019⁷ along with the start and completion dates, capital costs, areas and population associated with those projects.

B. How These Projects Will Improve the Network

Gunnison Telephone Company is moving forward with the original five-year plan submitted in 2014. GTC is in process of completing a project of 100 % buried cable, both trunk cable, fiber optic cable and drop cable. This will improve service and reduce trouble instances. GTC will be using hybrid fiber/copper cables to facilitate the possibility of FTTH or at least FTTC in future greenfield installs and replacement installs. Along with installing Calix E7 and E3 remote equipment and the use of some Nanobridge M5 radio, GTC is able to offer requested bandwidth to even our most remote customers. Broadband is the new driver, but quality of voice service is important in the Gunnison service area. GTC is striving to get the most from existing copper service and will continue to upgrade the same while paying attention to the future bandwidth demands. GTC has various planned projects ongoing in 2016-2019 such as vehicle and work equipment replacement, upgrading circuit equipment, and cable replacement that will update technology and address maintenance issues and improve service quality.

⁶ Instructions for Completing FCC Form 481, OMB Control No. 3060-0986 (High-Cost), OMB Control No. 3060-0819 (Low-Income), July 2013, Line 112.

⁷ The initial five-year network improvement plan covered calendar years 2015 through 2019.

General vehicle, electronics and equipment upgrades will benefit the entire service area.

The areas and populations that will benefit from cable replacement projects are listed in

Appendix A.

C. Estimated Capital Expenditures and Operating Expenses

The first table in Appendix B included herein specifies the capital expenditures

(projects) in Appendix A, by Part 32 account, along with the respective year in which the

expenditures are expected to occur. In the second table of Appendix B, the projected operating

expenses are provided, including depreciation expense for both embedded plant investment and

for capital expenditures, which begins when the capital expenditures are projected to be placed

into service.

II. The Company's Progress Report on its Five-Year Network Improvement Plan

Because the calendar year 2015 is still under way, Gunnison Telephone Company is only

able to report progress made prior to or over the first five months of 2015. Comprehensive progress

made on network improvements in calendar year 2015 will be reported by Gunnison in its 2016

ETC Annual Report. Gunnison Telephone Company hereby provides the following required

elements of its progress report to satisfy Form 481 reporting obligations.

A. The Amount of Universal Service Support Received by the Company

For the first few months of 2015 Gunnison Telephone Company received a total of

\$104,125.00 in high cost universal service support ("USF") through the following mechanisms:

• \$76,950.00 for Interstate Common Line Support ("ICLS");

• \$0 for High Cost Loop Support ("HCLS");

• \$27,175.00 for ICC CAF Support;

B. How Gunnison Telephone Company Has Used USF to Improve Service Quality, Coverage and Capacity

Section 254(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended requires ETCs to use Universal Service support ("USF") "only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended." Pursuant to Section 54.314 of the FCC's rules, in order for state-designated ETCs to receive USF for the coming year, states must annually file certifications by October 1st stating that all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers within the state "was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended." ETCs not designated by a state must file similar certifications with the FCC. 10

In its *USF/ICC Transformation Order*, the FCC clarified that prior to making the Section 254(e) certifications, states should conduct a "rigorous examination of the factual information" contained in the annual Section 54.313 reports, of which the five-year network improvement plan and annual progress reports are a part, in determining whether they can certify that carriers' support has been used and will be used only for the purpose for which the support was intended.¹¹ The FCC said that it would also use the reports to verify certifications filed by ETCs that are not state-designated.¹² In this context, the Commission stated, "[i]n light of the

⁸ 47 U.S.C. § 254(e).

⁹ 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(a).

¹⁰ 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(b).

¹¹ See USF/ICC Transformation Order at Para. 612.

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public interest obligations we adopt in this Order, a key component of this [Section 254(e)]

certification will now be that support is being used to maintain and extend modern networks

capable of providing voice and broadband service."13

Essentially, under the existing rules and processes, the federal USF received by the

Company and other incumbent rural telephone companies are, in fact, an integral part of the

recovery of expenditures of rural incumbent local exchange carriers incurred in the provision,

maintenance and upgrading of their provision of facilities and services for which the USF is

intended. Gunnison depends upon its receipt and utilization of federal universal service support

to provide rural telephone customers with affordable and quality voice and broadband services.

Accordingly, given the critical role the network improvement plan as updated

herein and the progress reports will have in the annual Section 254(e) certification process,

Gunnison's plan and progress reports demonstrate how the Company has used and will use USF

not only for improvements and upgrades, but also for the provision and maintenance of the

facilities and services to which the support was intended. The Company hereby reports that for

the first five months of 2015, it has made the following progress on meeting targets specified in

its Five-Year Network Improvement Plan and that during those months is has used the amount of

USF specified under Section II(A) above solely for which the support was intended. The support

received has been used to maintain the network and provide service to our customers. It has also

been used to progress on upgrading our equipment and progressing on the Five-Year Network

Improvement Plan.

¹³ *Id.* (emphasis supplied).

C. Maps Depicting the Company's Network Progress

Attached to this Five-Year Network Improvement Plan as **Appendix C** is GTC's map depicting the extent of the Company's network within its service area and indicating specific geographic areas associated with certain projects listed above.

D. Network Improvement Targets Not Met

Because 2015 is the first year of the Company's network improvement plan, there is no previous year for which to report network improvement targets that have not been fulfilled. The Company will report such information for calendar year 2015 as well as progress towards meeting its targets for that year in its progress report submitted in 2016.

Appendix A

Study Area Code Study Area Name 502279

Gunnison Telephone Company

Company Contact Name Contact Telephone Number Contact Email Address Nutalie Gleave 435-528-7236

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PART A - PROJECT LIST FOR 2015-2019

Project	Start Date	Completion	Areas	Population	Total Dollars
Vehicle and Work equipment replacement	2015	2016			
			Entire Service Area	5,586	125,000
Replace Aerial cable with			50 N, 50 S, 100 E to 200 E, 100E		
buried cable	2015	2019	to 200E, 100S 200 W to 400 W		
		1	Center, Gunnison	195	58,600
Replace deteriorating Aerial					
cable with buried cable	2015	2019			
			Entire Service Area	5,586	141,400
Upgrade Circuit Equipment	2016	2019		5 505	255,000
			Entire Service Area	5,586	253,000
	2016	2010			
Switch software upgrades	2016	2019	Entire Service Area	5,586	20,000
			Little Selvice Area		20,000
Totals	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				\$ 600,000

Study Area Code

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Study Area Name Company Contact Name Gunnison Telephone Company

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Part B: 5-Year Proposed Capital Expenditures and Operating Expenses

· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Regulated Cap	ita	l Expendi	tur	e (CapEX)	Pro	jections				
Account	Description	2015			2016	-d	2017	VI KI	2018	2019	Total Projected CapEx 2015-2019
2111 & 2121	Land & Building	\$	-	\$.	\$		\$		\$	\$
2112	Vehicles	\$	100,000	\$	25,000						\$ 125,000
2122-2124	Support Assets	\$		\$	-	\$	•	\$	-	\$ •	:\$
2210	Switching Equipment			\$	5,000	\$	5,000	\$	5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 20,000
2232	Circuit Equipment			\$	63,750	\$	63,750	\$	63,750	\$ 63,750	\$ 255,000
2410	Cable & Wire Facilities	\$	40,000	\$	40,000	\$	40,000	\$	40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 200,000
1220	Materials & Supplies	\$	-	\$	-	\$	•	\$	-	\$ -	\$ //
	Total Capital Expenditures	\$	140,000	\$	133,750	\$	108,750	\$	108,750	\$ 108,750	\$ 600,000

	Regulated Oper	ati	ng Expen	dit	ure (OpEx) P	rojection	s			•		
Account	Operating Expenses		2015		2016		2017		2018		2019	10 10 10	al Operating enses 2015- 2019
6110-6120	General Support Maintenance	\$	69,388	¢	71,470	\$	73,614	\$	75,823	\$	78,097		368,393
6210	Switching Maintenance	\$	28,000	_	28,840	-	29,705	\$	30,596	\$	31,514	Ś	148,656
6230	COE Transmission Maintenance	Ś	20,000	-	20,600	Ś	21,218	\$	21,855	Š	22,510	Ś	106,183
6410	Cable & Wire Facilities	\$	20,000	H-	20,600	\$	21,218	\$	21,855	\$	22,510	\$	106,183
6530	Non-Specific (Testing, Plant Op., Engineering)	\$	350,000	Ś	360,500	5	371,315	\$	382,454	\$	393,928	\$	1,858,198
6561-2110	General Support Depreciation	\$	45,800	_	45,800	1 -	45,800	\$	45,800	\$	45,800	\$	229,000
6561-2210	Switching Depreciation	\$	45,000	\$	45,000	\$	45,000	\$	45,000	\$	45,000	\$	225,000
6561-2230	Circuit Equip Depreciation	\$	100,000	\$	100,000	\$	100,000	\$	100,000	\$	100,000	\$	500,000
6561-2410	Cable & Wire Depreciation	\$	81,000	\$	81,000	\$	81,000	\$	81,000	\$	81,000	\$	405,000
6610-6620	Customer Operations	\$	75,000	\$	77,250	\$	79,568	\$	81,955	\$	84,413	\$	398,185
6711-6720	Corporate Operations	\$	400,000	\$	412,000	\$	424,360	\$	437,091	\$	450,204	\$	2,123,654
7240	Ad Valorem Expense	\$	18,000	\$	18,540	\$	19,096	\$	19,669	\$	20,259	\$	95,564
	Total Operating Expenses	\$	1,252,188	\$	1,281,600	\$	1,311,894	\$	1,343,097	\$	1,375,236	\$	6,564,015

Gunnison Telephone Company Boundary Map

10/1 Mbps available to all locations in Study Area Open : T17S R1E ontier T18\$R1W , TI8SRIE/ Fayette Manti Telephone :3 T19\$R2E T198 R3E Centerfield Open Mayfield T20SR1W T20SR2E T20SR3E Qwest Open

Gunnison Telephone Company (SAC 502279)

Response to Line 3010 – Milestone Certification (47 CFR §54.313(f)(1)(i))

Gunnison Telephone Company hereby certifies that throughout 2014, it took reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of at least 4 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream, and currently, it is taking reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request actual speeds of at least 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream broadband service at with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol, and usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to comparable offerings in urban areas as determined in an annual survey, and that requests for such service are met within a reasonable amount of time.

Gunnison Telephone Company (SAC 502279)

Response to Line 3012 - List of Community Anchor Institutions to Which the ETC Newly Began Providing Service

The FCC's *USF/ICC Transformation Order* requires a listing of community anchor institutions to which the ETC newly began providing broadband service. Gunnison Telephone Company did not newly begin providing community anchor institutions with access to broadband service in calendar year 2014.



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Gunnison Telephone Company Gunnison, Utah 84634

Board of Directors.

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Gunnison Telephone Company, a Utah corporation, which comprise the balance sheet as of December 31, 2014, and the related statements of income and retained earnings, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Gunnison Telephone Company as of December 31, 2014, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Sincerely

Zeslie P./Thorne and Associates Certified Public Accountants

Salt Lake City, Utah May 28, 2015

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Gunnison Telephone Company Balance Sheet December 31, 2014

Assets

Current Assets Cash and Cash Equivalents Accounts Receivable Materials and Supplies Prepaid Expenses and Accrued Interest Prepaid Federal and State Income Taxes Total Current Assets	\$ _	111,044 151,802 24,742 12,235 15,133	\$	314,956
Property, Plant, and Equipment Land Buildings Vehicles Tools and Work Equipment Furniture and Office Equipment General Purpose Computers Telecommunications Equipment Total Property, Plant, and Equipment Less: Accumulated Depreciation Net Property, Plant, and Equipment	-	15,000 472,767 141,436 259,953 38,596 164,722 3,942,121 5,034,595 3,833,290	,	1,201,305
Other Assets Non-Regulated Investment-Interest Less: Amortization Non-Regulated Investment-Interest Net Other Assets	-	105,563 84,229	_	21,334
Total Assets			\$.	1,537,595
Liabilities and Stockholders	s' <u>Equity</u>	!		
Current Liabilities Accounts Payable - Trade Customer Deposits Accrued Expenses Total Current Liabilities	\$	26,365 2,100 17,714	\$	46,179
Stockholders' Equity Common Stock, 30,000 Shares Authorized, Par Value \$2.50, Issued and Outstanding 22,026 Shares Retained Earnings Less: Treasury Stock Total Stockholders' Equity		55,065 1,447,181 (10,830)		1,491,416
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity			\$	

Gunnison Telephone Company Statement of Income and Retained Earnings For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

Income		
Local Services	\$ 384,655	
Access Services	657,470	
Long Distance Services	366,814	
Other Services	18,573	
Total Income		\$ 1,427,512
Direct Expenses		
Plant Operating Expenses	162,262	
Non Plant Operating Expenses	588,951	
Total Direct Expenses		751,213
Gross Profit		676,299
General and Administrative Expenses		604,235
Income from Operations		72,064
Other Income		
Interest Income	390	
Total Other Income		390
Other Expense		
Interest Expense	101	
Other expenses	26,358	
Total Other Expense		26,459
Income Before Income Taxes		45,995
Provision for Income Taxes		7,355
Net Income		38,640
Retained Earnings - January 1, 2014		1,711,851
Less: Dividends Paid		303,310
Retained Earnings - December 31, 2014		\$1,447,181

Gunnison Telephone Company Statement of Cash Flows For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

Cash Flows From Operating Activities				
Net Income	\$	38,640		
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash				
Provided by Operating Activities				
Depreciation Expense		260,278		
Amortization Expense	•	6,798		
(Increase) Decrease in:				
Accounts Receivable		26,513		
Prepaid Expense		12,530		
Prepaid Taxes		(2,959)		
Increase (Decrease) in:				
Accounts Payable		4,837		
Customer Deposits		(400)		
Accrued Expenses	_	17,502		
Cash Provided by Operating Activities			\$	363,739
Cash Flows From Investing Activities				
Purchase of Equipment		(55,122)		
Cash Used by Investing Activities	-			(55,122)
Cash Flows From Financing Activities				
Dividends Paid	-	(303,310)		(2.22.2.4)
Cash Used by Financing Activities			-	(303,310)
Increase in Cash				5,307
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Cash and Cash Equivalents - January 1, 2014			-	105,737
Cash and Cash Equivalents - December 31, 2014			\$_	111,044

Gunnison Telephone Company Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2014

Note One - Accounting Policies

Business Activities

Gunnison Telephone Company, a Utah Corporation, is a local telecommunications company that provides and operates a telephone service to the city of Gunnison, Utah and surrounding communities.

Revenue Recognition

The Company's records are maintained on the accrual basis of accounting.

Use of Estimates

The financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and, as such, include amounts based on informed estimates and judgments of management with consideration given to materiality. Actual results could differ from those estimates and may result in material differences to the financial statements.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in banks, savings and other liquid accounts. Cash equivalents are short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and are purchased with a maturity date within 90 days or less.

Accounts Receivable

The Company grants credit to customers for services provided and requires a cash deposit which is refunded after six months of continuous use, but generally does not require collateral. Payment terms are net 30 days with a balance due in full. After 30 days the accounts are considered past due. During the year ended December 31, 2014, the Company charged accounts interest after 30 days at a rate of 1% monthly or 12% annually with a minimum late charge per month of \$.50. When the Company believes an account is uncollectible it is written off and charged to bad debt expense. At December 31, 2014 the bad debts were \$31,833.

Concentration of Credit Risk

Financial instruments that potentially expose the Company to concentrations of credit risk consist primarily of accounts receivable and cash equivalents.

The Company's customer base includes businesses and residences. The customers are located in Gunnison City and the surrounding communities. The Company reviews customer credit history before extending credit and requires customers to place a deposit with the Company for six months.

Generally, the Company does not require collateral for its accounts receivable but does require deposits as indicated above.

The Company maintains its cash accounts with banks that have a high credit worthiness rating. The total cash balances are insured by FDIC up to \$250,000 per bank. The Company's cash balance at December 31, 2014 did not exceed the balance insured by the FDIC.

Gunnison Telephone Company Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2014 Continued

Materials and Supplies

The Company maintains materials and supplies that are not readily available in a short period of time. These items include switching devices and supplies. Items needed to repair or replace parts that have been readily available are not kept on hand. Materials and Supplies are priced at the lower of cost or market.

Plant, Property, Equipment and Depreciation

Land and depreciable equipment are stated at cost. Major replacements and improvements are charged to the capital accounts, while repairs, which do not improve or extend the life of the assets, and maintenance are expensed currently. At the time land or depreciable assets are disposed of, the asset accounts and related accumulated depreciation accounts are relieved of the applicable amounts. Gain or loss on sales are credited or charged to income. Depreciation is computed principally by using the straight-line and declining balance methods of depreciation over the estimated useful life of the asset. The useful lives of the assets range from 3 to 5 years on autos and trucks, 5 to 8 years on furniture and fixtures, 8 to 10 years on switching equipment, and 20 to 39.5 years on buildings and buried cable.

Income Taxes

Income taxes are provided for the tax effects of transactions reported in the financial statements and consist of taxes currently due plus or minus deferred taxes. Deferred taxes are recognized for differences between the basis of assets and liabilities for financial statements and income tax purposes. The differences relate primarily to old or uncollectible accounts receivable (deductible for financial statement purposes but not for income tax purposes). The deferred tax assets and liabilities represent the future tax return consequences of those differences, which will either be deductible or taxable when the assets and liabilities are recovered or settled. Deferred taxes also are recognized for operating losses and tax credits that are available to offset future taxable income.

Bad Debts

The Company uses the direct-writeoff method for recognition of bad debts for tax and reporting purposes. Management considers the history of low amounts of bad debts to be a good indicator that an allowance is not necessary.

Profit Sharing Plan

The Company has a profit sharing plan that covers substantially all employees. The Company's contributions to the plan are discretionary and may not exceed 15 percent of the aggregate annual salaries of the participants.

Note Two - Depreciation and Amortization Expense

The depreciation expense for December 31, 2014 was \$260,278. The amortization expense for December 31, 2014 was \$6,798.

Note Three - Federal Income Taxes

The provision for federal income taxes in the statement of income and retained earnings consists of the following components:

Gunnison Telephone Company Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2014 Continued

Current Federal Income Taxes	\$ 7.355
Provision for Income Taxes	\$ <u>7,355</u>

The amount of cash paid for federal and state income taxes for the year ended December 31, 2013 was as follows:

Federal Income Taxes	\$ 10,000
State Income Taxes	2,895
Total Income Taxes Paid	\$ <u>12,895</u>

The following years are subject to audit or review by government authorities:

December 31, 2014 December 31, 2013 December 31, 2012

Note Four - Related Party Transactions

The Company has a land and building lease with one of its officer-shareholders. The lease is on a month to month rental and requires monthly payments of \$450. The rental amount was \$4950 and was charged to expense for the year ended December 31, 2014. The total amount owed at December 31, 2014 was \$0.

The Company uses a long distance carrier that is owned by some of the same shareholders as that of the Company. The total amount billed by the carrier during 2014 was \$34,759. The total amount owed at December 31, 2014 was \$1,999.

Note Five-Profit Sharing Plan

The Company has a profit sharing plan for all full time employees who meet certain age and longevity requirements. The Company's contributions to the plan are discretionary and may not exceed 15 percent of the aggregate annual salaries of the participants. Contributions for the year ended December 31, 2014 were 9% of gross wages. The Company contributed \$51,030 which was charged to expense for the year ended December 31, 2014.

Note Six - Bad Debt Expense

The bad debt expense for the year ended December 31, 2014 was \$31,833.

Note Seven - Compensated Absences

The Company has not accrued compensated absences. The Company's policy is to provide employees paid vacation and medical leave. The leave is to be used during the calendar year. Any unused leave is forfeited and employees are not compensated for the unused portion.

Gunnison Telephone Company Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2014 Continued

Note Eight - Subsequent Events

In accordance with ASC 855, the Company evaluated subsequent events through May 28, 2015, the date these financial statements were available to be issued. Management does not believe there are any subsequent matters or events that need to be disclosed in these financial statements.

Note Nine - Treasury Stock

The Company purchased 361 shares from one of its stockholders for \$30 per share. The total amount was \$10,830.

Gunnison Telephone Company (SAC 502279)

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