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Memorandum

To: Public Service Commission of Utah
From: Utah Division of Public Utilities
Chris Parker, Director
Artie Powell, Manager
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Date: November 1, 2022
Re: **Docket No. 22-999-03**, UUSF Annual Review – Final Recommendation

Recommendation (Approve)

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) recommends final approval of the 2023 Utah Universal Service Fund (UUSF) for High Cost Loop Support in the amount of \$21,600,081.

Background

Pursuant to PSC rule R746-8-401(10)(e) and (f), the Division is required to file with the Public Service Commission of Utah (Commission) a final recommendation of UUSF High Cost Loop Support distributions by November 1. Parties may challenge the Division's final recommendation by notifying the Commission by November 15.

Discussion

This memorandum provides the Commission with a summary of the Division's final recommended UUSF High Cost Loop Support distributions commencing January 1, 2023. The recommended UUSF distributions were discussed in greater detail in dockets filed on September 1, 2022.¹ The following table details the Division's final recommended UUSF

¹ Docket No. 22-042-01 - Allwest, Docket No. 22-2201-01 - Bear Lake, Docket No. 22-040-01 - Central, Docket No. 22-576-01 - Skyline, Docket No. 22-051-01 - Beehive, Docket No. 22-2419-01 - Direct CCV, Docket No. 22-042-01 - Emery, Docket No. 22-2302-01 - Carbon Emery, Docket No. 22-2303-01 - Hanksville, Docket No. 22-043-01 - Gunnison, Docket No. 22-041-01 - Frontier (Citizens), Docket No. 22-050-01 - Navajo, Docket No. 22-046-01 - Manti, Docket No. 22-052-01 - SCUTA, Docket No. 22-053-01 - Strata (UBTA), Docket No. 22-054-01 - Union.

distribution to each qualifying telecom provider. If applicable, the individual distribution may include a reduction for the repayment of EDIT.

	2023			
	UUSF Payment Year			
	DPU Recommended Adjustment	UUSF Annual TOTAL	EDIT Adjustment to UUSF	UUSF Annual TOTAL w/EDIT Adjustment
	FYE 2021 ARR	2023	2023	2023
Allwest	\$ 1,042,439	\$ 2,293,909	\$ 213,716	\$ 2,080,193
Bear Lake	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Central	\$ (209,521)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Skyline	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Beehive	\$ 1,095,990	\$ 1,865,082	\$ -	\$ 1,865,082
Direct CCV	\$ 1,489,552	\$ 3,183,186	\$ 88,560	\$ 3,094,626
Emery	\$ 411,077	\$ 1,700,041	\$ -	\$ 1,700,041
Carbon Emery	\$ (488,373)	\$ 1,768,018	\$ 15,427	\$ 1,752,591
Hanksville	\$ 26,078	\$ 60,546	\$ 5,129	\$ 55,417
Gunnison	\$ 123,232	\$ 457,054	\$ -	\$ 457,054
Frontier (Citizens)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Navajo	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Manti	\$ (274,058)	\$ 798,267	\$ 63,687	\$ 734,580
SCUTA	\$ 592,423	\$ 6,139,926	\$ -	\$ 6,139,926
Strata (UBTA)	\$ (298,698)	\$ 3,720,571	\$ -	\$ 3,720,571
Union	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 3,510,141	\$ 21,986,600	\$ 386,519	\$ 21,600,081

Conclusion

The Division recommends the Commission approve as final, the 2023 UUSF distributions as provided in the aforementioned dockets commencing January 1, 2023.