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Memorandum

To: Public Service Commission of Utah
From: Utah Division of Public Utilities
Chris Parker, Director
Artie Powell, Manager
Brenda Salter, Utility Technical Consultant Supervisor
Justin Christensen, Utility Analyst
Date: October 26, 2022
Re: **Docket No. 22-999-09**, September 2022 Utah Universal Service Funds Status.

Recommendation (No Action Required)

Attached for your information is the latest status report on the Utah Universal Service Fund (UUSF). All reported amounts are proprietary.

The UUSF showed a balance of \$15,209,646 at the end of September 2022, which is a decrease of \$567,869 from the previous month. Contributions for the month were \$986,265. High-cost support disbursed to rural ILECs totaled \$1,507,495. Other expenses include PSC Speech & Hearing disbursements of \$46,610, and Interactive Transaction Fees of \$29. The total distributions and expenses were \$1,554,134.

In August, 86 providers remitted UUSF payments based on connections. There were 2,607,604 connections subject to surcharge reported. Exempt connections claimed by providers totaled 2,368.

Attachments (6 pages)

UTAH UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND REPORT

September 2022

Contributions

UUSF Contributions	\$	926,630
Prepaid Wireless Contributions	\$	58,415
Carrier 1 paid previous surcharge rate (surplus)	\$	191
Carrier 2 paid previous surcharge rate (surplus)	\$	1,029
Total Contributions	\$	<u>986,265</u>

Distributions and Expenses

Distributions

ALL WEST COMMUNICATIONS	\$	86,480
BEEHIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY	\$	64,091
CARBON/EMERY TELCOM	\$	186,747
CENTRAL UTAH TELEPHONE INC	\$	17,460
DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS CEDAR VALLEY	\$	133,756
EMERY TELCOM	\$	107,414
GUNNISON TELEPHONE CO	\$	27,819
HANKSVILLE TELCOM	\$	2,445
MANTI TELEPHONE COMPANY	\$	84,053
SOUTH CENTRAL UTAH TELEPHONE	\$	462,292
UINTAH BASIN TELEPHONE dba Strata Networks	\$	334,939
Subtotal for Rural ILECs	\$	<u>1,507,495</u>
Refund - (Reason)		
Total Distributions	\$	<u>1,507,495</u>

Expenses

Speech & Hearing Impaired Total	\$	46,610
Utah Interactive Transaction Fees	\$	29
Total Expenses	\$	46,639

Total Distributions and Expenses \$ 1,554,134

Net Increase (Decrease) \$ (567,869)

Beginning Balance \$ 15,777,515

September Ending Balance \$ 15,209,646