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Memorandum

To: Public Service Commission of Utah
From: Utah Division of Public Utilities
Chris Parker, Director
Brenda Salter, Assistant Director
Abdinasir Abdulle, Utility Technical Consultant Supervisor
Justin Christensen, Utility Analyst
Date: February 10, 2023
Re: **Docket No. 23-999-06**, Utah Universal Service Fund Status.

Recommendation (No Action)

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 \$14,805,700 at the end of January 2023, which is a decrease of \$594,183 from the previous month. Contributions for the month were \$1,499,095. High-cost support disbursed to rural ILECs totaled \$1,800,007. Other expenses include PSC Speech and Hearing disbursements of \$36,095, Interactive Transaction Fees of \$39, and Lifeline Biannual payments of \$257,138. The total distributions and expenses were \$2,093,279.

In January, 153 providers remitted UUSF payments based on connections. There were 4,059,103 connections subject to surcharge reported. Exempt connections claimed by providers totaled 3,514.

Attachments (7 pages)

UTAH UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND REPORT

January 2023

Contributions

UUSF Contributions	\$	1,442,286
Prepaid Wireless Contributions	\$	56,809
Total Contributions	\$	<u>1,499,095</u>

Distributions and Expenses

Distributions

ALL WEST COMMUNICATIONS	\$	173,349
BEEHIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY	\$	155,424
CARBON/EMERY TELCOM	\$	146,049
DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS CEDAR VALLEY	\$	257,886
EMERY TELCOM	\$	141,670
GUNNISON TELEPHONE CO	\$	38,088
HANKSVILLE TELCOM	\$	4,618
MANTI TELEPHONE COMPANY	\$	61,215
SOUTH CENTRAL UTAH TELEPHONE	\$	511,661
UINTAH BASIN TELEPHONE dba Strata Networks	\$	310,048
Subtotal for Rural ILECs	\$	<u>1,800,007</u>
Refund - (Reason)		
Total Distributions	\$	<u>1,800,007</u>

Expenses

Speech & Hearing Impaired Total	\$	36,095
Utah Interactive Transaction Fees	\$	39
Lifeline Biannual Payments	\$	257,138
Total Expenses	\$	293,272

Total Distributions and Expenses \$ 2,093,279

Net Increase (Decrease) \$ (594,183)

Beginning Balance \$ 15,399,884

January Ending Balance \$ 14,805,700