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Memorandum

To: Public Service Commission of Utah

From: Utah Division of Public Utilities

Chris Parker, Director
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Date: October 5, 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 \$11,773,461 at the end of August 2023, which is a decrease of \$96,957 from the previous month. Contributions for the month were \$1,718,107. High-cost support disbursed to rural ILECs totaled \$1,800,007. Other expenses include PSC Speech and Hearing disbursements of \$32,164, Interactive Transaction Fees of \$34, Compensatory Excess Time of \$1,098, and Lifeline Distributions of -\$18,239. The total distributions and expenses were \$1,815,065.

In August, 119 providers remitted UUSF payments based on connections. There were 4,745,200 connections subject to surcharge reported. Exempt connections claimed by providers totaled 24,935.

Attachments (6 pages)

UTAH UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND REPORT

August 2023

Contributions

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| Access Lines/Connections Contributions | 1,685,113.01 |
| Prepaid Wireless Contributions | 32,994 |
| Subtotal Contributions | \$ 1,718,107 |
| Adjustments | - |
| Total Contributions | \$ 1,718,107 |

Distributions

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| 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 | \$ 1,800,007 |
| Lifeline Distributions | (\$18,239) |
| One time Distributions | - |
| Adjustments | - |
| Total Distributions | \$ 1,781,768 |

Expenses

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| Speech & Hearing Impaired | 32,164 |
| UT Interactive Transaction Fees | 34 |
| Compensatory Excess Time | 1,098 |
| Annual Maintenance | - |

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| Total Expenses | \$ 33,296 |
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| Total Distributions & Expenses | \$ 1,815,065 |
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| Beginning Balance | \$11,870,419 |
| Net Change (Contributions - Distributions & Expenses) | (96,958) |

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| August 2023 Ending Balance | \$ 11,773,461 |
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