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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
Cynthia Dumas, Office Specialist
Date: December 6, 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 \$10,290,839 at the end of October 2023, which is a decrease of \$519,668 from the previous month. Contributions for the month were \$1,320,129. High-cost support disbursed to rural ILECs totaled \$1,800,007. Other expenses include PSC Speech and Hearing disbursements of \$39,750, and Interactive Transaction Fees of \$40. The total distributions and expenses were \$1,839,797.

In October, 136 providers remitted UUSF payments based on connections. There were 3,550,078 connections subject to surcharge reported. Exempt connections claimed by providers totaled 7057.

Attachments (6 pages)

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UTAH UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND REPORT

October 2023

Contributions

| | |
|--|---------------------|
| Access Lines/Connections Contributions | 1,261,452 |
| Prepaid Wireless Contributions | 58,677 |
| Subtotal Contributions | \$ 1,320,129 |
| Adjustments | - |
| Total Contributions | \$ 1,320,129 |

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 | - |
| One time Distributions | - |
| Adjustments | - |
| Total Distributions | \$ 1,800,007 |

Expenses

| | |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| Speech & Hearing Impaired | 39,750 |
| UT Interactive Transaction Fees | 40 |
| Processing Expenses | |
| Annual Maintenance | |

Total Expenses \$ 39,790

Total Distributions & Expenses \$ 1,839,797

Beginning Balance 10,810,507
Net Change (Contributions - Distributions & Expenses) (519,668)

October 2023 Ending Balance \$ 10,290,839