

UTAH DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Division of Public Utilities

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Memorandum

To: Public Service Commission of Utah

From: Utah Division of Public Utilities

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Date: January 2, 2024

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 \$10,229,119 at the end of November 2023, which is a decrease of \$61,720 from the previous month. Contributions for the month were \$1,776,028. High-cost support disbursed to rural ILECs totaled \$1,800,007. Other expenses include PSC Speech and Hearing disbursements of \$37,710, and Interactive Transaction Fees of \$31. The total distributions and expenses were \$1,837,748.

In November, 112 providers remitted UUSF payments based on connections. There were 4,842,319 connections subject to surcharge reported. Exempt connections claimed by providers totaled 6,814.

Attachments (6 pages)

UTAH UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND REPORT

November 2023

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<u>Contributions</u>		
Access Lines/Connections Contributions		1,720,576
Prepaid Wireless Contributions		55,452
Subtotal Contributions	\$	1,776,028
Adjustments		-
Total Contributions	\$	1,776,028
<u>Distributions</u>		
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
<u>Expenses</u>		
Speech & Hearing Impaired		37,710
UT Interactive Transaction Fees		31
Processing Expenses		
Annual Maintenance		
Total Expenses	\$	37,741
Total Distributions & Expenses	\$	1,837,748
Beginning Balance		10,290,839
Net Change (Contributions - Distributions & Expenses)		(61,720)
November 2023 Ending Balance	<u>\$</u>	10,229,119