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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: April 2, 2024

Re: **Docket No. 24-999-08**, 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 \$7,289,918 at the end of February 2024, which is a decrease of \$325,139 from the previous month. Contributions for the month were \$3,001,910. High-cost support disbursed to rural ILECs totaled \$2,942,966. Other expenses include PSC Speech and Hearing disbursements of \$46,583, Interactive Transaction Fees of \$27, and Lifeline Low Income Telecom \$337,474. The total distributions and expenses were \$3,327,049.

In February, 117 providers remitted UUSF payments based on connections. There were 5,109,239 connections subject to surcharge reported. The connections vary from month to month. There were a few companies who paid with the previous surcharge and have been notified. Exempt connections claimed by providers totaled 57,846.

Attachments (6 pages)

UTAH UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND REPORT

February 2024

Contributions

Access Lines/Connections Contributions	2,949,766
Prepaid Wireless Contributions	52,144
Subtotal Contributions	\$ 3,001,910
Adjustments	-
Total Contributions	\$ 3,001,910

ALL WEST COMMUNICATIONS	287,140
BEEHIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY	199,898
CARBON/EMERY TELCOM	188,566
CENTRAL UTAH TELEPHONE, INC. dba Centracom	3,570
CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS OF UTAH	257,082
DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS CEDAR VALLEY	217,057
E-FIBER MOAB LLC	92,914
E FIBER SAN JUAN LLC	95,485
EMERY TELCOM	199,409
GUNNISON TELEPHONE CO	37,912
HANKSVILLE TELCOM	4,266
MANTI TELEPHONE COMPANY	76,619
NAVAJO COMMUNICATIONS CO INC	62,444
SOUTH CENTRAL UTAH TELEPHONE	716,520
UINTAH BASIN TELEPHONE dba Strata Networks	504,086

Total Distributions	\$ 2,942,966
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Expenses

Speech & Hearing Impaired	46,583
UT Interactive Transaction Fees	27
Lifeline Low Income Telecom	337,474
Annual Maintenance	

Total Expenses	\$ 384,083
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Total Distributions & Expenses	\$ 3,327,049
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Beginning Balance **7,615,057**

Net Change (Contributions - Distributions & Expenses) **(325,139)**

February 2024 Ending Balance **\$ 7,289,918**