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<210>	For the prior calendar year, were there any reportable voice service out	ges? Yes

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NORS Reference Number	Outage Star Date	Outage t Start Time	Outage End Date	Outage End Time	Number of Customers Affected	Total Number of Customers	911 Facilities Affected (Yes / No)	Service Outage Description (Check all that apply)	Did This Outage Affect Multiple Study Areas (Yes / No)	Service Outage Resolution	Preventative Procedures
	05/05/2015	08:17	05/05/2015	11:17	480	1311	No	Wireline (including cable) Voice (non-VoIP),Fiber cut by contractors in Freeman	Yes	Traffic Rerouted	Divers fiber routes implemented
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State	Exchange (ILEC)	SAC (CETC)	Rate Type	Residential Local Service Rate	State Subscriber Line Charge	State Universal Service Fee	Mandatory Extended Area Service Charge	Total per line Rates and Fees
SD	Armour 605 724		FR	16.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.0
SD	Bridgewater 605 729		FR	16.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.0
SD	Bridgewater 605 729		FR	17.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.5
SD	Canistota 605 296		FR	16.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.0
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State	Exchange (ILEC)	Residential Rate	State Regulated Fees	Total Rates and Fees	Broadband Service - Download Speed (Mbps)	Broadband Service -Upload Speed (Mbps)	Usage Allowance (GB)	Usage Allowance Action Taken When Limit Reached (select)
SD	Armour 605 724	59.95	0.0	59.95	15.0	2.0	99999	Other, May be discounted if custom subscribes to bundle
SD	Armour 605 724	99.95	0.0	99.95	30.0	5.0	99999	Other, May be discounted if custom subscribes to bundle
SD	Armour 605 724	149.95	0.0	149.95	50.0	10.0	99999	Other, May be discounted if custom subscribes to bundle
SD	Bridgewater 605 729	59.95	0.0	59.95	15.0	1.0	99999	Other, May be discounted if custor subscribes to bundle
SD	Bridgewater 605 729	99.95	0.0	99.95	30.0	5.0	99999	Other, May be discounted if custom subscribes to bundle
SD	Bridgewater 605 729	149.95	0.0	149.95	50.0	10.0	99999	Other, May be discounted if custor subscribes to bundle Other, May be discounted if custor
SD	Canistota 605 296	59.95	0.0	59.95	15.0	1.0	99999	subscribes to bundle
SD	Canistota 605 296	99.95	0.0	99.95	30.0	5.0	99999	Other, May be discounted if customers subscribes to bundle
SD	Canistota 605 296	149.95	0.0	149.95	50.0	10.0	99999	Other, May be discounted if custo subscribes to bundle
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<811>	Holding Company	Not Applicable	
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Affiliates	SAC	Doing Business As Company or Brand Designation
Livingston Telephone Company	442107	
Dalton Telephone Company	371537	
Elsie Communications, Inc.	371518	
Rye Telephone Company, Inc.	462203	
S&A Telephone Co., Inc.	411829	
South Park Telephone Company	462195	
Waverly Hall Telephone, L.L.C.	220392	
Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.	391659	
Golden West Telecommunications - Vivian	391686	
Golden West Telecommunications - Kadoka	391667	
Golden West Telecommunications - Sioux Valley	391677	
Golden West Telecommunications - Union	391684	
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# <u>Five-Year Network Improvement Plan Progress Report For</u> <u>Golden West Telecommunications – Study Area 391640</u>

In its *USF/ICC Transformation Order* and subsequent Orders, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC" or "Commission") required Eligible Telecommunications Carriers ("ETCs") to submit a five-year build-out plan in a manner consistent with Section 54.202(a)(1)(ii) of the Commission's Rules and to submit annual progress reports thereafter. Golden West Telecommunications, study area 391640, hereinafter "the Company", is a rate-of-return carrier ETC and hereby submits its annual progress report covering progress made during 2015 on the five-year network improvement plan initially submitted in 2014 and updated in 2015.

# I. The Company's Progress Report on its Five-Year Network Improvement Plan

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1), recipients should submit "[a] progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to § 54.202(a), including maps detailing its progress towards meeting its plan targets, an explanation of how much universal service support was received and how it was used to improve service quality, coverage, or capacity, and an explanation regarding any network improvement targets that have not been fulfilled in the prior calendar year. The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as

161, No. 11-9900 www.ca10.uscourts.gov/opinions/11/11-9900.pdf (10th Cir. filed May 23, 2014); see also Connect America Fund et al., WC Docket 10-90 et al., Order, DA 12-147 (rel. Feb. 12, 2012) at Para. 5 (amending Section 54.313(a)(1) to clarify this requirement); Connect America Fund et al., WC Docket 10-90 et al., Third Order on Reconsideration, FCC 12-52 (rel. May 14, 2012) at Para. 10 (changing the filing deadline for the annual reports from April 1 to July 1); Connect America Fund et al., WC Docket 10-90 et al., Order, DA 13-332 (rel. Mar. 5, 2013) ("March 5, 2013 Order") at Para's. 4, 6-9. Delaying Five-year Plan until July 1, 2014 see WC Docket No. 10-90, Order, DA 13-1115, Para. 8 (released May 16, 2013).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Connect America Fund; A National Broadband Plan for Our Future; Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers; High-Cost Universal Service Support; Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; Lifeline and Link-Up; Universal Service Reform—Mobility Fund; WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109, CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45, GN Docket No. 09-51, WT Docket No. 10-208, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 11-61 (rel. Nov. 18, 2011) (USF/ICC Transformation Order) at Para. 587; pets. for review denied, Direct Comm. Cedar Valley, et al. v. FCC 11-61 (rel. Nov. 18, 2011)

appropriate. Accordingly, the Company hereby provides the following required elements of its progress report for 2015 to satisfy Form 481 reporting obligations.

### A. The Amount of Universal Service Support Received by the Company

Golden West Telecommunications, study area 391640, received a total of in high cost universal service support ("USF") in 2015 through the following mechanisms:

- for Interstate Common Line Support ("ICLS");
- for High Cost Loop Support ("HCLS");
- for ICC CAF Support;

### B. How USF was Used to Improve Service Quality, Coverage and Capacity

Section 254(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended requires ETCs to use Universal Service support ("USF") "only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended." Essentially, under the existing rules and processes, the federal USF received by the Company and other incumbent rural telephone companies are, in fact, an integral part of the recovery of expenditures of rural incumbent local exchange carriers incurred in the provision, maintenance and upgrading of their provision of facilities and services for which the USF is intended. Accordingly, the Company's plan and progress reports demonstrate how the Company has used and will use USF not only for improvements and upgrades, but also for the provision and maintenance of the facilities and services to which the support was intended.

The Form 481 Instructions require ETCs to indicate that a company's progress report quantifies how much USF was received for its service area and that the USF is broken out separately

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 254(e).

by the amount spent on capital expenses and the amount spent on operating expenses.<sup>3</sup> Pursuant to these instructions, the Company hereby reports that for calendar year 2015, the Company spent in CapEx and in OpEx to improve service quality, coverage and/or capacity. Details regarding these expenditures can be found in **Appendix A** and **Appendix B** included herein. **Appendix A** reflects the major network improvement projects planned for 2015 along with the status of those projects. **Appendix B** reflects the capital expenditures (projects) in **Appendix A**, as well as the operating expenditures, by Part 32 account. The total amount of these expenditures exceeds the amount of federal USF received in 2015.

There is no correlation between these expenditures and the amount of USF that the Company received in 2015. USF disbursement received by the Company and other rural incumbent local exchange companies is divided into three main categories: Interstate Common Line Support ("ICLS"); High Cost Loop Support ("HCLS"); and CAF-ICC Support ("CAF-ICC"). The ICLS received in 2015 was based on annual projected data submitted by the Company on March 31, 2014, which is subject to an annual true-up process based on actual data submitted on December 31, 2016, for the previous calendar year (*i.e.*, 2015). Like ICLS, CAF-ICC support was also based on projected demand submitted on July 1, 2014, which is subject to an annual true-up process based on actual data submitted on July 1, 2015, for the previous tariff year (i.e. July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015). Further, HCLS received by a rural LEC in 2015 was based on December 31, 2013 financials. Quarterly updates could then be based on March 31, 2014, June 30, 2014, and September 30, 2014 financials.

### C. 2015 Five-Year Plan Progress Report

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Instructions for Completing FCC Form 481, OMB Control No. 3060-0986 (High-Cost), OMB Control No. 3060-0819 (Low-Income), November 2015, Line 114.

The Company hereby reports that for 2015, it made the progress specified in Appendix A and Appendix B on meeting targets projected in its five-year network improvement plan and that during 2015, it has used the amount of USF specified under Section II(A) above solely for which the support was intended.

# D. Maps Depicting the Company's Network Progress

Attached to this five-year network improvement plan progress report as **Appendix** C is Golden West's map depicting the extent of the Company's network within study area 391640.

### E. Network Improvement Targets Not Met

Study Area Code

391640

Study Area Name

Golden West Telecommunications- Armour

Company Contact Name Contact Telephone Number Jill Reinert 605-279-2161

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#### APPENDIX A

					Projected		Voice, Broadband,	
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Project	Start Date	Completion	Areas	Population	Dollars	Part 32 Account	Both, etc.	Status
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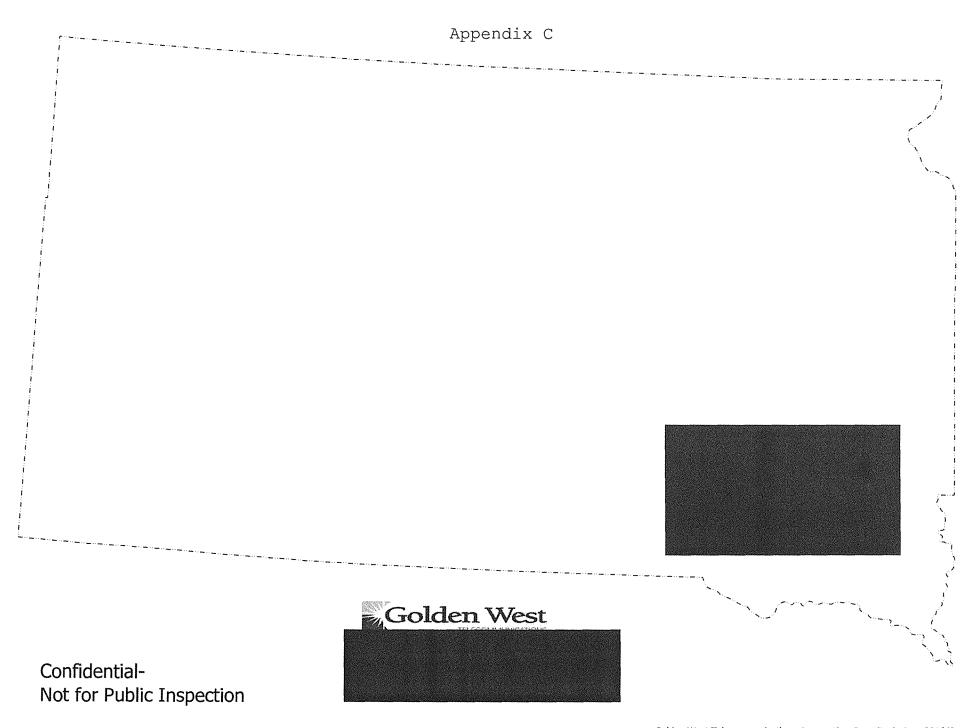
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### **APPENDIX B**

Regulated Capital Expenditure (CapEX) Projections vs Actual										
Account	Description	2	015 Projected Dollars	2015 Actual Dollars						

Regulated	Regulated Operating Expenditure (OpEx) Projections vs Actual							
Account	Operating Expenses	2015 Projected Dollars	2015 Actual Dollars					





#### Certification of Service Quality Standards & Consumer

#### Protection Rules Compliance for Voice and Broadband Services

Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. (hereinafter "the Company") hereby certifies that it is complying with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules.

This document details the processes and procedures that the Company follows to ensure compliance with service quality standards and consumer protection rules as laid out in FCC Form 481 Instructions.

The Company provides voice grade access to the public switched telephone network (PSTN) at a flat rate, thereby enabling access to emergency services provided by local government or other public safety organizations such as 911.

For service quality standards that are affected by plant issues, the Company engineers and installs its plant and other facilities in such a way as to ensure, to the greatest extent possible, safe, adequate, and continuous service at all times.

In addition, employees are periodically trained on service quality standards and consumer protection issues. In particular, if any set of issues appear to be prevalent, employees are given briefings on how to handle such issues, beyond the normal guidelines in place for resolution of customer complaints. A recent example is the call completion problems that have arisen and the customer calls that are generated as a result. Although this is not a service quality problem caused by the Company, it does affect customers of the Company and, therefore, deserves the attention of the Company employees.

The Company also periodically reviews its operating procedures to be sure that those operating procedures are in compliance with service quality standards and that the operating procedures are not in violation of consumer protection rules. Internally a compliance officer ensures annual employee training and dictates disciplinary processes for improper use of consumer information. If concerns arise that cannot be handled by the compliance officer, legal counsel is sought to assist with a resolution.

If complaints are filed with the Company related to service quality standards or consumer protection rules, the complaint is immediately investigated, the matter tracked and any corrective action noted. This process ensures that problems are addressed and corrections made.

The Company advertises the availability of its services and the charges using media of general distribution and on its website.

The Company is subject to consumer protection obligations for broadband services under federal law. These obligations include, but are not limited to, the following: public disclosure of accurate information regarding network management practices, performance, and commercial terms of broadband internet access services; as a means of providing sufficient information for consumers to make informed choices regarding use of such services, and for content, application, service and device providers to develop, market, and maintain internet offerings as specified in F.C.C 47 C.F.R. Part 8 §8.3.

The Company maintains six business offices throughout its service area providing customers with access to a customer service representative either in person or via a local telephone number or toll-free telephone number during normal business hours. Customers also have access to the repair service and internet help desk twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week by calling a toll-free number, or by calling one of the business office numbers, which forward to these services after hours.



### <u>Certification of Functionality in Emergency Situation</u>

Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. (hereinafter "The Company") hereby certifies that it is able to function in emergency situations as set forth in §54.202(a)(2). The Company's critical network infrastructure is designed to remain functional in emergency situations without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations as required by Section 54.202(a)(2). The Company can take reasonable steps to reroute traffic around damaged facilities and manage traffic spikes throughout its network, as emergency situations require.

Specifically, each central office building is supplied with standby generators and battery back-up that enable the central office to keep running until power is restored so long as fuel is available and the facility can be safely accessed, or until reasonable system changes are made to reroute traffic.

The capacity of the Company to function in emergency situations encompasses both voice and broadband.

Section 54.202(a)(2) requires ETCs that are designated by the Commission to "demonstrate its ability to remain functional in emergency situations, including a demonstration that it has a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations."



### Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.

# **Description of Tribal Engagement**

Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. (hereinafter "the Company" or "Golden West"), study area 391640, provides services to a small area on the Yankton Sioux Reservation. On October 22, 2015, by letter sent via certified mail to the Tribal Chairman, the Company requested a joint meeting with the Yankton Sioux Tribe to exchange information and discuss issues related to the deployment and provisioning of communications services on Tribal lands. The Company did not receive a response to the first letter; therefore, a follow up letter was sent via certified mail to the Tribal Chairman on December 3, 2015. No response was received from the follow up letter. The Company received the signed certified receipts back for both letters confirming delivery to the Chairman's office.

While Golden West was not successful in our attempts to engage directly with Yankton Sioux Tribal leaders, representatives from Golden West regularly attend Tribal forums and workshops in order to network with Tribal leaders, as well as gain a better understanding of the needs of our customers in Tribal areas. Two such events Golden West staff participated in during 2015 were the Tribal Utilities Forum at the Rosebud Casino in Rosebud, SD in February, and the FCC Tribal Broadband, Telecom, and Broadcast Training and Consultation Workshop in Rapid City, SD in September.

In accordance with provisions in the FCC's USF and ICC Transformation Order, paragraphs 636 and 637, and 47 CFR 54.313(a)(9), Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. will again attempt to organize a joint meeting with the Yankton Sioux Tribe in 2016. If successful the Company, with Tribal input, will continue to evaluate the need for future service deployments on Tribal lands while working to overcome challenges associated with right-of-way and permitting processes. The feasibility and sustainability of communications services on Tribal lands will be discussed and the Company will, with assistance from the Tribal authorities, attempt to identify additional steps that can be taken to make essential communications services deployed on Tribal lands both feasible and sustainable. The Company and Tribal authorities will also discuss and explore ways in which they can coordinate to ensure that services are marketed on tribal lands in a manner that will relate to the community and resonate with consumers, with the aim of increasing service adoption.



#### Lifeline Terms and Conditions

Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. offers Lifeline program-supported service to qualified low-income residential consumers for one telephone line per eligible household. The Lifeline program provides discounts to eligible low-income consumers to help them establish and maintain telephone service. Lifeline assistance lowers the cost of basic, monthly local telephone service. Eligible consumers can receive \$9.25 per month in discounts. In addition, the Federal Universal Service Charge is not assessed to consumers participating in Lifeline. Toll Blocking prevents the placement of all long distance calls for which a subscriber would be charged. Toll blocking is available to eligible consumers at no cost.

#### Lifeline Program Eligibility Information

#### **Program Based Eligibility**

Consumers are eligible for Lifeline if they, one of their dependents or their household participate in one of the following qualifying assistance programs:

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Medicaid National School Lunch Program's Free Lunch Program Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

Lifeline applicants must present documentation demonstrating eligibility either through participation in one of the qualifying federal assistance programs or through income-based means.

Acceptable documentation of program-based eligibility includes: current or prior year's statement of benefits from a qualifying state, federal or Tribal program; notice letter of participation in a qualifying state, federal or Tribal program; program participation documents; or another official document evidencing the consumer's participation in a qualifying state, federal or Tribal program.

#### **Income Based Eligibility**

In addition, consumers are eligible for Lifeline if their household income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines.

2016 Federal Poverty Guidelines - 135%

Household Size	48 Contiguous States and D.C.	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$16,038	\$20,034	\$18,455
2	\$21,627	\$27,027	\$24,881
3	\$27,216	\$34,020	\$31,307
4	\$32,805	\$41,013	\$37,733
5	\$38,394	\$48,006	\$44,159
6	\$43,983	\$54,972	\$50,585
7	\$49,586	\$61,992	\$57,011
8	\$55,202	\$69,012	\$63,464
For each additional person, add	\$5,616	\$7,020	\$6,453

Acceptable documentation of income eligibility includes: prior year's state, federal or Tribal tax return; current income statement from an employer or paycheck stub; social security statement of benefits; Veterans Administration statement of benefits; retirement/pension statement of benefits; unemployment/workmen's compensation statement of benefits; federal or Tribal notice of letter participating in General Assistance; or a divorce decree or child support award or other official document containing income information.

#### Tribal Eligibility

A subscriber who lives on federally recognized Tribal lands and is an eligible resident of Tribal lands is eligible for Tribal Lifeline service or Tribal Link Up if the subscriber, one or more of the subscriber's dependents, or the subscriber's household participates in any of the above-listed qualifying assistance programs or one of the following Tribal-specific federal assistance programs: Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance; Tribally Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; Head Start (if income eligibility criteria are met); or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR). Tribal subscribers may also qualify if the household income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Subscribers eligible for Tribal Lifeline may receive their basic monthly telephone service at no charge.

#### Numbers of Minutes-of-Use Provided as Part of Lifeline Program Service

Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.'s Voice Lifeline service includes unlimited local minutes-of-use within the toll-free calling area. Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.'s Voice Lifeline Plan does not include any free minutes-of-use for toll. Toll is billed at the standard toll rate depending on which interexchange carrier the consumer subscribes to for toll service. As part of the Lifeline service, toll blocking is available to eligible consumers at no cost.

#### Rates

Subscribers may receive the Lifeline credit on any type or grade of local service, including bundled services that are normally offered by Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. Advertised rates do not include any applicable taxes or surcharges.

#### Recertification of Lifeline Eligibility

Lifeline recipients are required to recertify their eligibility annually. Failure to properly recertify a recipient's continued eligibility for the Lifeline program will result in termination of the Lifeline recipient's monthly Lifeline discount and de-enrollment from the Lifeline Program.

#### Additional Lifeline Program Information

The Lifeline program is limited to one benefit per household, consisting of either wireline or wireless service. A household is defined, for purposes of the Lifeline program, as an individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. Lifeline is non-transferable. Lifeline is a government benefit program, and consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain the benefit can be punished by fine or imprisonment or can be barred from the program.



# Golden West Telecommunications – Armour (SAC 391640) Response to Line 3010 – Milestone Certification (47 CFR §54.313(f)(1)(i))

Golden West Telecommunications – Armour, study area 391640, hereby certifies that throughout 2015, it took reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of at least 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream, with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol, and usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to comparable offerings in urban areas and that requests for such service are met within a reasonable amount of time. If a request for broadband service at actual speeds of at least 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream is unreasonable, and offering broadband service at actual speeds of at least 4 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream is reasonable, the Company offers broadband service at actual speeds of at least 4 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0572-0031. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 4 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

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2. Cash-RUS Construction Fund			26. Notes Payable		
3. Affiliates:			27. Advance Billings and Payments		
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b. Other Accounts Receivable			29. Current Mat. L/T Debt		
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4. Non-Affiliates:			31. Current MatCapital Leases		
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable	P		32. Income Taxes Accrued		
b. Other Accounts Receivable			33. Other Taxes Accrued		
c. Notes Receivable			34. Other Current Liabilities		
Interest and Dividends Receivable			35. Total Current Liabilities (26 thru 34)	III manima makamanin	franksterranskerrenter
6. Material-Regulated			LONG-TERM DEBT		
7. Material-Nonregulated			36. Funded Debt-RUS Notes		
8. Prepayments			37. Funded Debt-RTB Notes		
9. Other Current Assets			38. Funded Debt-FFB Notes		
10. Total Current Assets (1 Thru 9) NONCURRENT ASSETS	UKAN PAGI MEMBERAKA		39. Funded Debt-Other		
11. Investment in Affiliated Companies			Funded Debt-Rural Develop, Loan     Premium (Discount) on L/T Debt		
a. Rural Development			42. Reacquired Debt		
b. Nonrural Development			43. Obligations Under Capital Lease		
12. Other Investments			44. Adv. From Affiliated Companies		
a. Rural Development	Maria Balanca Maria Maria		45. Other Long-Term Debt		***************************************
b. Nonrural Development			46. Total Long-Term Debt (36 thru 45)		
13. Nonregulated investments			OTHER LIAB. & DEF. CREDITS		
14. Other Noncurrent Assets			47. Other Long-Term Liabilities		25.20.85.000.316.00010101
15. Deferred Charges			48. Other Deferred Credits		
16. Jurisdictional Differences			49. Other Jurisdictional Differences		
17. Total Noncurrent Assets (11 thru 16)			50. Total Other Lieblities and Deferred Credits (47 thru 49)		
PLANT, PROPERTY, AND EQUIPMENT			EQUITY		
18. Telecom, Plant-in-Service			51. Cap. Stock Outstand. & Subscribed		
19. Property Held for Future Use			52. Additional Paid-in-Capital		
20. Plant Under Construction			53. Treasury Stock		
21. Plant Adj., Nonop. Plant & Goodwill			54. Membership and Cap. Certificates		<u> </u>
22. Less Accumulated Depreciation			55. Other Capital		
23. Net Plant (18 thru 21 less 22)		ı	56. Patronage Capital Credits		
24. TOTAL ASSETS (10+17+23)			57. Retained Earnings or Margins		<u> </u>
			58. Total Equity (51 thru 57)		
			59. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (35+46+50+58)		

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PART B. STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNING	SS OR MARGINS	
ITEM	PRIOR YEAR	THIS YEAR
Local Network Services Revenues		
2. Network Access Services Revenues		
Long Distance Network Services Revenues		
Carrier Billing and Collection Revenues		·
5. Miscellaneous Revenues		
6. Uncollectible Revenues		
7. Net Operating Revenues (1 thru 5 less 6)		
8. Plant Specific Operations Expense		
Plant Nonspecific Operations Expense (Excluding Depreciation & Amortization)		
10. Depreciation Expense		
11. Amortization Expense		
12. Customer Operations Expense		
13. Corporate Operations Expense		
14. Total Operating Expenses (8 thru 13)		
15. Operating Income or Margins (7 less 14)		
16. Other Operating Income and Expenses		
17. State and Local Taxes		
18. Federal income Taxes		
19. Other Taxes		
20. Total Operating Taxes (17+18+19)		
21. Net Operating Income or Margins (15+16-20)		
22. Interest on Funded Debt		
23. Interest Expense - Capital Leases		
24. Other Interest Expense		
27. Nonoperating Net Income		
28. Extraordinary Items		·
29. Jurisdictional Differences		
30. Nonregulated Net Income		
31. Total Net Income or Margins (21+27+28+29+30-26)		
32. Total Taxes Based on Income		
33. Retained Earnings or Margins Beginning-of-Year	<b> </b>	
34. Miscellaneous Credits Year-to-Date		
35. Dividends Declared (Common)		
36. Dividends Declared (Preferred)		
37. Other Debits Year-to-Date		Page - William - Control -
38. Transfers to Patronage Capital		
39. Retained Earnings or Margins End-of-Period [(31+33+34) - (35+36+37+38)]		
40. Patronage Capital Beginning-of-Year		
41. Transfers to Patronage Capital		
42. Patronage Capital Credits Retired		
43. Patronage Capitel End-of-Year (40+41-42)		
44. Annual Debt Service Payments		
45. Cash Ratio [(14+20-10-11) / 7]		
46. Operating Accrual Ratio [(14+20+26) / 7]		
47. TIER [(31+26) / 26]		
48. DSCR [(31+26+10+11) / 44]		

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	1. RATE		2. SUBSC	RIBERS (ACCESS LINES		3. ROUTE MILES		
EXCHANGE	B-1	R-1	BUSINESS	RESIDENTIAL	TOTAL	TOTAL (including fiber) (a)	FIBER	
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Route Mileage Outside Exchange Area						
Total						
No. Exchanges						

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			4. B	ROADBAND SERV		sive Broadband S	envice	**************************************
EXCHANGE	No. Access Lines with BB available (a)	No Of Broadband Subscribers (b)	Number Of Subscribers (c)	Advertised Download Rate (Kbps) (d)	Advertised Upload Rate (Kbps) (e)	Price Per Month  (f)	Standalone/Pckg	Type Of Technology (g)
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### PART H. CURRENT DEPRECIATION RATES

Are corporation's depreciation rates approved by the regulatory authority with jurisdiction over the provision of telephone services? (Check one)

YES

NO

EQUIPMENT CATEGORY	DEPRECIATION RATE
. Land and support assets - Motor Vehicles	
2. Land and support assets - Aircraft	,
3. Land and support assets - Special purpose vehicles	
Land and support assets - Garage and other work equipment	
5. Land and support assets - Buildings	
6. Land and support assets - Furniture and Office equipment	
7. Land and support assets - General purpose computers	
3. Central Office Switching - Digital	
Central Office Switching - Analog & Electro-mechanical	
Central Office Switching - Operator Systems	
11. Central Office Transmission - Radio Systems	
2. Central Office Transmission - Circuit equipment	
13. Information origination/termination - Station apparatus	
4. Information origination/termination - Customer premises wiring	
15. Information origination/termination - Large private branch exchanges	
16. Information origination/termination - Public telephone terminal equipment	
17. Information origination/termination - Other terminal equipment	
18. Cable and wire facilities - Poles	
19. Cable and wire facilities - Aerial cable - Metal	
20. Cable and wire facilities - Aerial cable - Fiber	
21. Cable and wire facilities - Underground cable - Metal	
22. Cable and wire facilities - Underground cable - Fiber	
23. Cable and wire facilities - Buried cable - Metal	
24. Cable and wire facilities - Buried cable - Fiber	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
25. Cable and wire facilities - Conduit systems	
26. Cable and wire facilities - Other	

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	PART I – STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS	
1.	Beginning Cash (Cash and Equivalents plus RUS Construction Fund)	
	CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
2.	Net Income	
	Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	
3.	Add: Depreciation	
4.	Add: Amortization	
5.	Other (Explain)	
	Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities	
6.	Decrease/(Increase) in Accounts Receivable	
7.	Decrease/(increase) in Materials and Inventory	
8.	Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments and Deferred Charges	
9.	Decrease/(Increase) in Other Current Assets	
10.	Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable	
11.	Increase/(Decrease) in Advance Billings & Payments	
12.	Increase/(Decrease) in Other Current Liabilities	
13.	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operations	
	CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
14.	Decrease/(Increase) in Notes Receivable	
15.	Increase/(Decrease) in Notes Payable	
16.	Increase/(Decrease) in Customer Deposits	
17.	Net Increase/(Decrease) in Long Term Debt (Including Current Maturities)	
18.	Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities & Deferred Credits	
19.	Increase/(Decrease) in Capital Stock, Paid-in Capital, Membership and Capital Certificates & Other Capital	
20.	Less: Payment of Dividends	
21.	Less: Patronage Capital Credits Retlred	
22.	Other (Explain)	
	Oner (LAbidaty)	
23.	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Financing Activitles	
	CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
24.	Net Capital Expenditures (Property, Plant & Equipment)	
25.	Other Long-Term Investments	
26.	Other Noncurrent Assets & Jurisdictional Differences	
27.	Other (Explain)	
28.	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Investing Activities	
29.	Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash	
30.	Ending Cash	Davidia - 2:4: 6046
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