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April 21, 2020

Chairmen
Arkansas Legislative Council
State Capitol Building, Room 315
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Chairmen:

Attached is the quarterly report concerning operation of the Extension of Telecommunications Facilities Fund (ARETFF) for the period January 2020 through March 2020.

Ark. Code Ann. §23-17-404(e) (7) (A) (i) requires the Commission to provide quarterly reports to the Legislative Council concerning operation of the fund. The attachment details the quarterly activity regarding grants requested, awarded, and denied by company and names of the Arkansas General Assembly Members whose constituents benefited from the approved grants. Year-to-date data has been provided for all approved grants. ARETFF financial information is also provided for each month, the quarter and year-to-date.

Questions concerning operation of the ARETFF or the quarterly report may be referred to Clark Cotten, Manager-Engineering at 501-682-5714.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ted J. Thomas".

Ted J. Thomas
Chairman

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Attachments

Arkansas Extension of Telecommunications Facilities Fund
Quarterly Financial Activity
January - March 2020 *
Quarterly Report to the Legislative Council (Section 23-17-404(e)(8)(D)(f))

| | <u>1st Quarter</u> | <u>2nd Quarter</u> | <u>3rd Quarter</u> | <u>4th Quarter</u> | <u>Y-T-D 2020</u> |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <u>Revenues / Assessments</u> | | | | | |
| AHCF | \$83,332.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$83,332.00 |
| Grant True-up Receipts | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Miscellaneous | \$2,520.28 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,520.28 |
| Interest Income | \$2,076.32 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,076.32 |
| Total Revenue | \$87,928.60 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$87,928.60 |

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| <u>Disbursements</u> | | | | | |
| Grant Request Approvals | \$24,740.94 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$24,740.94 |
| Grant True-Up Approvals | \$7,588.28 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$7,588.28 |
| External Audit Fees | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Program Administration Fees | \$2,990.01 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,990.01 |
| Miscellaneous | (\$333,336.00) | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | (\$333,336.00) |
| Total Disbursements | (\$298,016.77) | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | (\$298,016.77) |

| | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Operating Surplus / (Deficit) | \$385,945.37 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$385,945.37 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Fund Balance as of: | <u>1st Quarter</u> | <u>Accounts</u> | |
| 2020 Opening Fund Balance ** | \$2,889,088.89 | Investment 1 | \$2,756,509.21 |
| | | Investment 2 | \$518,525.05 |
| YTD Operating Surplus / Deficit | \$385,945.37 | Investment 3 | \$0.00 |
| Closing Fund Balance | \$3,275,034.26 | | \$3,275,034.26 |

| | <u>1st Quarter</u> | <u>2nd Quarter</u> | <u>3rd Quarter</u> | <u>4th Quarter</u> | <u>Y-T-D 2020</u> |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| <u># of Grant Requests</u> | | | | | |
| Grants | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| True-Ups | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Denied / Withdrawn | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Pending | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| # of New Customers | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |

* Prepared by Arkansas Rural Strategies, LLC from the Monthly reports for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Quarter 2020

**See item Arkansas ARETF Docket No. 02-080-A. Arkansas Rural Strategies, LLC assumed responsibility July 1, 2017. Balance reflects transfers from predecessor and current activity.

Arkansas Extension of Telecommunications Facilities Fund
 Quarterly Grant Application Activity
 January - March 2020
 Quarterly Report to the Legislative Council (Section 23-17-404(e)(8)(D)(i))

| Initial Grants | | | | | |
|---------------------|----------------------|---------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| <u>ARETFF App #</u> | <u>Company Name</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Customer Name</u> | <u>Senator</u> | <u>Representative</u> |
| 2020-001 | CenturyLink Arkansas | \$24,740.94 | Candace Anseimi | Ronald Caldwell | Craig Christiansen |
| | | \$0.00 | | | |
| | | \$0.00 | | | |
| | | \$0.00 | | | |
| | | \$0.00 | | | |
| | | \$0.00 | | | |
| | | \$0.00 | | | |
| | | \$0.00 | | | |
| | | \$0.00 | | | |
| | | \$24,740.94 | | | |

| Grant True-Up Activity | | | |
|------------------------|--|---------------|----------------------|
| <u>ARETFF App #</u> | <u>Company Name</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Customer Name</u> |
| 2019-022TU | Southwest Arkansas Telephone Cooperative | \$7,588.28 | Brad Tharp |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | \$7,588.28 | |

| Grants Denied / Returned / Withdrawn | | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| <u>ARETFF App #</u> | <u>Company Name</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Customer Name</u> |
| 2019-029 | CenturyLink Arkansas | (\$2,520.28) | Stroud |
| | | \$0.00 | |
| | | (\$2,520.28) | |

Prepared by Arkansas Rural Strategies, LLC from the Monthly reports for the 1st Quarter 2020

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Arkansas Extension of Telecommunications Facilities Fund

Quarterly Statement by Company

January - March 2020

Prepared for the Arkansas Public Service Commission by Arkansas Rural Strategies, LLC.

| <u>GRANT PAYMENTS</u> | Initial Grants | | | | <u>Year-to-date</u> |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| | <u>1Q2020</u> | <u>2Q2020</u> | <u>3Q2020</u> | <u>4Q2020</u> | |
| CenturyLink of Arkansas | \$24,740.94 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$24,740.94 |
| | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| <u>TOTAL GRANT PAYMENTS</u> | <u>\$24,740.94</u> | <u>\$0.00</u> | <u>\$0.00</u> | <u>\$0.00</u> | <u>\$24,740.94</u> |

| <u>GRANT TRUE-UP PAYMENTS</u> | Grant True-Up Activity | | | | <u>Year-to-date</u> |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| | <u>1Q2020</u> | <u>2Q2020</u> | <u>3Q2020</u> | <u>4Q2020</u> | |
| Southwest Arkansas Telephone Cooperative | \$7,588.28 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$7,588.28 |
| | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| <u>TOTAL GRANT TRUE-UP PAYMENTS</u> | <u>\$7,588.28</u> | <u>\$0.00</u> | <u>\$0.00</u> | <u>\$0.00</u> | <u>\$7,588.28</u> |

Prepared by Arkansas Rural Strategies, LLC from the Monthly reports for the 1st Quarter 2020

See item Arkansas ARETFF Docket No. 02-080-A. Arkansas Rural Strategies, LLC assumed responsibility July 1, 2017. Balance reflects transfers from predecessor and current activity.

**Arkansas Extension of Telecommunications Facilities Fund
 Statement of Fund Performance**

Prepared for the Arkansas Public Service Commission by Arkansas Rural Strategies, LLC

| Monthly Activity For | <u>January 2020</u> | <u>Y-T-D 2019</u> |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <u>Revenues / Assessments</u> | | |
| ARHCF Support | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Grant True-up Receipts | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Miscellaneous | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Interest Income | \$643.33 | \$643.33 |
| Total Revenue | \$643.33 | \$643.33 |
| <u>Disbursements</u> | | |
| Grant Request Approvals | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Grant True-Up Approvals | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| External Audit Fees | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Program Administration Fees | \$996.67 | \$996.67 |
| Miscellaneous | (\$333,336.00) | (\$333,336.00) |
| Total Disbursements | (\$332,339.33) | (\$332,339.33) |
| Operating Surplus / (Deficit) | \$332,982.66 | \$332,982.66 |

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Fund Balance as of: | <u>January 2020</u> | <u>Accounts</u> |
| 2019 Opening Fund Balance | \$2,889,088.89 | Investment 1 \$2,703,860.31 |
| | | Investment 2 \$518,211.24 |
| YTD Operating Surplus / Deficit | \$332,982.66 | Investment 3 \$0.00 |
| Closing Fund Balance | \$3,222,071.55 | \$3,222,071.55 |

**Arkansas Extension of Telecommunications Facilities Fund
 Statement of Fund Performance**

Prepared for the Arkansas Public Service Commission by Arkansas Rural Strategies, LLC

| Monthly Activity For | <u>February 2020</u> | <u>Y-T-D 2019</u> |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| <u>Revenues / Assessments</u> | | |
| ARHCF Support | \$41,666.00 | \$41,666.00 |
| Grant True-up Receipts | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Miscellaneous | \$2,520.28 | \$2,520.28 |
| Interest Income | \$787.98 | \$1,431.31 |
| Total Revenue | <u>\$44,974.26</u> | <u>\$45,617.59</u> |
| <u>Disbursements</u> | | |
| Grant Request Approvals | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Grant True-Up Approvals | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| External Audit Fees | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Program Administration Fees | \$996.67 | \$1,993.34 |
| Miscellaneous | \$0.00 | (\$333,336.00) |
| Total Disbursements | <u>\$996.67</u> | <u>(\$331,342.66)</u> |
| Operating Surplus / (Deficit) | \$43,977.59 | \$376,960.25 |

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Fund Balance as of: | <u>February 2020</u> | <u>Accounts</u> |
| 2019 Opening Fund Balance | \$2,889,088.89 | Investment 1 \$2,747,673.21 |
| | | Investment 2 \$518,375.93 |
| YTD Operating Surplus / Deficit | \$376,960.25 | Investment 3 \$0.00 |
| Closing Fund Balance | <u>\$3,266,049.14</u> | <u>\$3,266,049.14</u> |

**Arkansas Extension of Telecommunications Facilities Fund
 Statement of Fund Performance**

Prepared for the Arkansas Public Service Commission by Arkansas Rural Strategies, LLC

| Monthly Activity For | <u>March 2020</u> | <u>Y-T-D 2019</u> |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| <u>Revenues / Assessments</u> | | |
| ARHCF Support | \$41,666.00 | \$83,332.00 |
| Grant True-up Receipts | \$0.00 | \$2,520.28 |
| Miscellaneous | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Interest Income | \$645.01 | \$2,076.32 |
| Total Revenue | <u>\$42,311.01</u> | <u>\$87,928.60</u> |
| <u>Disbursements</u> | | |
| Grant Request Approvals | \$24,740.94 | \$24,740.94 |
| Grant True-Up Approvals | \$7,588.28 | \$7,588.28 |
| External Audit Fees | | \$0.00 |
| Program Administration Fees | \$996.67 | \$2,990.01 |
| Miscellaneous | | (\$333,336.00) |
| Total Disbursements | <u>\$33,325.89</u> | <u>(\$298,016.77)</u> |
| Operating Surplus / (Deficit) | \$8,985.12 | \$385,945.37 |

Fund Balance as of:

| | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2019 Opening Fund Balance | <u>March 2020</u> | <u>Accounts</u> |
| | \$2,889,088.89 | Investment 1 \$2,756,509.21 |
| YTD Operating Surplus / Deficit | \$385,945.37 | Investment 2 \$518,525.05 |
| Closing Fund Balance | <u>\$3,275,034.26</u> | Investment 3 \$0.00 |
| | | <u>\$3,275,034.26</u> |