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May 1, 2018

Chairmen
Arkansas Legislative Council
State Capitol Building, Room 315
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Dear Chairmen:

Attached is the quarterly report concerning operation of the Extension of Telecommunications Facilities fund (ETFF) for the period January 2018 through March 2018.

Arkansas Code Annotated § 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 the Arkansas General Assembly Members whose constituents benefited from the approved grants. Year-to-date data has been provided for all approved grants. ETFF financial information is also provided for each month, the quarter and year-to-date.

Questions concerning operation of the ETFF or the quarterly report may be referred to Clark Cotten, Manager – Telecommunications and Quality of Service 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

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April 23, 2018

Re: Arkansas Extension of Telecommunications Facilities Fund
Arkansas PSC Docket No. 02-080-A

Secretary of the Commission
Arkansas Public Service Commission
1000 Center Street
Little Rock, AR 72201

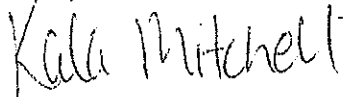
Dear Secretary,

Enclosed are the following documents for filing in the above captioned docket:

- (*) Suggested language to submit to the Chairman of the appropriate committees to accompany the transmittal of the quarterly report of the Arkansas Extension of Telecommunications Facilities Fund.
- (*) Monthly Status Reports for the Arkansas Extension of Telecommunications Facilities Fund for the activity months of January, February, and March 2018.
- (*) A Statement of the Arkansas Extension of Telecommunications Facilities Fund disbursements, by Company, for the 1st quarter of 2018.
- (*) A statement of grant application activity for the 1st quarter of 2018.
- (*) A statement of grant financial activity for the 1st quarter of 2018.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the enclosed materials.

Thank you,



Kala Mitchell
Arkansas Rural Strategies, LLC
Administrator

April 23, 2018

Arkansas Public Service Docket 02-080-A

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Attached is the quarterly report concerning operation of the Extension of Telecommunications Facilities Fund (ARETFF) for the period January 2018 through March 2018.

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Questions concerning operation of the ARETFF or the quarterly report may be referred to Clark Cotten, Manger-Telecommunications and Quality of Service at 501-682-5714.

Arkansas Extension of Telecommunications Facilities Fund
Quarterly Financial Activity
January - March 2018 *
Quarterly Report to the Legislative Council [Section 23-17-404(e)(8)(D)(i)]

	<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>Y-T-D 2018-</u>
Revenues / Assessments					
AICCLP	\$83,332.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$83,332.00
Grant True-up Receipts	\$802.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$802.97
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$3,060.46	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,060.46
Total Revenue	\$87,195.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$87,195.43

Disbursements					
Grant Request Approvals	\$8,126.84	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,126.84
Grant True-Up Approvals	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Disbursements	\$11,116.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,116.85

Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	\$76,078.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$76,078.58
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Fund Balance as of:	<u>1st Quarter</u>	Accounts	
2018 Opening Fund Balance **	\$2,964,951.72	Investment 1	\$1,970,806.51
		Investment 2	\$514,415.21
YTD Operating Surplus / Deficit	\$76,078.58	Investment 3	\$555,808.58
Closing Fund Balance	<u>\$3,041,030.30</u>		<u>\$3,041,030.30</u>

	<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>Y-T-D 2018</u>
# of Grant Requests					
Grants	2	0	0	0	2
True-Ups	1	0	0	0	1
Denied / Withdrawn	0	0	0	0	0
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 2018

**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 Statement by Company

January - March 2018

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

GRANT PAYMENTS	Initial Grants				
	1Q2018	2Q2018	3Q2018	4Q2018	Year-to-date
CenturyLink of Arkansas	\$5,570.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,570.01
Yelcot Telephone Company	\$2,556.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,556.83
	\$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
TOTAL GRANT PAYMENTS	\$8,126.84	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,126.84

GRANT TRUE-UP PAYMENTS	Grant True-Up Activity				
	1Q2018	2Q2018	3Q2018	4Q2018	Year-to-date
Yelcot Telephone Company	(\$802.97)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$802.97)
	\$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
TOTAL GRANT TRUE-UP PAYMENTS	(\$802.97)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$802.97)

Prepared by Arkansas Rural Strategies, LLC from the Monthly reports for the 1st Quarter 2018

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**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 2018</u>	<u>Y-T-D 2018</u>
<u>Revenues / Assessments</u>		
ARHCF Support	\$41,666.00	\$41,666.00
Grant True-up Receipts	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$1,051.16	\$1,051.16
Total Revenue	<u>\$42,717.16</u>	<u>\$42,717.16</u>
 <u>Disbursements</u>		
Grant Request Approvals	\$2,556.83	\$2,556.83
Grant True-Up Approvals	\$0.00	\$0.00
External Audit Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00
Program Administration Fees	\$996.67	\$996.67
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Disbursements	<u>\$3,553.50</u>	<u>\$3,553.50</u>
 Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	 \$39,163.66	 \$39,163.66

Fund Balance as of:	<u>January 2018</u>	<u>Accounts</u>
2018 Opening Fund Balance	\$2,964,951.72	Investment 1 \$1,934,345.93
		Investment 2 \$514,082.76
YTD Operating Surplus / Deficit	\$39,163.66	Investment 3 \$555,686.69
Closing Fund Balance	<u>\$3,004,115.38</u>	<u>\$3,004,115.38</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>February 2018</u>	<u>Y-T-D 2018</u>
<u>Revenues / Assessments</u>		
ARHCF Support	\$41,666.00	\$83,332.00
Grant True-up Receipts	\$802.97	\$802.97
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$958.58	\$2,009.74
Total Revenue	<u>\$43,427.55</u>	<u>\$86,144.71</u>
 <u>Disbursements</u>		
Grant Request Approvals	\$0.00	\$2,556.83
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	\$0.00
Total Disbursements	<u>\$996.67</u>	<u>\$4,550.17</u>
 Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	 \$42,430.88	 \$81,594.54

Fund Balance as of:	<u>February 2018</u>	<u>Accounts</u>
2018 Opening Fund Balance	\$2,964,951.72	Investment 1 \$1,976,561.12
		Investment 2 \$514,240.51
YTD Operating Surplus / Deficit	\$81,594.54	Investment 3 \$555,744.63
Closing Fund Balance	<u>\$3,046,546.26</u>	<u>\$3,046,546.26</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 2018</u>	<u>Y-T-O 2018</u>
<u>Revenues / Assessments</u>		
ARHCF Support	\$0.00	\$83,332.00
Grant True-up Receipts	\$0.00	\$802.97
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest Income	<u>\$1,050.72</u>	<u>\$3,060.46</u>
Total Revenue	<u><u>\$1,050.72</u></u>	<u><u>\$87,195.43</u></u>
<u>Disbursements</u>		
Grant Request Approvals	\$5,570.01	\$8,126.84
Grant True-Up Approvals	\$0.00	\$0.00
External Audit Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00
Program Administration Fees	\$996.67	\$2,990.01
Miscellaneous	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total Disbursements	<u><u>\$6,566.68</u></u>	<u><u>\$11,116.85</u></u>
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$5,515.96)	\$76,078.58

Fund Balance as of:	<u>March 2018</u>	<u>Accounts</u>
2018 Opening Fund Balance	\$2,964,951.72	Investment 1 \$1,970,806.51
		Investment 2 \$514,415.21
YTD Operating Surplus / Deficit	<u>\$76,078.58</u>	Investment 3 \$555,808.58
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