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April 25, 2024

Chairman Jeff Wardlaw
Arkansas Legislative Council
State Capitol Building, Room 315
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Chairman Wardlaw:

Attached is the quarterly report concerning operation of the Arkansas Extension of Telecommunications Facilities Fund (ARETFF) for the period January 2024 through March 2024.

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 Elana Foley, Director of Telecommunications and Consumer Services, at 501-682-5658.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

Arkansas Extension of Telecommunications Facilities Fund

Quarterly Financial Activity

January - March 2024 *

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 2024</u>
Revenues / Assessments					
AHCF	\$124,998.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$124,998.00
Grant True-up Receipts	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$7,002.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,002.14
Total Revenue	\$132,000.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$132,000.14
Disbursements					
Grant Request Approvals		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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	\$2,990.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,990.01
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	\$129,010.13	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$129,010.13

Fund Balance as of:	<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>Accounts</u>	
2024 Opening Fund Balance **	\$4,358,532.13	Investment 1	\$3,961,698.01
		Investment 2	\$525,844.25
YTD Operating Surplus / Deficit	\$129,010.13	Investment 3	\$0.00
Closing Fund Balance	\$4,487,542.26		\$4,487,542.26

	<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>Y-T-D 2024</u>
# of Grant Requests					
Grants	0	0	0	0	0
True-Ups	0	0	0	0	0
Denied / Withdrawn	0	0	0	0	0
Pending	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0
# of New Customers	0	0	0	0	0

* Prepared by Arkansas Rural Strategies, LLC from the Monthly reports for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Quarter 2024

**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
Quarterly Grant Application Activity
January - March 2024
Quarterly Report to the Legislative Council (Section 23-17-404(e)(8)(D)(i))

<u>ARETFF App #</u>	<u>Company Name</u>	<u>Initial Grants</u>			
		<u>Amount</u>	<u>Customer Name</u>	<u>Senator</u>	<u>Representative</u>
		\$0.00			
		\$0.00			
		\$0.00			
		\$0.00			
		\$0.00			
		\$0.00			
		\$0.00			
		\$0.00			
		\$0.00			
		\$0.00			

<u>ARETFF App #</u>	<u>Company Name</u>	<u>Grant True-Up Activity</u>	
		<u>Amount</u>	<u>Customer Name</u>
			Cody Askew
		\$0.00	

<u>ARETFF App #</u>	<u>Company Name</u>	<u>Grants Denied / Returned / Withdrawn</u>	
		<u>Amount</u>	<u>Customer Name</u>
		\$0.00	
		\$0.00	
		\$0.00	

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Arkansas Extension of Telecommunications Facilities Fund

Quarterly Statement by Company

January- March 2024

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

<u>GRANT PAYMENTS</u>	Initial Grants				<u>Year-to-date</u>
	<u>1Q2024</u>	<u>2Q2024</u>	<u>3Q2024</u>	<u>4Q2024</u>	
	\$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
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>TOTAL GRANT PAYMENTS</u>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

<u>GRANT TRUE-UP PAYMENTS</u>	Grant True-Up Activity				<u>Year-to-date</u>
	<u>1Q2024</u>	<u>2Q2024</u>	<u>3Q2024</u>	<u>4Q2024</u>	
Southwest AR Telephone Cooperative	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Yelcot Telephone Company	\$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>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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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 2024</u>	<u>Y-T-D 2024</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	\$2,368.49	\$2,368.49
Total Revenue	\$44,034.49	\$44,034.49
 <u>Disbursements</u>		
Grant Request Approvals		\$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	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Disbursements	\$996.67	\$996.67
 Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	 \$43,037.82	 \$43,037.82

Fund Balance as of:	<u>January 2024</u>	<u>Accounts</u>
2024 Opening Fund Balance	\$4,358,532.13	Investment 1 \$3,876,200.80
		Investment 2 \$525,369.15
YTD Operating Surplus / Deficit	\$43,037.82	Investment 3 \$0.00
Closing Fund Balance	\$4,401,569.95	\$4,401,569.95

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

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Monthly Activity For	<u>February 2024</u>	<u>Y-T-D 2024</u>
<u>Revenues / Assessments</u>		
ARHCF Support	\$41,666.00	\$83,332.00
Grant True-up Receipts	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$2,227.48	\$4,595.97
Total Revenue	<u>\$43,893.48</u>	<u>\$87,927.97</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	\$0.00
Total Disbursements	<u>\$996.67</u>	<u>\$1,993.34</u>
 Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	 \$42,896.81	 \$85,934.63

Fund Balance as of:

2024 Opening Fund Balance

YTD Operating Surplus / Deficit
Closing Fund Balance

<u>February 2024</u>	<u>Accounts</u>	
\$4,358,532.13	Investment 1	\$3,918,868.03
	Investment 2	\$525,598.73
\$85,934.63	Investment 3	\$0.00
<u>\$4,444,466.76</u>		<u>\$4,444,466.76</u>

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

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Monthly Activity For	<u>March 2024</u>	<u>Y-T-D 2024</u>
<u>Revenues / Assessments</u>		
ARHCF Support	\$41,666.00	\$124,998.00
Grant True-up Receipts	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$2,406.17	\$7,002.14
Total Revenue	<u>\$44,072.17</u>	<u>\$132,000.14</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	\$2,990.01
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Disbursements	<u>\$996.67</u>	<u>\$2,990.01</u>
 Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	 \$43,075.50	 \$129,010.13

Fund Balance as of:	<u>March 2024</u>	<u>Accounts</u>
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Quarterly Financial Activity
October - December 2023 *
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 2023</u>
Revenues / Assessments					
AHCF	\$124,998.00	\$124,998.00	\$124,998.00	\$124,998.00	\$499,992.00
Grant True-up Receipts	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$6,127.11	\$6,740.22	\$6,845.61	\$7,084.64	\$26,797.58
Total Revenue	\$131,125.11	\$131,738.22	\$131,843.61	\$132,082.64	\$526,789.58

Disbursements					
Grant Request Approvals	\$128,011.66	\$94,809.54	\$0.00	\$114,751.70	\$337,572.90
Grant True-Up Approvals	\$0.00	\$12,288.47	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,288.47
External Audit Fees	\$17,390.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,695.00	\$26,085.00
Program Administration Fees	\$2,990.01	\$2,990.01	\$2,990.01	\$2,990.01	\$11,960.04
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$307.03	\$307.03
Total Disbursements	\$148,391.67	\$110,088.02	\$2,990.01	\$126,743.74	\$388,213.44

Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$17,266.56)	\$21,650.20	\$128,853.60	\$5,338.90	\$138,576.14
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Fund Balance as of:	<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>Accounts</u>	
2023 Opening Fund Balance **	\$4,219,955.99	Investment 1	\$3,833,408.28
		Investment 2	\$525,123.85
YTD Operating Surplus / Deficit	\$138,576.14	Investment 3	\$0.00
Closing Fund Balance	\$4,358,532.13		\$4,358,532.13

# of Grant Requests	<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>Y-T-D 2023</u>
Grants	5	1	0	4	10
True-Ups	0	2	0	0	2
Denied / Withdrawn	0	0	0	0	0
Pending	0	0	0	0	0
Total	5	3	0	4	12
# of New Customers	5	1	0	4	10

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Arkansas Extension of Telecommunications Facilities Fund
 Quarterly Grant Application Activity
 October - December 2023
 Quarterly Report to the Legislative Council (Section 23-17-404(e)(8)(D)(i))

Initial Grants					
<u>ARETF App #</u>	<u>Company Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Customer Name</u>	<u>Senator</u>	<u>Representative</u>
2023-007	Northern Arkansas Telephone Company	\$497.30	Orville Mears	Mark Johnson	Jack Fortner
2023-008	Northern Arkansas Telephone Company	\$608.60	Tamara McCulough	Bryan King	Harlan Breaux
2023-009	Southwest Arkansas Telephone Cooperative	\$95,981.68	JD Courtney	Jimmy Hickey	Lane Jean
2023-010	Madison County Telephone Company	\$17,664.12	Dane Hollis	Bryan King	Mark Berry
		\$0.00			
		\$0.00			
		\$0.00			
		\$0.00			
		<u>\$114,751.70</u>			

Grant True-Up Activity		
<u>ARETF App #</u>	<u>Company Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
		\$0.00
		\$0.00
		<u>\$0.00</u>

Grants Denied / Returned / Withdrawn		
<u>ARETF App #</u>	<u>Company Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
		\$0.00
		\$0.00
		<u>\$0.00</u>

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Arkansas Extension of Telecommunications Facilities Fund

Quarterly Statement by Company

October - December 2023

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<u>GRANT PAYMENTS</u>	Initial Grants				
	<u>1Q2023</u>	<u>2Q2023</u>	<u>3Q2023</u>	<u>4Q2023</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
Southwest Ar Telephone Cooperative	\$105,629.38	\$94,809.54	\$0.00	\$95,981.68	\$296,420.60
Yelcot Telephone Company	\$2,719.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,719.00
Madison County Telephone Company	\$19,663.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,664.12	\$37,327.40
Northern Arkansas Telephone Company	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,105.90	\$1,105.90
	\$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>	\$128,011.66	\$94,809.54	\$0.00	\$114,751.70	\$337,572.90

<u>GRANT TRUE-UP PAYMENTS</u>	Grant True-Up Activity				
	<u>1Q2023</u>	<u>2Q2023</u>	<u>3Q2023</u>	<u>4Q2023</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
Southwest AR Telephone Cooperative	\$0.00	\$12,288.47	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,288.47
Yelcot Telephone Company	\$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>	\$0.00	\$12,288.47	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,288.47

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

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Monthly Activity For	<u>December 2023</u>	<u>Y-T-D 2023</u>
<u>Revenues / Assessments</u>		
ARHCF Support	\$41,666.00	\$499,992.00
Grant True-up Receipts	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$2,409.11	\$26,797.58
Total Revenue	<u>\$44,075.11</u>	<u>\$526,789.58</u>
<u>Disbursements</u>		
Grant Request Approvals	\$114,751.70	\$337,572.90
Grant True-Up Approvals	\$0.00	\$12,288.47
External Audit Fees	\$8,695.00	\$26,085.00
Program Administration Fees	\$996.67	\$11,960.04
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$307.03
Total Disbursements	<u>\$124,443.37</u>	<u>\$388,213.44</u>
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$80,368.26)	\$138,576.14

Fund Balance as of:	<u>December 2023</u>	<u>Accounts</u>
2022 Opening Fund Balance	\$4,219,955.99	Investment 1 \$3,833,408.28
		Investment 2 \$525,123.85
YTD Operating Surplus / Deficit	<u>\$138,576.14</u>	Investment 3 \$0.00
Closing Fund Balance	<u>\$4,358,532.13</u>	<u>\$4,358,532.13</u>

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

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Monthly Activity For	<u>November 2023</u>	<u>Y-T-D 2023</u>
<u>Revenues / Assessments</u>		
ARHCF Support	\$41,666.00	\$458,326.00
Grant True-up Receipts	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$2,307.08	\$24,388.47
Total Revenue	<u>\$43,973.08</u>	<u>\$482,714.47</u>
<u>Disbursements</u>		
Grant Request Approvals	\$0.00	\$222,821.20
Grant True-Up Approvals	\$0.00	\$12,288.47
External Audit Fees	\$0.00	\$17,390.00
Program Administration Fees	\$996.67	\$10,963.37
Miscellaneous	\$307.03	\$307.03
Total Disbursements	<u>\$1,303.70</u>	<u>\$263,770.07</u>
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	\$42,669.38	\$218,944.40

Fund Balance as of:	<u>November 2023</u>	<u>Accounts</u>
2022 Opening Fund Balance	\$4,219,955.99	Investment 1 \$3,914,021.72
		Investment 2 \$524,878.67
YTD Operating Surplus / Deficit	\$218,944.40	Investment 3 \$0.00
Closing Fund Balance	<u>\$4,438,900.39</u>	<u>\$4,438,900.39</u>

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Monthly Activity For	<u>October 2023</u>	<u>Y-T-D 2023</u>
<u>Revenues / Assessments</u>		
ARHCF Support	\$41,666.00	\$416,660.00
Grant True-up Receipts	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$2,368.45	\$22,081.39
Total Revenue	<u>\$44,034.45</u>	<u>\$438,741.39</u>
<u>Disbursements</u>		
Grant Request Approvals	\$0.00	\$222,821.20
Grant True-Up Approvals	\$0.00	\$12,288.47
External Audit Fees	\$0.00	\$17,390.00
Program Administration Fees	\$996.67	\$9,966.70
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Disbursements	<u>\$996.67</u>	<u>\$262,466.37</u>
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	\$43,037.78	\$176,275.02

Fund Balance as of:	<u>October 2023</u>	<u>Accounts</u>
2022 Opening Fund Balance	\$4,219,955.99	Investment 1 \$3,871,589.51
		Investment 2 \$524,641.50
YTD Operating Surplus / Deficit	\$176,275.02	Investment 3 \$0.00
Closing Fund Balance	<u>\$4,396,231.01</u>	<u>\$4,396,231.01</u>