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Mr. Darrell Nitschke  
Executive Secretary  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 E. Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0602

Re: James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company – 2018 ETC Annual Report

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

On behalf of James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company of Groton, South Dakota, enclosed are the following Annual Reports for Designated Eligible Telecommunications Carriers pursuant to NDAC 69-09-05-12.1:

1. 2018 Annual Report **for public filing** (three copies), including:
  - Exhibit A - 2017 Federal Universal Service Receipts and Expenditures (*redacted*) and
  - Exhibit B - Estimates of USF for 2019/2020 (*redacted*) and
2. 2018 Annual Report **NOT for public filing** (three copies), including:
  - Exhibit A - 2017 Federal Universal Service Receipts and Expenditures (not redacted) and
  - Exhibit B - Estimates of USF for 2019/2020 (not redacted).

Sincerely yours,

JAMES M. CREMER

Enclosures

cc: Via email:  
Patrick Fahn/ND Public Service Commission  
James Groft

1 **PU-18-295** Filed: 7/26/2018 Pages: 5  
ND Admin Code Section 69-09-05-12.1 Annual Report  
- redacted

James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company  
James Cremer

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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JAMES VALLEY COOPERATIVE  
TELEPHONE COMPANY'S  
2018 ANNUAL REPORT FOR  
DESIGNATED ELIGIBLE  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIERS

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CASE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company ("JVT"), pursuant to North Dakota Administrative Code § 69-09-05-12.1, does hereby file this Annual Report for Designated Eligible Telecommunication Carriers and in support of the Report states as follows:

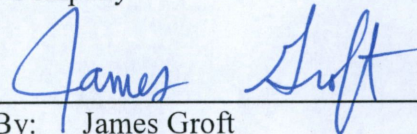
1. **Amount of High-Cost Universal Service Support in Prior Calendar Year** – See attached:
  - a. **Exhibit A** – 2017 Federal Universal Service Receipts and Expenditures (*Confidential and redacted*) and
  - b. **Exhibit B** – Estimates of USF for 2019/2020 (*Confidential and redacted*).
2. **Outage Information** – During calendar year 2017, JVT experienced no service outages affecting at least 10 percent of its end user customers, for a period lasting longer than 30 minutes.
3. **Unfulfilled Requests for Service** –JVT was able to provide service to all potential customers that requested service during 2017 and, as of December 31, 2017, JVT had no unfulfilled requests for service.
4. **Complaints per One Thousand Lines** – During 2017, JVT's customer service department received no formal complaints from consumers.
5. **Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules** –JVT satisfying and will satisfy applicable consumer protection and service quality standards.
6. **Function in Emergency** –JVT is able to remain functional in emergency situations and has a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source.
7. **Local Usage Plans** –JVT offering a local usage plan comparable to that offered by the incumbent LEC in the relevant designated service area.

8. **Equal Access to Long-Distance Carriers** –JVT acknowledges that the North Dakota Public Service Commission may require it to provide equal access to long-distance carriers, in the event that no other eligible telecommunications carrier is providing equal access within the proposed designated service area.

I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct and is submitted on behalf of the Company.

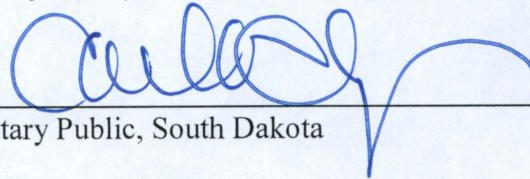
Dated: July 23 2018.

James Valley Cooperative Telephone  
Company



By: James Groft  
Title: CEO

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2018.



Notary Public, South Dakota

My Commission Expires: 9-9-2023

**Exhibit A**

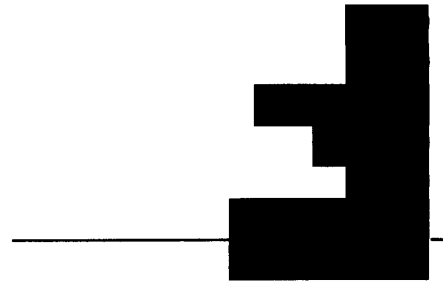
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**Progress Report**

**JAMES VALLEY COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY**

**Year 2017 Federal Universal Service Receipts:**

Connect America Fund Broadband Loop Support (CAF-BLS)  
Interstate Common Line Support (ICLS)  
Connect America Fund Intercarrier Compensation (CAF-ICC)  
High Cost Loop Support (HCLS)  
Safety Net Additive Support/Safety Valve Loop Cost Adjustment  
Alternative Connect America Cost Model (A-CAM)  
**Total**



**Expenditures For Provision, Maintenance, and Upgrading Of Facilities and Services Supported By Federal Universal Service Funding:**

**Actual  
2017**

**Plant Specific Operations Expenses**

Network support (Accts 6110-16)  
General support (Accts 6120-24)  
Central office (Accts 6210-6232)  
Cable and wire facilities (Accts 6410-41)  
Network operations (Accts 6530-35)  
Depreciation and amortization (Accts 6560-65)



**Customer Operations Expenses**

Customer services (Accts 6620-23)



**Corporate Operations Expenses**

Executive and planning (Accts 6710-12)  
General and administrative (Accts 6720-28)

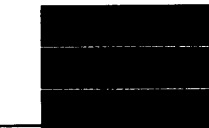


**Total Years Supported Expenses, Before Return on Investment**

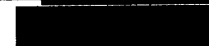


**Additions**

Switching (Acct 2210)  
Transmission (Acct 2230)  
Cable and wire (Acct 2410)



**Total Additions**



**Total Supported Expenditures, Before Return on Investment**



Capital additions for 2017 included fiber and copper cable construction in several of JVCTC's exchanges to reach new subscribers or to facilitate subscriber upgrades. Additional transmission equipment and electronics were installed as well as replacement electronics added in exchanges as necessary.

**EXHIBIT B**  
**Two Year Plan**  
**JAMES VALLEY COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY**

The Company's service quality improvement plan is to continue to upgrade its telecommunications facilities and equipment as necessary to meet customer demand for essential voice communications services and evolving broadband service needs throughout its service area. The Company believes that its planned capital additions will allow for the continued delivery of high quality, reliable voice services and will also extend the reach and speed of its available broadband services. In furtherance of its service quality improvement plan, the Company will use high-cost universal service amounts received by it to offset expenditures incurred relating to the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of supported facilities and services.

Estimated Total Year 2019 Federal Universal Service Receipts [REDACTED]

Estimated Total Years Supported Expenses, Before Return on Investment [REDACTED]

Estimated Total Additions [REDACTED]

Total Supported Expenditures, Before Return on Investment [REDACTED]

**Proposed Network Improvements:**

The Company's 2019 estimated capital additions included with last year's filing are provided again for reference, together with capital additions planned for 2020.

Wire Center	Estimated Population	Description of Capital Improvement	Start Date	End Date	Estimated Capital Expenditures Each Year	
					2019	2020
298-Andover	166	Cable replacement/additions/fiber	5/19	11/19	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
492-Bristol	693	Cable replacement/additions/fiber	5/19	11/19	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
294-Claremont	217	Cable replacement/additions/fiber	5/19	11/19	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
396-Columbia	234	Cable replacement/additions/fiber	5/19	11/19	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
382-Conde	313	Cable replacement/additions/fiber	5/19	11/19	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
635-Doland	496	Cable replacement/additions/fiber	5/19	11/19	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
395-Ferney	160	Cable replacement/additions/fiber	5/19	11/19	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
329-Frederick	635	Cable replacement/additions/fiber	5/19	11/19	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
397-Groton	2265	Cable replacement/additions/fiber	5/19	11/19	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
397-Groton	6629	Switch replacement/additions	5/19	11/19	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
994-Hecla	524	Cable replacement/additions/fiber	5/19	11/19	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
885-Houghton	95	Cable replacement/additions/fiber	5/19	11/19	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
887-Mellette	730	Cable replacement/additions/fiber	5/19	11/19	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
897-Turton	102	Cable replacement/additions/fiber	5/19	11/19	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]