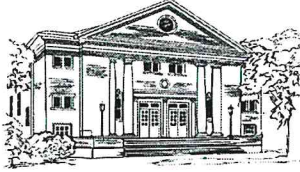


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Mr. Victor Schock
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North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 408
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Re: James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company – 2024 ETC Annual Report

Dear Mr. Schock:

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. The 2024 Annual Report **for public filing** including:

Exhibit A - 2023 Federal Universal Service Receipts and Expenditures (*redacted*);

Exhibit B - Estimates of USF for 2025/2026 (*redacted*); and
2. The 2024 Annual Report **NOT for public filing** including:

Exhibit A - 2023 Federal Universal Service Receipts and Expenditures (*not redacted*);

Mr. Victor Schock

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Exhibit B - Estimates of USF for 2025/2026 (*not redacted*).

Sincerely,

James M. Cremer

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Enclosures

cc: James Groft w/enc. via email

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

JAMES VALLEY COOPERATIVE
TELEPHONE COMPANY'S
2024 ETC ANNUAL REPORT

CASE NO. 14-58

As Required by ND Admin. Code § 69-09-
05-12.1

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 Received in 2023 and Expected for 2025**– See attached:
 - a. **Exhibit A** – 2023 Federal Universal Service Receipts and Expenditures (*Confidential*) and
 - b. **Exhibit B** – Estimates of USF for 2025/2026 (*Confidential*).
2. **Outage Information** – During calendar year 2023, 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 2023 and, as of December 31, 2023, JVT had no unfulfilled requests for service.
4. **Complaints per One Thousand Lines** – During 2023, JVT’s customer service department received no formal complaints from consumers.
5. **Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules** –JVT has satisfied 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 offers 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: 7/22/2024

James Valley Cooperative Telephone
Company



By: **James Groft**
Title: CEO

CONFIDENTIAL EXHIBIT A



Progress Report

James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company

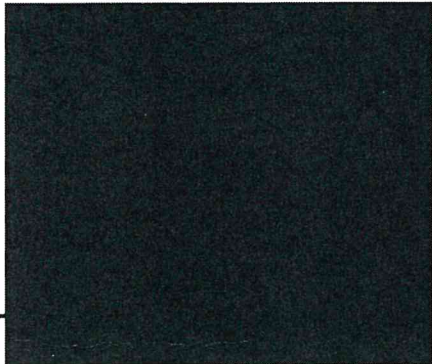
2024 Annual ETC Filing

Year 2023 Federal Universal Service Receipts:

- Connect America Fund Broadband Loop Support (CAF-BLS)
- Interstate Common Line Support (ICLS)
- Connect America Fund Inter-carrier Compensation (CAF-ICC)
- High Cost Loop Support (HCLS)
- Safety Net Additive Support/Safety Valve Loop Cost Adjustment
- Alternative Connect America Cost Model (A-CAM)
- Rural Development Opportunity Fund (RDOF)

Total

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

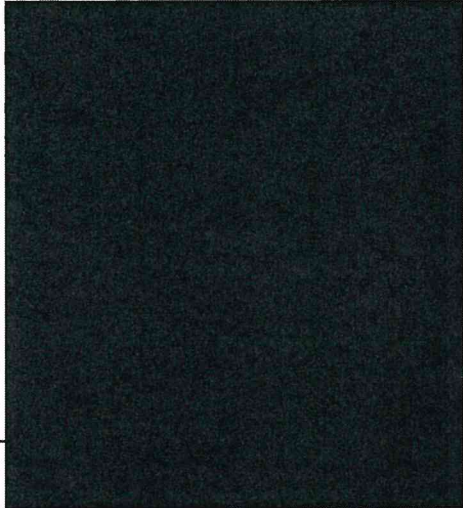


Actual

2023

Plant Specific Operations Expenses

- Network support
- General support
- Central office
- Cable and wire facilities
- Network operations
- Depreciation and amortization



Customer Operations Expenses

Customer services (Accts 6620-23)

Corporate Operations Expenses

Executive and planning

General and administrative

Total Years Supported Expenses, Before Return on Investment

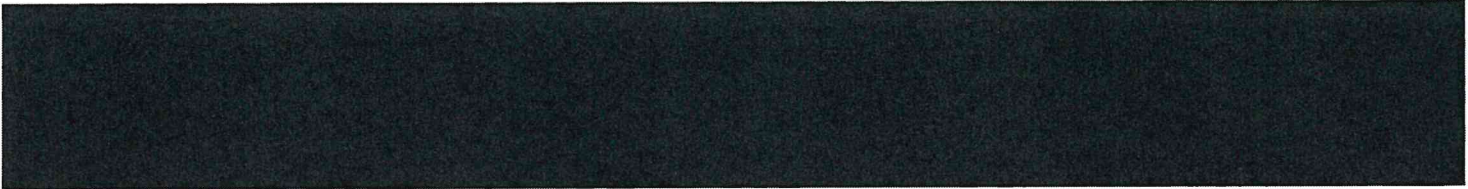
Additions

- Switching
- Transmission
- Cable and wire



Total Additions

Total Supported Expenditures, Before Return on Investment



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Two Year Plan



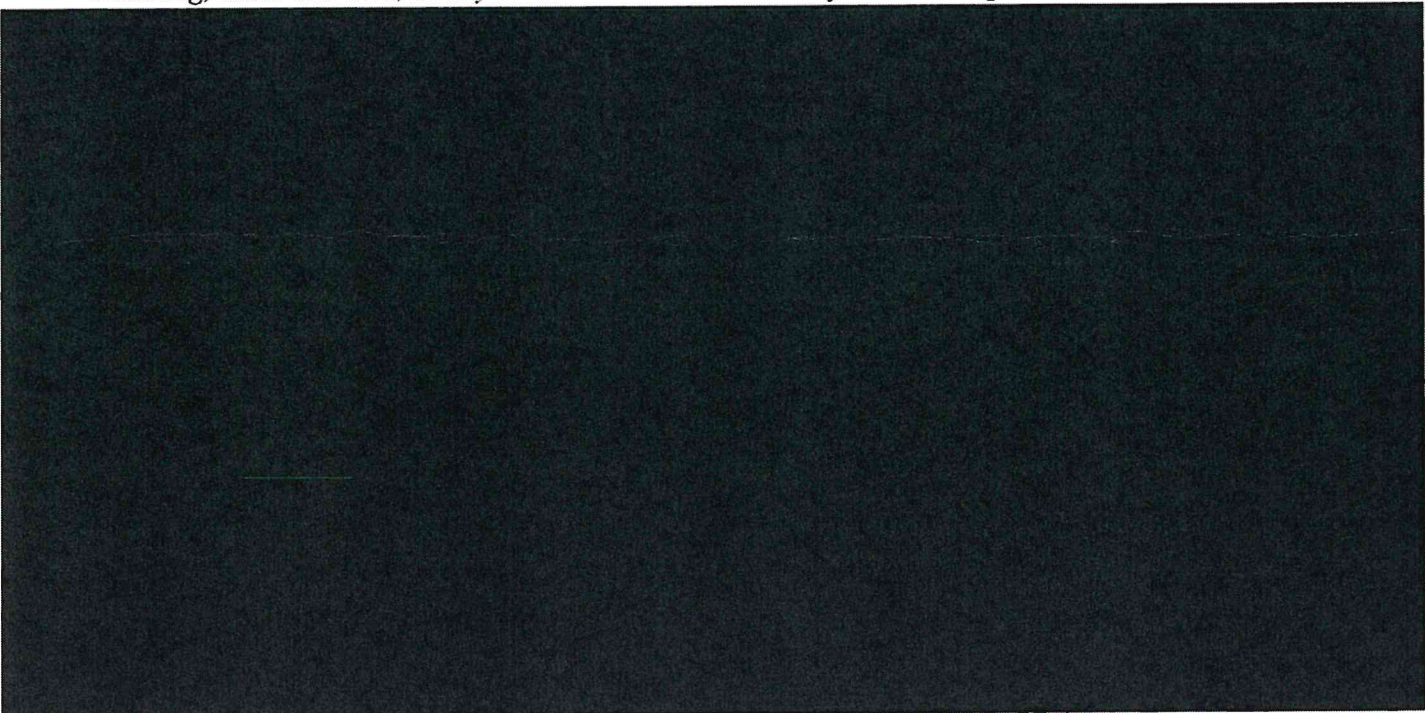
The Company's service quality improvement plan is to continue to upgrade its telecommunications facilities and equipment as necessary to meet customer demand for essential voice communications services and evolving broadband service needs throughout its service area. The Company believes that its planned 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.

Receipts			
	Estimated Total Year 2025 Federal Universal Service Receipts		
Expenditures			
	Estimated Total Supported Expenses, Before Return on Investment		
	Estimated Total Additions		
	Total Supported Expenditures, Before Return on Investment		

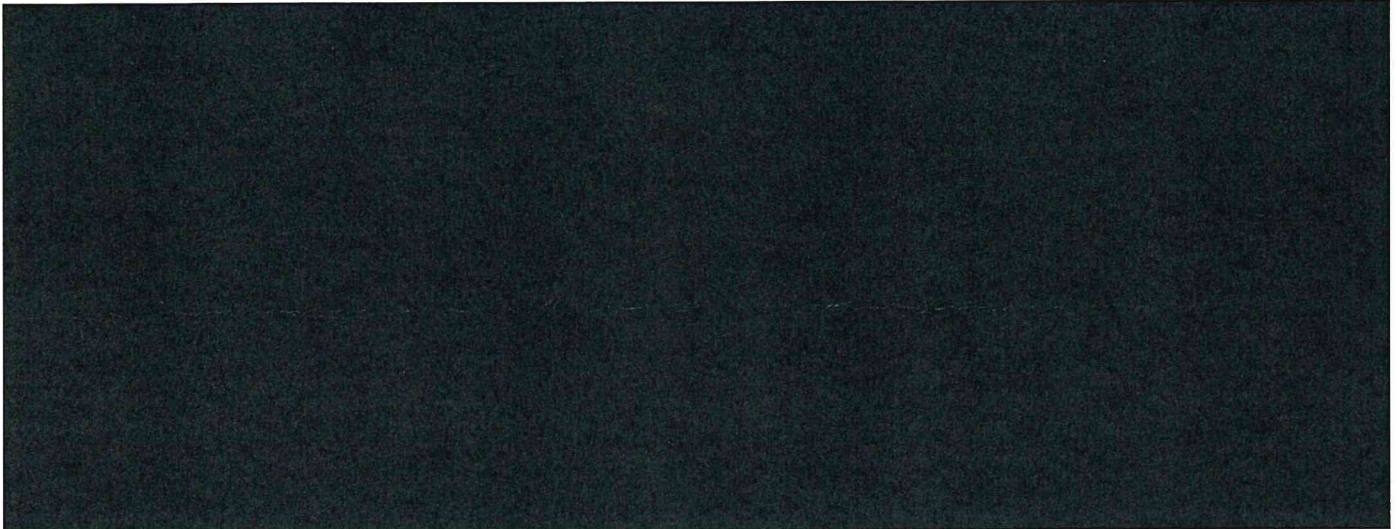
Proposed Network Improvements:

The Company's planned capital additions and/or improvements for 2025 and 2026 are noted below.

Provide data for each wire center in the Company's service area where additions or upgrades to switching, cable and wire, or any other network transmission facilities are planned.



**James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company
2024 Annual ETC Filing
CONFIDENTIAL EXHIBIT B
Two Year Plan**



Additional Notes or Information: