

DOCKET NO. UM 1822

**Cover Sheet for Submission of
2017 Annual ETC Certification Reports**

Name of Eligible Telecommunications Carrier: Gervais Telephone Co

Filing date: 6-30-2017

Is this: Original submission?

OR

Revised submission?

Person to contact for questions:

Name Kathy DeHart

Phone number 503-792-3611

E-mail address kdehart@datavision.coop

Documents included in this filing (please check applicable items):

CAF/ICC Support (47 CFR § 54.304)

Rate Floor Data (47 CFR § 54.313(h))

Form 481 (High-cost per 47 CFR § 54.313, Low-income per 54.422)¹

HUBB Portal Broadband Information²

Form 690 (Mobility Fund per 47 CFR § 54.1009)

Affidavit for High-Cost Support

Filing deadlines: The Oregon deadlines for filing items required by 47 CFR § 54 are the same as the deadlines for filing with the FCC. The notarized affidavit for high-cost support must be filed no later than the due date for the FCC Form 481. Based on current information, it appears that all items other than CAF/ICC support data are due by July 3, 2017. The CAF/ICC support data is due on the same day as the ETC's interstate access tariff filing (see FCC DA 17-258 for dates).

¹ Lifeline-only ETCs must provide all information specified in 47 CFR § 54.422(b) even if the ETC does not submit this information to the FCC.

² Federal Price Cap carriers only.

**FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting
Data Collection Form**

FCC Form 481
OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
July 2013

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<015> Study Area Name	GERVAIS TELEPHONE CO
<020> Program Year	2018
<030> Contact Name: Person USAC should contact with questions about this data	Kathy DeHart
<035> Contact Telephone Number: Number of the person identified in data line <030>	5037923611 ext.
<039> Contact Email Address: Email of the person identified in data line <030>	kdehart@datavision.coop
Form Type	54.313 and 54.422

(300) Unfulfilled Service Request
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<300> Unfulfilled service request (voice)

<310> Detail on attempts (voice) _____
Name of Attached Document

<320> Unfulfilled service request (broadband)

<330> Detail on attempts (broadband) _____
Name of Attached Document

(400) Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers
Data Collection Form

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<400>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report voice complaints (zero or greater) for voice telephony service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.	Offered only fixed voice
<410>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed voice	0.0
<420>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile voice	
<430>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report end-user customer complaints (zero or greater) for broadband service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.	Offered only fixed broadband
<440>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed broadband	0.0
<450>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile broadband	

(500) Compliance With Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules
Data Collection Form

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<039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	kdehart@datavislon.coop
<500> Certify compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules	Yes
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<510> Descriptive document for Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance	
<515> Certify compliance with applicable minimum service standards	

**(600) Functionality in Emergency Situations
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<035> Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	507923613 ext.
<039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	kdehart@datavision.coop
<600> Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations	Yes
<610> Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations	532373or610.pdf

**(1000) Voice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability
Data Collection Form**

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<1000>	Voice services rate comparability certification	Yes	
<1010>	Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance		532373or1010.pdf Name of Attached Document
<1020>	Broadband comparability certification		Yes - Pricing is no more than the most recent applicable benchmark announced by the Wireline Competition Bureau Name of Attached Document
<1030>	Attach detailed description for broadband comparability compliance		532373or1030.pdf Name of Attached Document

**(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting
Data Collection Form**

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<1100> Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)

<1130> Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).

**(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers
Lifeline
Data Collection Form**

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532373or1210.pdf

<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public Website HTTP <http://datavision.coop/>

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

- <1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers,
- <1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,
- <1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.

(2015) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation

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Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

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Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting

<2011>	3rd Year Certification 47 CFR §54.313(b)(1)(ii) - Note that for the July 2017 certification, this applies to Round 2 recipients of Incremental Support.		
<2022>	Recipient certifies, representing year three after filing a notice of acceptance of funding pursuant to 54.312(c), that the locations in question are not receiving support under the Broadband Initiatives Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program for projects that will provide broadband with speeds of at least 4 Mbps/1Mbps - 54.313(b)(2)(i). Round 2 recipients only.		
<2023>	The attachment on line 2024 includes a statement of the total amount of capital funding expended in the previous year in meeting Connect America Phase I deployment obligations, accompanied by a list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent. This covers year three - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.		
<2024A>	Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?		
<2024B>	Attach list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent in year three - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.		Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information
<2025A>	Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?		
<2025B>	Attach geocoded Information for Phase I milestone reports (Round 2 for year three) - Connect America Fund , WC Docket 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-73, paragraph 35 (May 22, 2013).		Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information
<2015>	2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)		

(2005) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation

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Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}

<2016> Certification support used to build broadband

Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}

<2017A> Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?

<2017C> Total amount of Phase II support, if any, the price cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2016.

<2018> Attach the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year - 54.313(e)(1)(ii)(A)

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

<2019> Recipient certifies that it bid on category one telecommunications and Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings seeking broadband service that meets the connectivity targets for the schools and libraries universal service support program for eligible schools and libraries located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Phase II model-based support, and that such bids were at rates reasonably comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in urban areas for comparable offerings - 54.313(e)(1)(ii)(C)

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Select from the drop down menu or check the boxes below to note compliance with 54.313(f)(1). Privately held carriers must ensure compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Progress Report on 5 Year Plan
(3009) Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii)

Yes - Attach Certification

(3010A) Certification of Public Interest Obligations {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)} 532373or1310.pdf

(3010B) Please Provide Attachment Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3012A) Community Anchor Institutions {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii)} No - No New Community Anchors

(3012B) Please Provide Attachment Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3013) Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)} (Yes/No)

(3014) If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report (Yes/No)

Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:

(3015) Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)

(3016) Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

(3017) If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3018) If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited? (Yes/No)

If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:

(3019) Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or
(2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers

(3020) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

(3021) Management letter and/or audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit.

If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:

(3022) Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers

(3023) Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant

(3024) Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.

(3025) Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

(3026) Attach the worksheet listing required information Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information 532373or1326.pdf

(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)
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Financial Data Summary	
(3027) Revenue	2687013
(3028) Operating Expenses	2498531
(3029) Net Income	124079
(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)	12280680
(3031) Total Assets	7016802
(3032) Total Debt	2237638
(3033) Total Equity	4779164
(3034) Dividends	0

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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4005 Rural Broadband Experiment

Authorized Rural Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations, provide a list of newly served community anchor institutions, and provide a list of locations where broadband has been deployed.

Public Interest Obligations – FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29, 78)

Please address Line 4001 regarding compliance with the Commission's public interest obligations. All RBE participants must provide a response to Line 4001.

4001. Recipient certifies that it is offering broadband to the identified locations meeting the requisite public interest obligations consistent with the category for which they were selected, including broadband speed, latency, usage capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas?

Community Anchor Institutions – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79)

4003a. RBE participants must provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which they newly deployed broadband service in the preceding calendar year. On this line, please respond (yes – attach new community anchors, no – no new anchors) to indicate whether this list will be provided.

If yes to 4003A, please provide a response for 4003B.

4003b. Provide the number, names and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the recipient newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year. Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information _____

Broadband Deployment Locations – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 80)

4004a. Attach a list of geocoded locations to which broadband has been deployed as of the June 1st immediately preceding the July 1st filing deadline for the FCC Form 481. Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information _____

4004b. Attach evidence demonstrating that the recipient is meeting the relevant public service obligations for the identified locations. Materials must at least detail the pricing, offered broadband speed and data usage allowances available in the relevant geographic area. Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information _____

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	GERVAIS TELEPHONE CO
Signature of Authorized Officer:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date 06/30/2017
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	Renee Willer
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	General Manager
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	5037923611 ext.
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	532373 Filing Due Date for this form: 07/03/2017
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I certify that (Name of Agent) _____ is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent:	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	
Signature of Authorized Officer:	Date:
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	Filing Due Date for this form:
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	
Name of Authorized Agent Firm:	
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	Date:
Name of Authorized Agent Employee:	
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	
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Attachments

GERVAIS TELEPHONE COMPANY
2017 Annual 54.313 Report of High-Cost Recipient

Line 510 Documentation

54.313(a)(5) Satisfaction of Consumer Protection and Service Quality Standards

Consumer Protection

Gervais Telephone Company complies with the requirements of 47 CFR Part 64 Subpart U, Customer Proprietary Network Information and the Federal Trade Commission Red Flag rules to prevent identity theft. A manual for each of those programs is in place and is part of the employees' handbook. Employee training is conducted annually and new hires are instructed on the programs as required by their job functions.

Service Quality Standards

Voice

Gervais Telephone Company complies with the service standards of the State of Oregon as promulgated in the Oregon Administrative Rules 860-034-0390, Retail Telecommunications Service Standards for Small Telecommunications Utilities.

Broadband

Gervais Telephone Company complies with the service standards noted in NECA Tariff #5 and is committed to provide the highest quality service to its broadband customers.

Gervais Telephone Company
2017 Annual 54.313 Report of High-Cost Recipient

Line 610 Documentation

54.313(a)(6) Ability to Remain Functional in Emergency Situations

Back-up Power

Gervais Telephone Company has the following back-up power capabilities:

Switches – stand alone and/or host

Genband C15 is backed up by a Generac liquid cooled gas generator SG035, 35KW power rating. It is backed up by a string of 24 Excide G lead acid batteries.

Remote Central Offices

none

Subscriber carrier (DLC, AFC, OPM, etc.)

Carrier Loc. Howell Prairie	dc batteries backed up by a portable generator
Carrier Loc. Pioneer	dc batteries backed up by a portable generator
Carrier Loc. St. Louis	dc batteries backed up by a portable generator
Carrier Loc. Butteville	dc batteries backed up by a portable generator

Network Interface Devices (NIDs)

Gervais Telephone Company has 550 customers with metallic (copper) connections to the Central Office and their NIDs are powered from the Central Office.

Gervais Telephone Company has approximately 80 customers with non-metallic (fiber optic) connections to the Central Office. These customers' NIDs are battery powered in case of emergency. The batteries are rated to last 8-24 hours with no use and 4 hours with constant use.

Ability to reroute traffic around damaged facilities:

Gervais Telephone Co. has redundant facilities to its connecting toll tandem. This redundant facility is in the form of a SONET rings with alternate physical facilities between **Gervais Telephone Co.** and **CenturyLink**, its interconnection to the Public Switched Telephone Network.

Capability to manage traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations

Gervais Telephone Co. has about 630 customers, switching capacity of 2500 simultaneous calls, and transport capacity for 96 simultaneous calls to the toll network, 84 simultaneous calls to Salem, and 48 simultaneous calls to Woodburn. **Gervais Telephone Co.** takes no responsibility for the capabilities of interconnected networks to manage traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations, but will continue its best efforts for its networks during such events.

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GERVAIS TELEPHONE COMPANY

Broadband Services Rate Comparability

Gervais Telephone Company's Broadband Services pricing meets the FCC's broadband public interest obligations because it offers broadband service as shown on Line 710 of its Form 481 filing, at actual speeds of at least 10 Mbps downstream / 1 Mbps upstream at no more than the applicable benchmark for broadband services announced by the Bureau on February 14, 2017 (DA17-167).

Gervais Telephone Company
Terms & conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans
FCC Form 481 Line 1210

The Lifeline program for Gervais Telephone Company is administered by the Oregon Public Utility Commission (OPUC) through the Oregon Telephone Assistance Program (OTAP.) Potential customers apply directly with the OPUC to qualify for a credit of up to \$12.75, which is applicable to eligible telephone plan charges. The OPUC notifies Gervais Telephone of customer eligibility. Customers can choose a voice access line plan offered by Gervais Telephone Company and will continue to receive the Lifeline credit until Gervais Telephone is notified by the OPUC that they are no longer eligible, or until the customer disconnects service. The OPUC application for Lifeline service, which details the terms and conditions of the plan, is included on the following four pages.

54.313 Lifeline customer MOU an additional toll charges

Lifeline subscribers receive the same residential service as a regular subscriber, but at a reduced monthly recurring rate. Thus, lifeline subscribers have an unlimited number of local calling minutes. Lifeline subscribers, similar to every Gervais Telephone Company subscriber, are free to choose their own toll usage plans through an Interexchange Carrier.

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Oregon Lifeline (Oregon Telephone Assistance Program)



The Oregon Public Utility Commission (PUC) manages the Oregon Lifeline program. If you qualify, this federal and state government assistance program reduces your monthly residential/landline or wireless phone bill by \$12.75.

[List of residential/landline and wireless companies that provide the Oregon Lifeline benefit](#)

How to Apply for Lifeline:

Using Online Application:	Using Printed Application:
<p>Submit your application online if you or a member of your household participates in one of the following programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; Food Stamps (SNAP) • Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) • Supplemental Security Income (SSI) • State Medical Programs (at or below 135% of federal poverty guidelines) • Medicaid 	<p>Complete and send a printed application to our office with the current documentation if you or a member of your household participates in one of the following programs or meets the income requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National School Lunch Program; Free Lunch Program Only (NSLP) • Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) • Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8) • Total household income is at or below 135% of federal poverty guidelines

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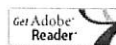
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Oregon Lifeline Application

Oregon Public Utility Commission
 PO Box 1088, Salem, OR 97308-1088
 800-848-4442 or 503-373-7171
 TTY: 800-648-3458
 VP: 971-239-5845
 Fax: 877-567-1977 or 503-378-6047
 Email: puc.rspf@state.or.us

You may complete an Oregon Lifeline
 Application online at: www.rspf.org

The Oregon Public Utility Commission (PUC) manages the Oregon Lifeline program. If you qualify, this federal and state government assistance program can reduce your monthly residential/landline or wireless phone bill by \$12.75.

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Complete Sections 1, 2a or 2b, and 3

Applicant's Legal Name (<i>Last, First, M.I.</i>) (Applicant's legal name MUST be on phone bill/account)			
Applicant's Social Security No. - -		Applicant's Birth Date / /	
Applicant's Home Address	Apt. #	Is this a temporary address? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
City	State Oregon	Zip	
Applicant's Mailing Address (if different from home address)			Apt. #
City	State Oregon	Zip	
Applicant's Phone Company (listed below)		Applicant's Phone Number () -	

If you are unable to provide the above information, please contact us for assistance.

Landline phone companies that reduce your monthly phone bill by \$12.75:

Asotin	ComSpan	Home/TDS	North State	Reliance Connects
Beaver Creek	Eagle	Molalla	Oregon Tel. Corp.	Roome Tel Com
Canby Co-Op	Frontier	Monitor	Oregon/Idaho	Scio Mutual
CenturyLink	Gervais/	Monroe	People's	St. Paul
Clear Creek	DataVision Co-Op	Mt. Angel	Pine Telephone	Stayton Co.
Colton	Helix	Nehalem	Pioneer	Warm Springs

Wireless phone companies that reduce your monthly phone bill by \$12.75:

AT&T Mobility* in select areas Snake River PCS US Cellular

*AT&T Mobility only offers the Oregon Lifeline benefit in select areas.

Call 1-800-377-9450 to determine if AT&T offers the Oregon Lifeline benefit in your coverage area.

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PROGRAM-BASED ELIGIBILITY

Place a check mark next to all programs that you or your household members are currently enrolled in:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; Food Stamps (SNAP)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- State Medical Programs (at or below 135% of federal poverty guidelines)
- Medicaid

Provide current documentation for one of the following programs:

- National School Lunch Program; Free Lunch Program Only (NSLP)
- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)

Complete Section 2b **ONLY** if you do not qualify for any programs in Section 2a.

2b

INCOME-BASED ELIGIBILITY

Place a check mark next to your Household Size. To qualify, your Household Yearly Income must fall within the range indicated next to your Household Size. A Household is defined as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. Proof of income must be included with your application.

Household Size	Gross Yearly Income	Household Size	Gross Yearly Income	Household Size	Gross Yearly Income
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	\$0 - \$16,038	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	\$0 - \$27,216	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	\$0 - \$38,394
<input type="checkbox"/> 2	\$0 - \$21,627	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	\$0 - \$32,805	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	\$0 - \$43,983

More than 6 members of your household? Please contact us at 1-800-848-4442.

Provide one or more of the following documents as proof of your income:
(Provide copies only – Originals will not be returned)

- Last year's Federal or State income tax return
- Current annual income statement from employer
- Pay stubs for any three consecutive months within the last 12 months
- Veteran's administration statement of benefits
- Unemployment or Workers' Compensation statement of benefits
- Social Security statement of benefits
- Retirement or Pension statement of benefits
- Divorce decree or Child Support documentation containing income information



Please completely **READ** and **SIGN** this form indicating that you understand and agree to comply with the following Oregon Lifeline rules:

- I understand that completing this application does not immediately approve me for the Oregon Lifeline benefit. I will be notified in writing of my application status.
- I understand it may take 30-90 days for the phone company to apply the Oregon Lifeline benefit to my phone bill/account.
- I give the Oregon Public Utility Commission (PUC), the Federal Communication Commission, and the Universal Service Administrative Company authority to obtain or review any required records needed to confirm my statements and to confirm that I qualify for the Oregon Lifeline. I also authorize the phone company to release any required records for my Oregon Lifeline benefit.
- I am head of household and no one else in my household receives landline or wireless OTAP/Lifeline service.
- I understand that the Oregon Lifeline credit is only allowed for ONE PHONE LINE PER HOUSEHOLD
 - A household is defined as any persons who live together at the same address and share income and expenses.
- I understand that if I break or violate the one-per-household rule I will no longer qualify for the Oregon Lifeline program.
- I agree to let the PUC know within 30 days if:
 - I no longer qualify for the Oregon Lifeline benefit
 - I receive more than one Oregon Lifeline benefit
 - I no longer take part in a qualifying program
 - I disconnected service with my phone company
 - Another member of my household is also receiving the Oregon Lifeline benefit
- I understand that I have 30 days to notify the PUC if I no longer qualify for the Oregon Lifeline benefit or I may be removed from the program.
- I agree to notify the PUC of address changes within 30 days of moving.
- I understand that my Oregon Lifeline benefit may not be transferred or given to any other person.
- I understand that I may be required to confirm that I still qualify for the Oregon Lifeline benefit at any time and that, if I do not comply, my Oregon Lifeline benefits will stop.
- I understand that Oregon Lifeline is a state and federal benefit and willfully making false statements or providing false or fraudulent documents to obtain the benefit is punishable by law and can result in fines, imprisonment, disqualification or being permanently removed from the program.

By signing this application I certify under penalty of perjury that the information contained in this application is true and correct and that I meet the eligibility criteria for the Oregon Lifeline benefit.

Applicant Signature: _____

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Make sure your application is complete before sending it. Did you:

Complete Sections 1, 2a or 2b, and Section 3 of the application?

Include current documentation from Sections 2a or 2b (if needed)?

Failure to provide current documentation may result in denial or delay of your application.

Please mail completed application (with current documentation, if needed) to:

PUC • PO Box 1088 • Salem, OR 97308 **OR** Fax to 1-877-567-1977 or 503-378-6047



DataVision
COMMUNICATIONS

June 1, 2017

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
9300 East Hampton Drive
Capitol Heights, MD 20743

Re: WC Docket No. 14-58, 2015 Annual Report, Form 481 for High-Cost Recipient
54.313(f)(1) "Public Interest Obligation"

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In compliance with the filing requirements associated with, and attached to Form 481, we wish to advise the Commission that Gervais Telephone Company provides High Speed Internet service to its customers and:

- Has taken reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of 10 Mbps downstream / 1 Mbps upstream;
- Provides latency suitable for real-time applications including VoIP and usage capacity which is reasonably comparable to those in urban areas and;
- That reasonable requests for service are met within a reasonable timeframe.

If there are questions, I may be contacted at 503-792-3611.

Sincerely,

Russ Matlock
President – Board of Directors

Gervais Telephone Company and Subsidiary (An Oregon Cooperative Corporation)

Consolidated Financial Statements
with Supplemental Information

Years Ended December 31, 2016 and 2015



GERVAIS TELEPHONE COMPANY and SUBSIDIARY
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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Gervais Telephone Company and Subsidiary
Gervais, Oregon

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Gervais Telephone Company and Subsidiary (an Oregon cooperative corporation) (the Company), which comprise the consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2016, and 2015 and the related consolidated statements of operations, changes in members' equity and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

We believe the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Gervais Telephone Company and Subsidiary as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Report on Consolidating Information

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the consolidated financial statements as a whole. The consolidating information in Schedules I-III are presented for the purposes of additional analysis of the consolidated financial statements rather than to present the financial position and results of operations of the individual companies, and is not a required part of the consolidated financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the consolidated financial statements. The consolidating financial information has been subject to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the consolidated financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the consolidated financial statements or to the consolidated financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the consolidating information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the consolidated financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated March 20, 2017, on our consideration of Gervais Telephone Company and Subsidiary's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Gervais Telephone Company and Subsidiary's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Aldrich CPAs + Advisors LLP

Salem, Oregon
March 20, 2017

GERVAIS TELEPHONE COMPANY and SUBSIDIARY*(An Oregon Cooperative Corporation)***Consolidated Balance Sheets**December 31, 2016 and 2015

ASSETS	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 746,512	\$ 614,359
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$2,000	250,765	296,556
Materials and supplies	24,504	13,671
Prepaid expenses	<u>59,748</u>	<u>64,304</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>1,081,529</u>	<u>988,890</u>
Investments and Other Assets	<u>231,808</u>	<u>272,067</u>
Property, Plant, and Equipment:		
Telecommunications	12,280,680	11,688,904
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>6,577,215</u>	<u>6,000,662</u>
Property, Plant, and Equipment, net	<u>5,703,465</u>	<u>5,688,242</u>
	<u>\$ 7,016,802</u>	<u>\$ 6,949,199</u>

LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Current Liabilities:		
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 153,889	\$ 142,272
Accounts payable	170,054	63,141
Accrued liabilities	71,392	74,565
Current portion of deferred revenue	40,723	28,393
Advance billings	<u>127,063</u>	<u>125,324</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>563,121</u>	<u>433,695</u>
Deferred Grant Revenues	241,824	251,724
Long-Term Debt	810,454	966,038
Deferred Revenue	59,079	90,931
Other Long-Term Liabilities	77,994	92,587
Deferred Tax Liability	185,500	151,400
Unclaimed Patronage Capital Retired	<u>299,666</u>	<u>301,119</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>2,237,638</u>	<u>2,287,494</u>
Members' Equity:		
Memberships	13,741	13,591
Patronage capital	<u>4,765,423</u>	<u>4,648,114</u>
Total Members' Equity	<u>4,779,164</u>	<u>4,661,705</u>
	<u>\$ 7,016,802</u>	<u>\$ 6,949,199</u>

GERVAIS TELEPHONE COMPANY and SUBSIDIARY*(An Oregon Cooperative Corporation)***Consolidated Statements of Operations**

Years Ended December 31, 2016 and 2015

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Operating Revenues:		
Local network	\$ 610,055	\$ 596,102
Network access	1,654,195	1,818,549
Internet and nonregulated services	216,748	190,563
Miscellaneous	<u>206,015</u>	<u>176,614</u>
Total Operating Revenues	<u>2,687,013</u>	<u>2,781,828</u>
Operating Expenses:		
Plant specific	747,710	722,658
Plant nonspecific	79,599	99,293
Customer	318,999	307,483
Corporate	604,349	639,419
Depreciation	570,487	515,126
Internet and nonregulated services	90,503	81,507
Other taxes	<u>86,884</u>	<u>84,246</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>2,498,531</u>	<u>2,449,732</u>
Operating Margin	<u>188,482</u>	<u>332,096</u>
Other Income (Expense):		
Other income	5,184	12,201
Nonoperating income taxes	<u>(34,610)</u>	<u>(27,580)</u>
Total Other Income (Expense)	<u>(29,426)</u>	<u>(15,379)</u>
Margin Available for Fixed Charges	159,056	316,717
Fixed Charges - Interest on Long-Term Debt	<u>34,977</u>	<u>36,804</u>
Net Margin	<u>\$ 124,079</u>	<u>\$ 279,913</u>

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

GERVAIS TELEPHONE COMPANY and SUBSIDIARY*(An Oregon Cooperative Corporation)***Consolidated Statements of Changes in Members' Equity**

Years Ended December 31, 2016 and 2015

	<u>Memberships</u>	<u>Patronage Capital</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance, December 31, 2014	\$ 13,406	\$ 4,511,547	\$ 4,524,953
Net margin	-	279,913	279,913
Change in memberships	185	-	185
Redemption of patronage capital	-	(100,000)	(100,000)
Estate payments	-	(43,346)	(43,346)
Balance, December 31, 2015	13,591	4,648,114	4,661,705
Net margin	-	124,079	124,079
Change in memberships	150	-	150
Estate payments	-	(6,770)	(6,770)
Balance, December 31, 2016	<u>\$ 13,741</u>	<u>\$ 4,765,423</u>	<u>\$ 4,779,164</u>

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

GERVAIS TELEPHONE COMPANY and SUBSIDIARY*(An Oregon Cooperative Corporation)***Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**

Years Ended December 31, 2016 and 2015

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Net margin	\$ 124,079	\$ 279,913
Adjustments to reconcile net margin to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	570,487	515,126
Change in deferred taxes	34,100	25,100
Noncash patronage dividend	-	(4,148)
Recognition of deferred ARRA BIP grant revenue	(9,900)	(9,899)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	45,791	39,458
Materials and supplies	(10,833)	3,579
Prepaid expenses	4,556	(5,786)
Accounts payable	106,913	14,255
Accrued liabilities	(3,173)	18,069
Advanced billings	1,739	7,697
Other long-term liabilities	(14,593)	4,510
Deferred revenue	<u>(19,522)</u>	<u>(1,541)</u>
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>829,644</u>	<u>886,333</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:		
Purchase of property, plant, and equipment	(585,710)	(481,893)
Proceeds from redemption of investments	25,666	12,183
Change in other assets	<u>14,593</u>	<u>(4,510)</u>
Net Cash Used by Investing Activities	<u>(545,451)</u>	<u>(474,220)</u>
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:		
Principal payments on long-term debt	(143,967)	(136,068)
Estate payments to patrons	(6,770)	(43,346)
Patronage capital credits paid	(1,453)	(62,442)
Memberships	<u>150</u>	<u>185</u>
Net Cash Used by Financing Activities	<u>(152,040)</u>	<u>(241,671)</u>
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	132,153	170,442
Cash and Cash Equivalents, beginning	<u>614,359</u>	<u>443,917</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents, ending	\$ <u><u>746,512</u></u>	\$ <u><u>614,359</u></u>
Cash Paid for Interest, net of amount capitalized	\$ <u><u>34,977</u></u>	\$ <u><u>36,804</u></u>
Cash Paid for Income Taxes	\$ <u><u>510</u></u>	\$ <u><u>2,480</u></u>

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

GERVAIS TELEPHONE COMPANY and SUBSIDIARY

(An Oregon Cooperative Corporation)

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Years Ended December 31, 2016 and 2015

Note 1 - Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Organization

Gervais Telephone Company (the Company) is an Oregon cooperative corporation providing telecommunications services to its members on a cooperative basis. The service area is in the general vicinity of Gervais, Oregon. The Company operates under a franchise agreement with the City of Gervais, Oregon. The Company provides telecommunication services to customers outside its Cooperative service area through DataVision Communications, LLC (DataVision), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. DataVision operates under franchise agreements with the City of Woodburn, Oregon, the City of Hubbard, Oregon, the City of Salem, Oregon, and the City of Silverton, Oregon.

Regulation

The Company is subject to limited regulation by the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (PUC) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The Company maintains its accounting records in accordance with the Uniform System of Accounts, as prescribed by the FCC and adopted by the PUC. As a result, the application of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America by the Company differs in certain respects from the application by nonregulated businesses. Such differences primarily concern the time at which certain items enter into the determination of net margin.

Regulatory and legislative actions, as well as future regulations, could have a significant impact on the Company's future operations and financial condition. See Note 1, National Broadband Plan and FCC Order.

Principles of Consolidation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the Company and its subsidiary, DataVision Communications, LLC. All intercompany transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The Company's financial instruments include cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable, and notes payable. The Company estimates that the fair value of all of these non-derivative financial instruments at December 31, 2016 and 2015 does not differ materially from the aggregate carrying value of its financial instruments recorded in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

Estimates

The Company uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported revenues and expenses. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid investment securities purchased with a maturity of 3 months or less to be cash equivalents. The Company maintains its cash in bank deposit accounts that are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), which is generally \$250,000 per account holder, per bank. The Company had \$479,183 of uninsured cash at December 31, 2016 (\$370,485 in 2015). The Company has not experienced any losses in its bank deposit accounts and believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risk on cash.

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable are recorded at unpaid balances, less an allowance for doubtful accounts of \$2,000 at December 31, 2016 and 2015. Receivables are considered past due if payments are not received in accordance with invoice terms of net 30 days. Receivables are written off when the Company determines an account is uncollectible.

GERVAIS TELEPHONE COMPANY and SUBSIDIARY

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Years Ended December 31, 2016 and 2015

Note 1 - Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

Income Taxes

The Company has been granted an exemption from federal income taxes, except for "unrelated" business income, under Section 501(c)(12) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Company is also exempt from state income taxes. However, in any year for which greater than 15% of gross revenue is derived from nonmember services, the Company becomes a taxable cooperative. The Company was taxable in 2016 and 2015. Federal and state taxes payable by taxable cooperatives are computed differently from taxes payable by other corporations, primarily because cooperatives are allowed to deduct margins allocated to members within 8 ½ months after the end of each taxable year.

Deferred taxes represent the future tax return consequence of differences between the financial statement and the tax basis of assets and liabilities, which will either be taxable or deductible when the related assets or liabilities are recorded or settled. Valuation allowances are established when necessary to reduce deferred tax assets to the amount expected to be realized.

The Company follows the accounting standards generally accepted in the United States of America related to the recognition of uncertain tax positions. The Company recognizes accrued interest and penalties associated with uncertain tax positions as part of the income tax provision in the statement of operations, when applicable. There are no amounts accrued in the consolidated financial statements related to uncertain tax positions.

The Company files federal, state and local income tax returns.

Excise Tax Refunds

Refunds of Federal Communications excise taxes, resulting from the Company's status as a tax-exempt cooperative, are recorded as a direct increase to patronage capital and allocated to the members.

Materials and Supplies

Materials and supplies are stated at the lower of cost or market. Cost is determined principally by the average cost method.

Property, Plant, and Equipment

Property, plant, and equipment in service and under construction of the Company is stated at cost, including estimated overhead expense. Maintenance and repairs are charged to operations when incurred. Renewals and betterments are capitalized. Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis over the estimated life of the classes of property and equipment in accordance with industry standards and ranges from 2% to 20%. Costs of plant retired are eliminated from telecommunications plant accounts and such costs plus removal expenses, less salvage, are charged to accumulated depreciation consistent with industry practice.

DataVision and other nonregulated property and equipment in service and under construction are stated at cost. Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis over the estimated life of the classes of property and equipment. Asset lives range from 13 to 50 years. Maintenance, repairs, and replacements are charged to expense as incurred. When property and equipment is sold or otherwise disposed of, the asset account and the related accumulated depreciation accounts are relieved and any gain or loss is included in operations.

Members' Equity

A membership certificate is issued to each subscriber who becomes a member, which entitles the member to a vote at the annual meeting. The cost of a membership certificate is \$5.

Patronage Capital

Patronage capital is derived from margins retained from operations, which are allocated as credits to the accounts of members and are subject to retirement at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

GERVAIS TELEPHONE COMPANY and SUBSIDIARY

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Years Ended December 31, 2016 and 2015

Note 1 - Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

Revenue Recognition

The Company recognizes revenues when earned regardless of the period in which they are billed.

Monthly service fees derived from local telephone and internet service are billed in advance. Advance billings are recorded as a liability and subsequently transferred to income in the period earned. Access charges (see Note 1, Network Access Revenue), long-distance and other revenues based on usage are billed in arrears.

Network Access Revenues

Network access revenue is received under a system of access charges. Access charges represent a methodology by which local telephone companies, including the Company, charge the long-distance carrier for access and interconnection to local facilities. The Company has elected to file access tariffs through the National Exchange Carriers Association (NECA) and directly with the PUC for these charges. These access tariffs are subject to approval by the FCC for interstate charges and the PUC for intrastate charges.

When network access revenues have been received pursuant to the settlement and access agreements above, they are then either placed into a common pooling arrangement with other exchange carriers for redistribution or kept by the Company. The redistributions are made according to formulas established by the governing boards of the pools and are generally based upon expenses incurred and investments maintained.

The Company participates in pooling arrangements with NECA.

Settlement, access, and pool distribution revenues are recorded when the amounts become determinable. Related expenses are recorded when incurred. Subsequent true-ups and retroactive adjustments, which are generally allowed for a period of 24 months after the close of the related calendar year, are recorded in the year in which such adjustments become determinable, based upon studies prepared by outside consultants.

In addition to recoveries from the pools, the Company also receives revenues from the Universal Service High Cost Loop Fund (HCL) and other support mechanisms administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). These universal service support revenues are intended to compensate the Company for the high cost of providing service in rural areas. The amount of support received from HCL is based on the number of customers served and the cost of providing service in that area being in excess of the national average cost per loop, as determined by the FCC. The Company also receives funding from the Oregon Universal Service Fund (OUS) administered by the PUC. These support revenues are included in the network access revenues in the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

In 2016, the Company received \$374,595 from the USAC High Cost Loop Fund (\$332,881 in 2015) and \$579,688 in interstate access revenues administered through the NECA Pool (\$705,481 in 2015). In 2016, the Company also received \$112,694 from the OUS fund (\$119,965 in 2015). Funding levels for the Oregon Universal Service Fund were determined in accordance with PUC Order 13-162. In March 2016, the PUC issued order 16-093 related to OUSF. The order is for a 5 year term beginning January 1, 2017 and calls for annual reductions to the OUSF that will result in an overall reduction of not less than 15.2% over the 5 year term for rural companies. In addition, rural companies will be subject to a re-allocation process over the term of the order but no company can have its support reduced by more than 20% over this period as a result of this process. The full impact of the order cannot be determined at this time.

National Broadband Plan and FCC Order

In 2010, the FCC issued the National Broadband Plan which outlined a long-term plan to increase broadband penetration rates and services throughout the United States of America.

GERVAIS TELEPHONE COMPANY and SUBSIDIARY

(An Oregon Cooperative Corporation)

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Years Ended December 31, 2016 and 2015

Note 1 - Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

National Broadband Plan and FCC Order, continued

In 2011, as an initial response to the plan, the FCC approved Report and Order 11-161 (the Order), that began the process of reforming the universal service and Intercarrier Compensation (ICC) systems and adopts support for broadband-capable networks as an express universal service principle. The Order further created the Connect America Fund (CAF) which will ultimately replace all existing high-cost support mechanisms and help facilitate ICC reform.

The key provisions of the order include capping the federal universal service fund (USF), placing limitations on capital and operating expenditures (subsequently eliminated in 2014 by an Order for Reconsideration issued by the FCC), establishing local rate benchmarks, capping monthly USF at \$250 per line, a 5% annual reduction of local switching support to be replaced by the Connect America Fund (CAF) to recover costs of switching services, a 9 year transition from the previous ICC system to bill and keep, and adoption of the Access Recovery Charge (ARC) to mitigate impacts of reduced ICC revenues. Implementation began July 1, 2012.

In 2016, the FCC issued Order 16-33, which provided the option for a voluntary election by rate-of-return carriers to receive model-based support under the Alternative Connect America Cost Model (A-CAM). The Company did not elect to receive model based support under A-CAM. Carriers not electing A-CAM will continue to receive support based on their costs, however these legacy support mechanisms are modified by Order 16-33. The main changes for carriers remaining on legacy support are as follows:

- Interstate Common Line Support (ICLS) will be transitioned to the CAF-Broadband Line Support (CAF-BLS), which provides support for voice and voice-data lines, as well as broadband only lines. Additionally, the funding for overall high cost support will be limited to \$2 billion dollars.
- The prescribed rate of return will be reduced by 0.25% annually starting July 1, 2016, effectively reducing the rate of return from 11.25% to 9.75% as of July 2021.
- Carriers will have broadband deployment obligations based on the current availability of 10/1 mbps broadband service in applicable study areas.
- Support will be phased out in census blocks if 85% or more of locations in the census block are served by unsubsidized competitors offering 10/1 mbps broadband. Lost support will be phased out over 3 to 6 years depending on the severity of support lost.
- Limits capital and operating expenditures on a prospective basis as outlined in the Order.

The Company continues to monitor various effects and requirements of the Orders noted above. As of December 31, 2016, the Company meets the local rate benchmark requirements of the Order and is not subject to the \$250 per line support cap. For the period ended December 31, 2016, the impacts to the Company related to the 5% annual decline in switched access revenues and the .25% reduction of the prescribed rate of return have not been significant.

The overall reform process will continue to take place in phases and will take several more years to implement. Furthermore, it is anticipated that the FCC will continue to issue Further Notices of Proposed Rulemaking and/or Orders for Reconsideration and continue to seek comments on various items. As a result, the ultimate outcome of these proceedings and their impact is uncertain at this time.

Deferred Grant Revenue

Deferred grant revenue consists of \$251,723 (\$261,623 in 2015) for the Broadband Initiatives Program grant described in Note 7. The deferred revenue is being recognized over the useful lives of the assets associated with the project. In 2016, \$9,900 was amortized from deferred grant revenue and recognized as revenue in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations (\$9,899 in 2015).

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Note 1 - Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

Subsequent Events

The Company has evaluated subsequent events through March 20, 2017, which is the date the consolidated financial statements were available to be issued.

Note 2 - Investments and Other Assets

Investments and other assets are recorded at cost and consist of the following at December 31, 2016:

	2016	2015
Rural Telephone Finance Cooperative (RTFC)	\$ 130,660	\$ 156,326
Oregon 2000 contribution	500	500
Western Independent Networks, Inc. (WIN)	12,724	12,724
ANPI Holding, Inc.	9,800	9,800
Other investments	130	130
Deferred compensation plan deposits	77,994	92,587
	<u>\$ 231,808</u>	<u>\$ 272,067</u>

Shares of Rural Telephone Finance Cooperative (RTFC) subordinated certificates are purchased as a condition of obtaining long-term financing from the RTFC. Holders of subordinated certificates are entitled to patronage dividends as determined by the RTFC board of directors.

Note 3 - Property, Plant, and Equipment

Listed below are the major classes of property, plant, and equipment at December 31:

	2016	2015
<i>Gervais Telephone</i>		
Land and support services	\$ 1,060,946	\$ 952,928
Central office switching and transmission	1,904,274	1,862,778
Cable and wire facilities	4,850,532	4,725,784
	<u>7,815,752</u>	<u>7,541,490</u>
<i>DataVision</i>		
Central office switching and transmission	381,676	338,113
Cable and wire facilities	4,083,252	3,809,301
	<u>4,464,928</u>	<u>4,147,414</u>
Total Property, Plant, and Equipment	<u>\$ 12,280,680</u>	<u>\$ 11,688,904</u>

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Note 4 - Employee Benefit Plans

The Company participates in the National Telecommunication Cooperative Association (NTCA) Savings 401(k) Plan (the Savings Plan). The Savings Plan is a qualified multi-employer defined contribution pension plan that covers all full-time eligible employees. As described in the Savings Plan Agreement, the Company contributes 11% of eligible salaries paid. Total contributions to the Savings Plan were \$75,246 in 2016 (\$63,693 in 2015).

The Company also participates in the NTCA Deferred Compensation Program available to certain employees. Contributions to the Deferred Compensation Plan were \$1,221 in 2016 (\$5,426 in 2015). The total obligation and fair value of assets under the Deferred Compensation Plan at December 31, 2016 is \$77,994 (\$92,587 in 2015).

All amounts of compensation deferred under the Deferred Compensation Plan, all property and rights purchased with those amounts, and all income attributable to those amounts, property, or rights are (until paid or made available to the employee or other beneficiary) solely the property and rights of Gervais Telephone Company, subject only to the claims of the Company's general creditors. Participants' rights under the Deferred Compensation Plan are equal to those of general creditors of the Company in an amount equal to the fair market value of the deferred account for each participant. The deferred compensation plan liability is included with Other Long-Term Liabilities on the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

Note 5 - Long-Term Debt

Long-term debt consists of the following:

	2016	2015
3.35% notes payable to RTFC in quarterly installments of principal and interest, varying based on advances, collateralized by real and personal property, due February 2021. Subordinate to RUS.	\$ 705,590	\$ 839,125
2.55% to 4.32% notes payable to RUS for ARRA Broadband Initiatives Program in monthly payments of \$1,690 of principal and interest, collateralized by real and personal property, due May 2034.	258,753	269,185
	964,343	1,108,310
Less current portion	153,889	142,272
	\$ 810,454	\$ 966,038

Future maturities of long-term debt are as follows:

2017	\$ 153,889
2018	166,482
2019	180,129
2020	194,923
2021	70,722
Thereafter	198,198

The loans contain restrictions on the payment of dividends and require the Company to maintain certain levels of equity and meet certain financial ratios. The Company's management believes it is in compliance with these covenants at December 31, 2016.

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Note 5 - Long-Term Debt, continued

The Company has a \$700,000 line of credit with RTFC with a variable interest rate that expires February 6, 2019. There were no advances on the line of credit at December 31, 2016 and 2015.

Note 6 - Income Taxes

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are computed annually for differences between financial statement and tax basis of assets and liabilities that will result in taxable or deductible amounts in the future.

Deferred income taxes consist of the following:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Liability for depreciation differences	\$ 270,700	\$ 252,900
Benefit of net operating losses	(33,300)	(47,600)
Benefit of deferred BIP revenue	<u>(51,900)</u>	<u>(53,900)</u>
Net deferred tax liability	<u>\$ 185,500</u>	<u>\$ 151,400</u>

The Company has federal net operating loss carryforwards of approximately \$154,300 that may be used to offset future taxable income which begin to expire in 2027, and state net operating loss carryforwards of approximately \$153,700 that begin to expire in 2022.

Income tax benefit (expense) consists of the following:

Nonoperating:

Currently payable	\$ (15,130)	\$ (9,100)
Deferred tax	(34,100)	(25,100)
Benefit of net operating loss carryforward	<u>14,620</u>	<u>6,620</u>
Total income tax benefit (expense)	<u>\$ (34,610)</u>	<u>\$ (27,580)</u>

Note 7 - Broadband Grant and Loan

In 2010, the Company was selected to receive funding for a broadband project by the United States Department of Agriculture, through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Broadband Initiatives Program (BIP). The broadband project was funded through a \$314,430 grant and a \$314,430 loan from the Rural Utilities Service (RUS). Construction on the project was complete and operational as of December 31, 2014.

Note 8 - Deferred Revenue

Deferred revenue consists of prepayments for construction of two dark fiber strands to be leased to a fiber network provider. The Company constructed these unique fiber strands to be leased to the fiber network provider. The revenue will be recognized over the term of the contract, originally 72 months, amended to 48 months in 2016. The Company recognized \$19,522 of revenue during 2016 (\$1,541 in 2015).

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

GERVAIS TELEPHONE COMPANY and SUBSIDIARY*(An Oregon Cooperative Corporation)***Consolidating Balance Sheets**

December 31, 2016

Schedule I

ASSETS	<u>Gervais Telephone Company</u>	<u>DataVision Communications, LLC</u>	<u>Eliminations</u>	<u>Total</u>
Current Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 746,512	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 746,512
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$2,000	159,016	314,006	(222,257)	250,765
Materials and supplies	24,504	-	-	24,504
Prepaid expenses	59,748	-	-	59,748
Total Current Assets	<u>989,780</u>	<u>314,006</u>	<u>(222,257)</u>	<u>1,081,529</u>
Investments and Other Assets	<u>3,332,024</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,100,216)</u>	<u>231,808</u>
Property, Plant, and Equipment:				
Telecommunications	7,815,752	4,464,928	-	12,280,680
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>5,093,567</u>	<u>1,483,648</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,577,215</u>
Property, Plant, and Equipment, net	<u>2,722,185</u>	<u>2,981,280</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,703,465</u>
	<u>\$ 7,043,989</u>	<u>\$ 3,295,286</u>	<u>\$ (3,322,473)</u>	<u>\$ 7,016,802</u>

LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY	Gervais Telephone Company	DataVision Communications, LLC	Eliminations	Total
Current Liabilities:				
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 153,889	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 153,889
Accounts payable	386,001	6,310	(222,257)	170,054
Accrued liabilities	50,898	20,494	-	71,392
Current portion of deferred revenue	9,899	30,824	-	40,723
Advance billings	48,700	78,363	-	127,063
Total Current Liabilities	649,387	135,991	(222,257)	563,121
Deferred Grant Revenues	241,824	-	-	241,824
Long-Term Debt	810,454	-	-	810,454
Deferred Revenue	-	59,079	-	59,079
Other Long-Term Liabilities	77,994	-	-	77,994
Deferred Tax Liability	185,500	-	-	185,500
Unclaimed Patronage Capital Retired	299,666	-	-	299,666
Total Liabilities	2,264,825	195,070	(222,257)	2,237,638
Members' Equity:				
Contributed capital	-	2,368,869	(2,368,869)	-
Retained earnings	-	731,347	(731,347)	-
Memberships	13,741	-	-	13,741
Patronage capital	4,765,423	-	-	4,765,423
Total Members' Equity	4,779,164	3,100,216	(3,100,216)	4,779,164
	\$ 7,043,989	\$ 3,295,286	\$ (3,322,473)	\$ 7,016,802

GERVAIS TELEPHONE COMPANY and SUBSIDIARY*(An Oregon Cooperative Corporation)***Consolidating Statements of Operations**

Year Ended December 31, 2016

Schedule II

	Gervais Telephone Company	DataVision Communications, LLC	Eliminations	Total
Operating Revenues:				
Local network	\$ 159,915	\$ 450,140	\$ -	\$ 610,055
Network access	1,229,532	424,663	-	1,654,195
Internet and nonregulated services	216,748	-	-	216,748
Miscellaneous	244,055	132,808	(170,848)	206,015
Total Operating Revenues	1,850,250	1,007,611	(170,848)	2,687,013
Operating Expenses:				
Plant specific	504,054	243,656	-	747,710
Plant nonspecific	43,335	36,264	-	79,599
Customer	199,648	146,199	(26,848)	318,999
Corporate	524,529	223,820	(144,000)	604,349
Depreciation	393,452	177,035	-	570,487
Internet and nonregulated services	90,503	-	-	90,503
Other taxes	72,339	14,545	-	86,884
Total Operating Expenses	1,827,860	841,519	(170,848)	2,498,531
Operating Margin	22,390	166,092	-	188,482
Other Income (Expense):				
Income from subsidiary	166,092	-	(166,092)	-
Other income	5,184	-	-	5,184
Nonoperating income taxes	(34,610)	-	-	(34,610)
Total Other Income	136,666	-	(166,092)	(29,426)
Margin Available for Fixed Charges	159,056	166,092	(166,092)	159,056
Fixed Charges - Interest on				
Long-Term Debt	34,977	-	-	34,977
Net Margin	\$ 124,079	\$ 166,092	\$ (166,092)	\$ 124,079

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Consolidating Statements of Cash Flows

Year Ended December 31, 2016

Schedule III

	Gervais Telephone Company	DataVision Communications, LLC	Eliminations	Total
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:				
Net margin	\$ 124,079	\$ 166,092	\$ (166,092)	\$ 124,079
Adjustments to reconcile net margin to net cash provided by operating activities:				
Depreciation	393,452	177,035	-	570,487
Change in deferred taxes	34,100	-	-	34,100
Income from subsidiary	(166,092)	-	166,092	-
Recognition of deferred ARRA BIP grant revenue	(9,900)	-	-	(9,900)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:				
Accounts receivable	(1,355)	(9,955)	57,101	45,791
Materials and supplies	(10,833)	-	-	(10,833)
Prepaid expenses	4,256	300	-	4,556
Accounts payable	164,219	(205)	(57,101)	106,913
Accrued liabilities	(4,539)	1,366	-	(3,173)
Advance billings	(664)	2,403	-	1,739
Other long-term liabilities	(14,593)	-	-	(14,593)
Deferred revenue	-	(19,522)	-	(19,522)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>512,130</u>	<u>317,514</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>829,644</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:				
Purchase of property, plant, and equipment	(268,196)	(317,514)	-	(585,710)
Proceeds from redemption of investments	25,666	-	-	25,666
Change in other assets	14,593	-	-	14,593
Net Cash Used by Investing Activities	<u>(227,937)</u>	<u>(317,514)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(545,451)</u>
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:				
Principal payments on long-term debt	(143,967)	-	-	(143,967)
Estate payments to patrons	(6,770)	-	-	(6,770)
Patronage capital credits paid	(1,453)	-	-	(1,453)
Memberships	150	-	-	150
Net Cash Used by Financing Activities	<u>(152,040)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(152,040)</u>
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	132,153	-	-	132,153
Cash and Cash Equivalents, beginning	614,359	-	-	614,359
Cash and Cash Equivalents, ending	<u>\$ 746,512</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 746,512</u>
Cash Paid for Interest, net of amount capitalized	<u>\$ 34,977</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 34,977</u>
Cash Paid for Income Taxes	<u>\$ 510</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 510</u>

AFFIDAVIT CERTIFYING USE OF UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUNDS

I, Renée Willer [name of company officer], being of lawful age and duly sworn, on my oath, state that I am the President [title] of Gervais Telephone COOP [Company name] and that I am authorized to execute this Affidavit on behalf of the Company, and the facts set forth in this Affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Federal Communications Commission, 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, Gervais Telephone COOP [Company name] hereby certifies to the Public Utility Commission of Oregon that it is eligible to receive federal high-cost support for the program years cited.

I attest that all federal high-cost support provided to Gervais Telephone COOP [Company name] in Oregon was used in the preceding calendar year (2016) and will be used in the coming calendar year (2018) only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

DATED this 28 day of June, 2017.

By: Renée Willer (Officer's Name)

Its: President (Officer's Title)

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 28th day of June, 2017.

Carla Claxton

Notary public in and for the State of Oregon

My Commission Expires: Jan 11, 2020

