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Rate Floor Data (47 CFR § 54.313(h))
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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: Oregon Tel. Corp. (MTE - Oregon)

Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE

Date

Printed name of Authorized Officer: Delinda Kluser

Title or position of Authorized Officer: Vice-Pres, General Manager

Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 5419324411 ext.

Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:

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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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Oregon Telephone Corporation-MTE FIVE YEAR SERVICE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

PREAMBLE

This 5 year improvement plan is a section of the Company's 2014 Annual Report. It is in compliance with § 54.313(a)(1) adopted in the FCC's USF/ICC Transformation Order (11-161). This document also incorporates further clarifications identified in subsequent Reconsideration Orders, as applicable, in effect prior to the filing of the Annual Report.

Oregon Telephone Corporation-MTE ("MTE") has carefully developed its improvement plan, concentrating on the delivery and continuation of a robust network which provides, at a minimum, the federally required voice and broadband connectivity as stipulated by regulatory rule. In certain situations (and as noted herein), the plan may also incorporate specific state requirements.

MTE is currently a recipient of state support from the Oregon Universal Service Fund ("OUSF"). However the Fund is currently under formal state commission staff investigation (docket UM 1481), to assure the Fund contribution and support mechanisms, and those qualifying for support, are in concert with the current regulatory and market conditions. The outcome of the OUSF docket, the timing of a decision, and its impact upon MTE is unknown at the time of the report.

MTE advises that this improvement plan has been carefully crafted, matching measured network deployment, improvement and quality service levels with known financial implications of the Transformation Order upon the company's support cash-flows. The uncertainty of such cash flows being received in the outer-years as a result of current and potential regulatory action on rural rate-of-return carriers has resulted in the Company taking a balanced yet realistic approach.

The environment in which the Company operates remains dynamic, not static. As a result, MTE reserves the opportunity to modify its plan in response to further regulatory decisions as

they are adopted, and their implication upon the Company's financial viability in providing the required services and service level quality becomes known.

MTE will re-evaluate this plan on an annual basis. Action, however, may also be taken abruptly on the presented plan for both current and outer years in the event of evolving regulatory conditions and/or changes in technology (vendor)-driven support. All adjustments to the improvement plan in this document will be reflected and explained in subsequent annual reports.

OVERVIEW

MTE, as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) provides Universal Service supported services to approximately 190 customers in two exchanges covering approximately 540 square miles.

Consistent with Commission requirements, this Service Quality Improvement Plan addresses only MTE's regulated eligible telecommunications carrier operations. A detailed description of MTE's plans for the provision of the supported services in the five-year period starting with January 2015 is provided herein.

Per the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), for the calendar year 2013, MTE received a total of \$105,711 (as of 05/29/14) in USF support funds. The breakdown of the funding for the year was:

- \$ 53,001 High Cost Loop Support,
- \$ (51,102) Local Switching Support-Prior Period Adjustment
- \$ 47,598 Connect America Fund-Intercarrier Compensation Support
- \$ 56,214 Interstate Common Line Support
- \$ 0 Safety Net Additive

All funds were used in 2013 to both: 1) maintain, upgrade, and improve the Company's network and, 2) cover its operating expenses and debt commitments as necessary to permit it to offer a high level of service for both voice and broadband throughout its service area.

IMPROVEMENT PLANS BY YEAR (2015-2019 inclusive)

Summary descriptions of network improvements planned for the next five years in accordance with Part 54.202(a)(1)(ii) and Part 54.313(a)(1) by year and by exchange are presented below. Detailed expenditures are summarized in the attached Excel worksheet (Attachment 1). Where available, area and subscribers impacted by the improvements are identified in the worksheet. Costs are broken out by voice and broadband service.

 Network improvement expenditures identify the cost to provide those services supported by the universal service funding mechanisms. When a project involves expenditures for

¹Per 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, federal USF support, "will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended." If investments or expenses are for service areas larger than the supported service areas, then allocations of the expenditures are required.

both regulated and non-regulated services, the non-regulated investment costs have been removed. The Company estimates non-regulated costs using the appropriate allocation rules. Details of those costs are retained by the Company and available for inspection.

 Costs are reported only for those service areas in which the Company is authorized to receive USF funding.

Due to the current uncertainty of the amounts of support funds the company may receive in future years, MTE advises the Commission that the deployment of specific network improvement projects may be modified, and the meeting of projected service goals muted, to accommodate the actual amount of support that will be received.

BASELINE NARRATIVE

MTE is an independent local exchange carrier providing telecommunications services in Malheur County in eastern Oregon. It serves a current population of approximately 420, over a geographic area of 540 sq. miles. MTE provides service to the unincorporated areas of Harper and Juntura. The service territory is largely on a valley floor that is long and narrow. The valley is surrounded on both sides by mountains. The Malheur River winds along the valley crossing the highway back and forth several times. There is a large percentage of the surrounding area that is managed by the Bureau of Land Management. The economic base is largely ranching. There is a small public school in each exchange. At this time, the Company provides phone and data service to these schools.

MTE serves its subscribers using a soft switch. MTE was able to construct a fiber route to the Harper exchange in 2012 bringing high-speed Broadband to the area. The Juntura area currently is served by a satellite T-1 allowing maximum data speeds of 256K up and down. This is currently the only economically viable/available alternative. At year-end 2013, MTE served 190 voice subscribers. The Company also serves 54 DSL/Broadband subscribers. There are 11 subscribers served by the satellite backbone. There are 200 route miles of facilities.

While no terrestrial competitor offers voice and data service throughout MTE's service area, Verizon Wireless provides service in the Juntura exchange.

MTE was acquired in 2010 by Oregon Telephone Corporation and as such remains the managing company of MTE. It is MTE's plan to build out fiber to the Juntura area and to additional repeater sites in order to increase Broadband speeds for all of its customers. Many of MTE's customers remain copper fed. MTE's toll network is also all copper.

SUMMARY DISCUSSION OF PLANS BY YEAR

2015

<u>Juntura Fiber Build:</u> For 2015, MTE intends to use operating cash flow, which includes support funds, to deploy mainline fiber to the Juntura Central Office. This project will start at the

outskirts of Oregon Telephone Corporation's Unity exchange and continue through both private and public lands.

The Fiber Project cost is estimated at \$756,000 to be spread between multiple years. The project involves placement of approximately 37 route miles of fiber to 60 subscribers currently served over copper. When complete, these 60 subscribers will have a minimum of 1 MB upload and 6 MB download broadband speeds available. The area currently has 11 internet subscribers served by a satellite backhaul. Many of the existing customers have dial-up internet or satellite internet. MTE expects an increase in broadband services as a result of this project based on past experience with fiber upgrades to existing exchanges. This project was staked in fall 2012 and existing subscribers were informed at that time of the Company's plans to upgrade their service. As a result of a short construction season necessitated by extreme weather conditions, this project is scheduled for completion in the third quarter 2015. The Company's Field Engineer will be onsite, working alongside the construction crews on a daily basis and will provide weekly Progress Reports to Company Management to ensure deadlines are met.

The project however could face delays due to archeological concerns from the Bureau of Land Management. The project was slated to begin in 2014 however at this time work has not yet begun.

<u>Transmission:</u> This project will also require the addition of a new electronics in the field to replace the current system. The estimated cost of MTE labor and material will be \$45,000.

General Expenditures: MTE expects to spend \$2,500 in miscellaneous additions.

2016

Harper to Meet Point Fiber Build: Currently MTE's connection to our meet point is copper fed. Limitations on the number of T-1's required for future services no longer make this a feasible option in today's technology driven world. In 2016, assuming support becomes more predictable and continuing to upgrade remains economically viable MTE estimates a cost of \$70,000 to plow 2.5 miles of fiber to interconnect with the neighboring IXC. This project will be under the direct construction and supervision of the staff at Oregon Telephone Corporation.

General Expenditures: In 2016 the Company expects to spend \$5,000 in miscellaneous additions.

2017

DC Rectifier and Battery Upgrades: MTE's policy is to upgrade emergency and backup power generation capabilities on a rotating basis. Battery life and years in service are evaluated each year and replacements are completed as necessary. Generators and batteries at each Central Office and batteries at each DLC or remote are all considered. Rectifiers and inverters are also included. In 2017, assuming support becomes more predictable and continuing to upgrade remains economically viable MTE plans to replace batteries in DLC's during 2017. The budgeted amount is \$5,000. The Company also has plans to replace the generator at the Harper Central Office during 2017, currently estimated at \$5,000. These are all scheduled to be in service by the end of 2017. Each of these upgrades will be installed by Oregon Telephone Corporation employees.

General Expenditures: In 2017 the Company expects to spend \$2,000 in miscellaneous additions.

2018

DC Rectifier and Battery Upgrades: MTE's policy is to upgrade emergency and backup power generation capabilities on a rotating basis. Battery life and years in service are evaluated each year and replacements are completed as necessary. Generators and batteries at each Central Office and batteries at each DLC or remote are all considered. Rectifiers and inverters are also included. In 2018, assuming support becomes more predictable and continuing to upgrade remains economically viable a generator replacement is planned for the Juntura Central Office. This is estimated to cost \$5,000. This upgrade will be installed by Oregon Telephone Corporation employees.

General Expenditures: In 2018 the Company expects to spend \$3,000 in miscellaneous additions.

2019

As is our policy with critical network equipment, replacement of equipment deployed in the field must be replaced on a rotational basis. During 2019 it is estimated that upgrades and/or replacement of remote cabinets should begin. In 2019, assuming support becomes more predictable and continuing to upgrade remains economically viable, the estimated cost of the upgrades is \$50,000. The project will be under the direction of both Oregon Telephone Corporation's internal engineer as well as a vendor's engineer.

General Expenditures: In 2019 the Company expects to spend \$3,000 in miscellaneous additions.

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Attachment 1

The Company projects the expenditures, by Part 32 accounts for 2015-2019 related to the above identified projects will be:

2019			\$ 50,000		\$ 3,000		\$ 186.853	\$ 20,843	\$ 183,447	\$ 6.988	\$ 130,955
2018		- /			3,000		181,411	20,236	178,104	6,784	127,140
2017		5,000 \$	5,000		2,000 \$		176,127 \$	19,646 \$	172,916 \$	6,587 \$	123,437 \$
2016		\$	⟨ ⟨	70,000	\$ 000'\$		\$ 766,071	19,074 \$	167,880 \$	\$ 368'9	119,842 \$
2015			45,000	456,000 \$	2,500 \$		162,855 \$	18,165 \$	164,700 \$	\$ 060'9	114,135 \$
			<γ-	❖	\$		⋄	\$	\$	\$	\$
	Capital Expenditures	COE Switching	COE Transmission	Cable & Wire	General Support	Operating Expenditures	Plant Specific	Plant Non-Specific	Depreciation	Customer Oper	Corporate Oper

Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance

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Consumer Protection

Voice and Broadband

Oregon Telephone Corp-MTE 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

Oregon Telephone Corp-MTE 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

Oregon Telephone Corp-MTE follows the service standards noted in NECA Tariff #5 and is committed to provide the highest quality service to its broadband customers.

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Functionality in Emergency Situations

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Exchan	g Site Name	Battery	Est Battery Life	Backup Pwr	Fuel Type	Capacity	Est Run Time
Harper	Harper Central Office	170 Ah	10 hrs	Generator	Propane	500 gal	200 hrs
Harper	Hwy 20 AFC Remote	15 Ah	6 hrs	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harper	Little Valley_E3_48C	200 Ah	8 hrs	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harper	Old Stage_E3_12C	15 Ah	6 hrs	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harper	Westfall AFC Remote	15 Ah	6 hrs	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harper	4-Corners Calix E3-12c Remote	7.2 Ah	5 hrs	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harper	Westfall_E3_12C	15 Ah	6 hrs	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Juntura	Juntura Central Office	170 Ah	10 hrs	Generator	Propane	56 gal	22 hrs

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Terms and Conditions for Lifeline Customers

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54.313 Lifeline customers MOU and 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. As for toll, lifeline subscribers, similar to every Oregon Telephone-MTE subscriber, are free to choose their own toll usage plans through IXCs that serve Oregon Telephone Corp-MTE.

The following financial report contains financial data for both Oregon Telephone Corporation (SAC 532389) and Oregon Telephone Corporation-MTE (SAC 533336). The companies operate on a consolidated basis and separated results are not available.

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OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS	This data will be used by RUS to regime was a	s per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, will be treated as confidential information, will be treated as confidential time.
NSTRUCTIONS-Submit report to RUS within 30 days after close of the period. For detailed instructions, see RUS Bulletin 1744-2. Report in whole dollars only.	(Prepared with Audited PERIOD ENDING	
We hereby certify that the entries in this report are in accordance with the lest of our knowledge and belief. ALL INSURANCE REQUIRED BY 7 CFR PART 1789. CHANGED	December, 2013	BORROWER DESIGNATION OR0510
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(Chec	CK and of the following:	CHAPTER XVII
All of the obligations under the RUS loan documents have been fulfilled in all majerial respects DATE	There has been a default in the fulfillm under the RUS loan documents. Said specifically described in the Talecom C	ent of the obligations

	BALANCE		RT A. BALANCE SHEET		
ASSETS CURRENT ASSETS	PRIOR YEA	BALANC	-	BALANCE	BALANC
Cash and Equivalents	加斯斯斯特斯		CURRENT LIABILITIES	PRIOR YEAR	END OF PER
2. Cash-RUS Construction Fund	2,980,5	44 3,962,6	76 25. Accounts Payable		la diliguesido
3. Affiliates:		1	1 26. Notes Payable	471,49	205,
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable	antenna hanna		27. Advance Billings and Down		
b. Other Accounts Receivable	126,6		29 28. Customer Deposits	20,08	9 7,1
c Notes Receivable	172,30	07 330,1	1.2 29. Current Mat. L/T Debt	5,37	5 5,0
4. Non-Affiliates:			30. Current Mat. L/T Debt-Rur. Dev.	1,580,56	1 1,812,8
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable	STEELS STEEL		31. Current MatCapital Leases		
b. Other Accounts Receivable			32. Income Taxes Accrued		
c. Notes Receivable	611,53	5 536,59	6 33. Other Taxes Accrued	250,37	9 74,7
5. Interest and Dividends Receivable			34. Other Current Liabilities		1
Material-Regulated			35. Total Current Liabilities	201,381	216,5
Material-Nonregulated Material-Nonregulated	32,82	5 25,27	35. Total Current Liabilities (25 thru 34) 7 LONG-TERM DEBT	2,629,381	THE REAL PROPERTY AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON NAMED IN COLUMN TWO IS NOT THE PERSON NAMED IN COLUMN TWO IS
Procession Nonregulated		1.62	7 26 Funded State	DE DESTRUCTION OF	2,322,73
Prepayments	5,184	5,69	7 36. Funded Debt-RUS Notes 6 37. Funded Debt-RTB Notes	14,803,379	14,890,32
Other Current Assets			37 Funded Debt-RTB Notes	2,770,595	
Total Current Assets (1 Thru 3)	3,929,001	5,022 000	38. Funded Debt-FFB Notes 39. Funded Debt-Other		7,502,13
NCURRENT ASSETS		Illian in the second	39. Funded Debt-Other		
Investment in Affiliated Companies	1945年1946年		40. Funded Debt-Rural Develop, Loan		
a. Rural Development			41. Premium (Discount) on L/T Debt		
b Nonrural Development	4,025,979	4,022,295	42. Reacquired Debt		
Other Investments	Elementary Comment	1,022,295	43. Obligations Under Capital Lease		
a. Rural Development		A THE REAL PROPERTY.	44. Adv. From Affiliated Companies		
b. Nonrural Development	74,158		45. Other Long-Term Debt	1 220 020	
Nonregulated Investments	366,766	/4,158	46. Total Long-Term Debt (36 thru 45)	1,328,088	1,001,217
Other Noncurrent Assets	360,786	303,419	OTHER LIAB, & DEF, CREDITS	18,902,062	18,392,731
Deferred Charges			47. Other Long-Term Liabilities	10.00-	
lurisdictional Differences			48. Other Deferred Credits	10,287	7,265
otal Noncurrent Assets (11 thru 16)	1 105 000		9. Other Jurisdictional Differences	1,640,742	2,096,990
IT, PROPERTY, AND EQUIPMENT	4,466,903	4,485,872	50, Total Other Liabilities and Deferred Credits (47 thru 49)		
elecom, Plant-in-Service	2000年1月日日日 1000年1月日日 1000年1月日		CHITY	1,651,029	2,104,255
roperty Held for Future Use	31,430,103	32,281,977	1. Cap. Stock Outstand. & Subscribed		
ant Under Construction	+		Additional Paid-in-Capital		2,674,715
ant Adj., Nonop. Plant & Goodwill		5	Treasury Stock	13,204	13,204
ss Accumulated Depreciation	859,299	859,299 5	4. Membership and Con Cours	10,630,270)11	,531,268)
et Plant (18 thru 21 less 22)	12,086,717 1	4 SER OTALE	CAL		
OTAL ASSETS (10+17+23)	20,202,685 1	9,633,006 56	Other Capital Patronage Capital Credits		
1723		57	Retained Earnings or Margins		
		58	Total Equity (51 thru 57)	13,358,468 15	,164,486
		59	. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (35+46+50+58)		,321,137
	28,598,589 2	9,140,882		28,598,589 29	

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INSTRUCTIONS- See RUS Bulletin 1744-2

December, 2013

PART B. STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS OR MARGINS

ITEM	PRIOR YEAR	THIS YEAR
Local Network Services Revenues Network Access Services Revenues	469,585	418,26
Long Distance Network Services Revenues	6,391,537	6,714,90
Carrier Billing and Collection Revenues Miscellaneous Revenues	32,118	26,84
6. Uncollectible Revenues	29,545	35,49
7. Net Operating Revenues (1 thru 5 less 6)	3,833	3,29
B. Plant Specific Operations Expense	6,918,952	7,192,21
	733,961	775,674
Plant Nonspecific Operations Expense (Excluding Depreciation & Amortization) Depreciation Expense	174,865	219,954
. Amortization Expense	1,575,855	1,602,529
		4,002,02
T punctions Expense	133,259	141,867
	893,860	992,127
- Personal Expenses (o tille 13)	3,511,800	3,732,151
Operating Income or Margins (7 less 14)	3,407,152	3,460,066
Other Operating Income and Expenses	3,331	5,630
State and Local Taxes	131,067	
Federal Income Taxes	593,942	153,844 716,079
Other Taxes	335,505	
Total Operating Taxes (17+18+19)	1,060,514	353,012
Net Operating Income or Margins (15+16-20)	2,349,969	1,222,935
Interest on Funded Debt	955,594	2,242,761
Interest Expense - Capital Leases		953,764
Other Interest Expense	32,237	7) P - 49 4 49
Allowance for Funds Used During Construction		35,717
Total Fixed Charges (22+23+24-25)	987,831	000
Nonoperating Net Income	465,379	989,481
Extraordinary Items	403,379	773,952
Jurisdictional Differences		
Nonregulated Net Income		
Total Net Income or Margins (21+27+28+29+30-26)	(9,714)	92,740
Total Taxes Based on Income	1,817,803	2,119,972
Retained Earnings or Margins Beginning-of-Year	711,562	869,923
Miscellaneous Credits Year-to-Date	11,540,665	13,358,468
Dividends Declared (Common)		
Dividends Declared (Preferred)		313,954
Other Debits Year-to-Date		
Transfers to Patronage Capital		
Retained Earnings or Margins End-of-Period [(31+33+34) - (35+36+37+38)]		
Patronage Capital Beginning-of-Year	13,358,468	15,164,486
Transfers to Patronage Capital		
Patronage Capital Credits Retired		
Patronage Capital End-of-Year (40+41-42)		
Annual Debt Service Payments	0	0
Cash Ratio [(14+20-10-11) / 7]	2,542,277	2,759,949
Operating Accrual Ratio [(14+20+26) / 7]	0.4331	0.4661
TIER [(31+26) / 26]	0.8036	0.8265
DSCR [(31+26+10+11) / 44]	2.8402	3.1425

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INS	TRUCTIONS – See help in the online application.	December, 2013
	PART I – STATEMENT OF CASH	FLOWS
1.	Beginning Cash (Cash and Equivalents plus RUS Construction Fund)	2 000 54
	CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	2,980,54
2.	Net Income	7 110 07
	Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Open	2,119,97
3.	Add: Depreciation	
4.	Add: Amortization	1,602,52
5.	Other (Explain)	
	non-oper Depr	45,17
	Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities	
6.	Decrease/(Increase) in Accounts Receivable	(116,281)
7.	Decrease/(Increase) in Materials and Inventory	5,922
8.	Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments and Deferred Charges	(512)
9.	Decrease/(Increase) in Other Current Assets	0.00
10.	Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable	(265,804)
11.	Increase/(Decrease) in Advance Billings & Payments	(12,284)
12.	Increase/(Decrease) in Other Current Liabilities	(12,234)
13.	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operations	3,218,301
	CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	3,218,301
14.	Decrease/(Increase) in Notes Receivable	
15.	Increase/(Decrease) in Notes Payable	0
16.	Increase/(Decrease) in Customer Deposits	(350)
17.	Net Increase/(Decrease) in Long Term Debt (Including Current Maturities)	(377,101)
18.	Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities & Deferred Credits	
19.	Increase/(Decrease) in Capital Stock, Paid-in Capital, Membership and Capital Certificates &	Other Carital
20.	Less: Payment of Dividends	(900,998) (313,954)
21.	Less: Patronage Capital Credits Retired	(313, 934)
22.	Other (Explain)	0
23.	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Financing Activities	(1,139,177)
24.	CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
25.	Net Capital Expenditures (Property, Plant & Equipment)	(851,874)
26.	Other Long-Term Investments	(18,969)
27.	Other Noncurrent Assets & Jurisdictional Differences	0
21.	Other(Explain) income from subsidiary/capital exp	(226,149)
28.	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Investing Activities	/2 065 022
	Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash	(1,096,992)
10.	Ending Cash	982,132 3,962,677

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH ASPECTS OF CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR TELEPHONE BORROWERS

The Board of Directors Oregon Telephone Corporation Mt. Vernon, Oregon

We have audited, 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, the consolidated financial statements of Oregon Telephone Corporation, which comprise the consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, and the related consolidated statements of revenue, comprehensive income, stockholders' equity and changes in cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 4, 2014. In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 4, 2014, on our consideration of Oregon Telephone Corporation's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. No reports other than the reports referred to above related to our audit have been furnished to management.

In connection with our audit, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that Oregon Telephone Corporation failed to comply with the terms, covenants, provisions, or conditions of their loan, grant, and security instruments as set forth in 7 CFR Part 1773, *Policy on Audits of Rural Utilities Service Borrowers*, §1773.33 and clarified in the RUS policy memorandum dated February 7, 2014, insofar as they relate to accounting matters as enumerated below. However, our audit was not directed primarily toward obtaining knowledge of noncompliance. Accordingly, had we performed additional procedures, other matters may have come to our attention regarding Oregon Telephone Corporation's noncompliance with the above-referenced terms, covenants, provisions, or conditions of the contractual agreements and regulatory requirements, insofar as they relate to accounting matters. In connection with our audit, we noted no matters regarding Oregon Telephone Corporation's accounting and records to indicate that Oregon Telephone Corporation did not:

Maintain adequate and effective accounting procedures;

Utilize adequate and fair methods for accumulating and recording labor, material, and overhead costs, and the distribution of these costs to construction, retirement, and maintenance or other expense accounts;

Reconcile continuing property records to the controlling general ledger plant accounts;

Clear construction accounts and accrue depreciation on completed construction;

Record and properly price the retirement of plant;

Seek approval of the sale, lease or transfer of capital assets and disposition of proceeds for the sale or lease of plant, material, or scrap;

Maintain adequate control over materials and supplies;

Prepare accurate and timely Financial and Operating Reports;

Obtain written RUS approval to enter into any contract for the management, operation, or maintenance of the borrower's system if the contract covers all or substantially all of the telephone system;

Disclose material related party transactions in the financial statements, in accordance with requirements for related parties in generally accepted accounting principles;

Record depreciation in accordance with RUS requirements (See RUS Bulletin 183-1, Depreciation Rates and Procedures);

Comply with the requirements for the detailed schedule of deferred debits and deferred credits; and

Comply with the requirements for the detailed schedule of investments.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the board of directors, management, and the RUS and supplemental lenders and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Wiggins & Co, PC
Brigham City, Utah
March 4, 2014

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Terrestrial Backhaul Certification

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54.313(g) Areas with no terrestrial backhaul

All Oregon Telephone Corporation-MTE exchanges, with the exception of Juntura have terrestrial backhaul. The satellite backhaul for Juntura supports a minimum service level of 128kdown/128kup. Satellite backhaul is being used because the cost to obtain commercial backhaul is cost prohibitive. Oregon Telephone Corporation-MTE continues to seek economically sound solutions to address this exchange for both terrestrial backhaul and in meeting minimum service speed levels.

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