

much advance notice as possible prior to December 1, 2020, to give them flexibility to implement the higher support amount. Staff also recommends the Commission solicit feedback from outside parties at this time to permit more time flexibility.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays that the Commission will accept its *Memorandum*; continue suspension of the MoUSF assessment; increase MoUSF support for Lifeline voice-only service from \$16.75 to \$18.75 if the FCC reduces its support by \$2.00; and grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just in the circumstances.

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I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 6th day of October, 2020, to all counsel of record.

/s/ Whitney Payne

MEMORANDUM

To: Official Case File
Case No. TO-2019-0346

From: John Van Eschen and Kari Salsman
Telecommunications Department

Subject: Missouri USF Assessment and Support Levels

Date: October 6, 2020

Summary

The Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) directed Staff to file an annual update to determine if the assessment should be reinstated and further directed the Missouri Universal Service Board to report to the Commission its position on the assessment and support amounts no later than November 30, 2020. In response to this directive Staff recommends extending the Missouri USF assessment suspension time period through December 31, 2021. In addition, Staff recommends increasing the Missouri USF support amount for Lifeline voice-only service from \$16.75 to \$18.75 if the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) continues with its plan to reduce federal Lifeline voice-only support by \$2 on December 1, 2020.¹ If approved, companies should be given as much advance notice as possible as well as some flexibility in implementing a change in Missouri USF support. The ability to provide advance notice might be enhanced if the Commission immediately solicits feedback rather than wait for the Board to first report to the Commission and then seek comments.²

Background

The Commission’s November 21, 2019 order suspended the Missouri USF assessment and increased the Missouri USF support amounts for the Lifeline and Disabled programs. The Missouri USF assessment is currently suspended from January 1, 2020 through January 31, 2021. The Commission’s order also increased the Missouri USF support amounts for the Lifeline and Disabled programs so that subscribers to these programs receive a total

¹ Staff’s proposed support increase is limited to Lifeline voice-only service. Existing Missouri USF support should remain at \$14.75 for a Lifeline subscriber with voice and broadband services and \$24 for a Disabled program subscriber.

² Staff recommends the Commission seek comments about Staff’s proposals to increase Missouri USF support for Lifeline voice-only service and to continue the suspension of the Missouri USF assessment; however, parties can also use the opportunity to provide general feedback about the Missouri USF.

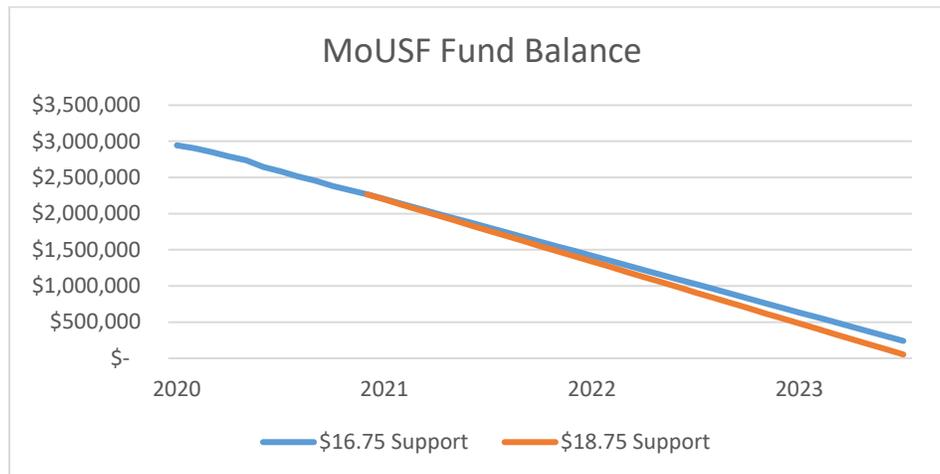
discount of \$24 per month.³ The most recent Missouri USF fund balance is \$2,512,293 and is declining at the rate of approximately \$61,600 per month.⁴

Pending FCC Action

As Staff previously reported, the FCC is phasing-out federal support for Lifeline voice-only service. Federal Lifeline voice-only support was reduced from \$9.25 to \$7.25 on December 1, 2019. The FCC intends to further reduce this support from \$7.25 to \$5.25 on December 1, 2020 and ultimately eliminate it December 1, 2021. If the FCC takes no action then the support will be reduced as planned.⁵ If there is a desire to offset this next expected decline then Missouri USF support will need to be increased from \$16.75 to \$18.75 for Lifeline voice-only service.

Current Status of the Missouri USF

The Missouri USF fund balance can easily accommodate continued suspension of the assessment and a \$2 increase in Missouri USF Lifeline voice-only support. The assessment can continue to be suspended for another two years through December 31, 2022, without depleting the fund. The graph below shows Missouri USF fund balance projections if Missouri USF support remains at current levels as shown by the \$16.75 support line versus increasing Missouri USF support for Lifeline voice-only service to \$18.75.



³ Missouri USF support is \$24 per month for a Disabled program subscriber with voice service or bundled voice and broadband services. Missouri USF support is \$14.75 per month for a Lifeline program subscriber with bundled voice and broadband services; \$16.75 for a Lifeline program subscriber with voice-only service. Missouri USF support does not provide any support for a broadband-only service. Missouri USF support is limited to landline providers.

⁴ Account balance as of August 31, 2020 per Missouri USF Administrator's Monthly Report.

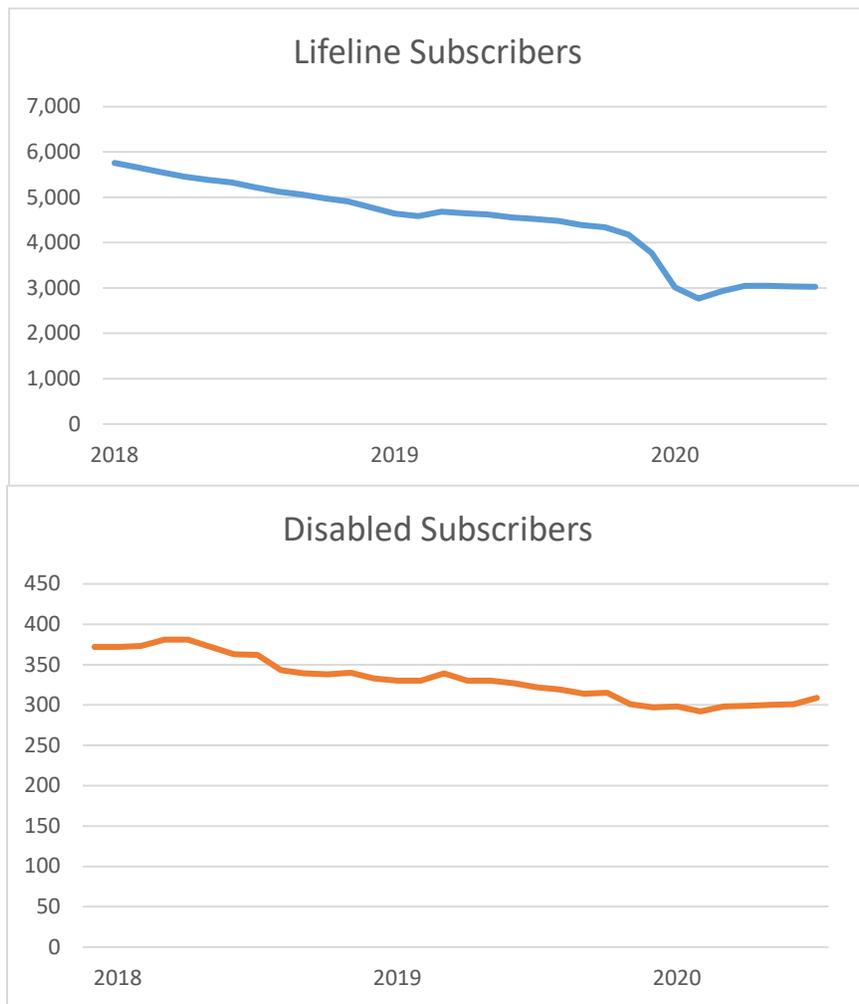
⁵ The FCC sought comment on the phase-down. Petition of the National Lifeline Association for Waiver of Lifeline Mobile Broadband Minimum Service Standard and Voice Support Phase-Down, WC Docket Nos. 11-42, et al., at 1 (filed August 27, 2020), <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/filing/108270761108745>

The noteworthy observation from this graph is the Missouri USF can remain solvent for a minimum of two more years and would not become negative until mid-2023 if the suspension continues and the support is increased.

Assumptions Used in Staff’s Projections

Attachments A and B reflect the data behind these projections. These attachments identify three basic assumptions, which are briefly discussed below:

1. Assume subscriber quantities remain stable at current levels. From July 2017 to December 2019 subscriber quantities had been declining by 21% per year. The higher Missouri USF support levels appear to have stopped this decline. The total number of subscribers supported by the Missouri USF in both programs was 3,310 in January 2020 versus 3,339 in August 2020. Subscriberhip trends for both programs are shown below:



- Assume net jurisdictional revenue continues to decline by 0.32% per month (3.88% annually). This rate is based simply on comparing revenues reported for 2019 to 2018. This assumption only becomes relevant if the Missouri USF assessment is reinstated at some future date.
- Assume fund administrative expenses will average \$7,270 per month. This amount is based on an average of expenses associated with fund administration, independent auditing and tax-related services.⁶

Staff Recommendation for Missouri USF Support Levels

Staff recommends the Missouri USF support level for Lifeline voice-only service increase from \$16.75 to \$18.75 if the FCC proceeds with its plan to reduce federal monthly subscriber support for Lifeline voice-only service by \$2 on December 1, 2020. If the FCC does not proceed with this plan then Staff recommends Missouri USF support levels remain unchanged. Staff's recommendation is intended to prevent affected Lifeline voice-only subscribers from experiencing a rate increase. It also helps ensure voice-only service remains an important part of the Lifeline program as the FCC attempts to transition the Lifeline program into a program solely supporting broadband service. Overall this recommendation will benefit most Lifeline subscribers supported by the Missouri USF because 84% of Lifeline subscribers benefiting from Missouri USF support are voice-only subscribers.⁷ Staff further recommends the support for the Disabled Program and the non-voice-only subscribers remain unchanged.

The timing of a decision to increase the Missouri USF support level for Lifeline voice-only service should provide as much advance notice as possible to enable companies to make billing system adjustments. Missouri's rules specify companies will be provided with 60 days advance notice for changes to the Missouri USF assessment. Staff recommends similar advance notice provided, if possible, for changes in Missouri USF support levels.⁸ If Missouri USF support is increased as recommended by Staff then companies should be given some flexibility to accommodate the change so a company can implement the change on December 1, 2020 or soon as possible after that date but before February 1, 2021.

Staff Recommendation for the Missouri USF Assessment

The Missouri USF can easily accommodate continued suspension of the Missouri USF assessment according to Staff's projections. Staff recommends the Missouri USF assessment remain suspended through December 31, 2021. Although the fund can accommodate continued suspension through 2022, Staff recommends the Commission make an annual decision about the assessment. In Staff's opinion, such an approach is

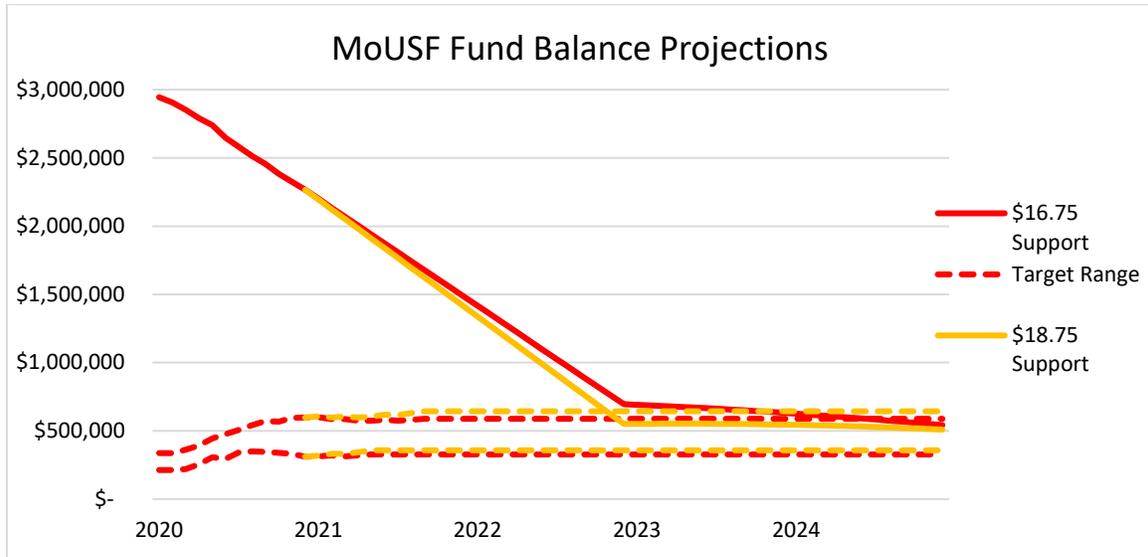
⁶ The current contracts for these three services expire on June 30, 2021. New contracts will need to be awarded through a competitive bid process.

⁷ According to the Missouri USF Administrator's August Report 2,546 out of 3,030 Lifeline subscribers received \$16.75 in Missouri USF Lifeline support.

⁸ Advance notice is generally needed to make changes to consumer bills. In this instance adjustments to consumer bills may not be ultimately necessary but uncertainty of federal or state support levels places companies in a difficult position.

more prudent and will be less confusing than if the Commission suspended the assessment and later decides to shorten the suspension period and reinstate the assessment.

The Missouri Commission will eventually need to decide whether to stabilize or dissolve the fund.⁹ In Staff’s opinion such a decision should be delayed for a later debate. Nevertheless, to provide some preliminary indication, assessment levels of .0011 or .0013 are likely needed to start on January 1, 2023 to maintain a fund balance within a desired range of five to nine months’ worth of expenses.¹⁰ These projections are shown below:



Additional Staff Recommendations

The Commission’s November 21, 2019 order directed the Missouri Universal Service Board to report to the Commission its position on the assessment and support amounts no later than November 30, 2020. To help meet this timeline, Staff recommends the Commission invite parties to file comments on Staff’s recommendations as soon as possible rather than wait for Board feedback and then seek comments.

Staff also recommends the Commission direct Staff to file another update in late 2021 so the Missouri USF Board may provide input in its October 2021 Missouri USF Board meeting.

Summary of Staff Recommendations

- Extend the suspension of the MoUSF assessment through December 31, 2021.

⁹ Verizon’s comments filed May 31, 2019 suggested dissolving the Missouri USF.

¹⁰ This desired range is based on prior guidance provided by the Missouri USF Board. A January 1st implementation date is recommended for any assessment change to more easily administer accommodate annual payments.

- Increase Missouri USF support for voice-only lifeline subscribers from \$16.75 to \$18.75, effective December 1, 2020 if the FCC reduces federal support for these subscribers from \$7.25 to \$5.25.
 - Companies should be allowed flexibility to implement the increase to Missouri USF support amount as soon practical but no later than February 1, 2021.
- Maintain the existing \$24 support for the Disabled Program and the \$14.75 for Lifeline service with voice and broadband services.
- Immediately seek comments from interested parties.
- Direct Staff to file the next recommendation in a time frame so the Missouri USF Board may provide input in its October 2021 Missouri USF Board meeting.

Attachment A: Projections for \$16.75 lifeline discount

Attachment B: Projections for \$18.75 lifeline discount

Missouri USF - Attachment A

MoUSF Assessment Rate:	0.0000
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Proposed MoUSF Support Amount	\$16.75
Assessment Rate 1/1/2023	0.0011

Projections:	-0.32%	Monthly change in net jurisdictional revenue after January 1, 2020
	0	Monthly change in subscribers after July 2020

Red numbers reflect actuals

Year	Month	Revenues			Lifeline Subscribers	Support Amount	Disabled Subscribers	Expenses			Target Balance			
		NJR revenue	Assessment Rate	Revenue				Support Amount	Administrative	Total Expenses	Unadjusted Balance	Low	High	
2017	January	\$ 63,390,000	0.10%	\$ 63,390	10,901	\$6.50	635	\$6.50	\$ 59,862	\$ -	\$ 59,862	\$ 2,450,573	\$ 458,781	\$ 876,894
	February	\$ 63,201,000	0.10%	\$ 63,201	11,239	\$6.50	625	\$6.50	\$ 73,538	\$ 29,204	\$ 102,742	\$ 2,411,032	\$ 457,601	\$ 853,488
	March	\$ 66,561,000	0.10%	\$ 66,561	11,323	\$6.50	628	\$6.50	\$ 76,594	\$ 7,500	\$ 84,094	\$ 2,393,498	\$ 417,675	\$ 832,812
	April	\$ 64,190,000	0.10%	\$ 64,190	11,272	\$6.50	629	\$6.50	\$ 79,906	\$ -	\$ 79,906	\$ 2,377,783	\$ 402,932	\$ 815,522
	May	\$ 63,619,000	0.10%	\$ 63,619	10,915	\$6.50	615	\$6.50	\$ 79,144	\$ 17,154	\$ 96,298	\$ 2,345,104	\$ 406,824	\$ 798,187
	June	\$ 63,533,000	0.10%	\$ 63,533	10,537	\$6.50	566	\$6.50	\$ 79,288	\$ -	\$ 79,288	\$ 2,329,349	\$ 426,250	\$ 802,757
	July	\$ 65,792,000	0.10%	\$ 65,792	6,479	\$6.50	382	\$6.50	\$ 76,746	\$ 17,154	\$ 93,900	\$ 2,301,241	\$ 429,328	\$ 762,853
	August	\$ 66,984,000	0.10%	\$ 66,984	6,353	\$6.50	382	\$6.50	\$ 73,382	\$ -	\$ 73,382	\$ 2,294,843	\$ 425,986	\$ 741,456
	September	\$ 64,805,000	0.10%	\$ 64,805	6,207	\$6.50	382	\$6.50	\$ 45,483	\$ (137)	\$ 45,347	\$ 2,314,302	\$ 391,433	\$ 711,557
	October	\$ 67,381,000	0.10%	\$ 67,381	6,089	\$6.50	375	\$6.50	\$ 43,311	\$ 23,654	\$ 66,965	\$ 2,314,719	\$ 355,470	\$ 694,876
	November	\$ 64,947,000	0.10%	\$ 64,947	6,019	\$6.50	370	\$6.50	\$ 42,930	\$ -	\$ 42,930	\$ 2,336,736	\$ 318,982	\$ 664,138
	December	\$ 62,347,000	0.10%	\$ 62,347	5,913	\$6.50	372	\$6.50	\$ 41,950	\$ -	\$ 41,950	\$ 2,357,133	\$ 284,186	\$ 629,364
2018	January	\$ 70,203,000	0.10%	\$ 70,203	5,759	\$6.50	372	\$6.50	\$ 41,646	\$ 31,154	\$ 72,800	\$ 2,354,536	\$ 269,992	\$ 612,860
	February	\$ 68,079,000	0.10%	\$ 68,079	5,660	\$6.50	373	\$6.50	\$ 40,895	\$ -	\$ 40,895	\$ 2,381,720	\$ 265,540	\$ 557,457
	March	\$ 67,295,000	0.10%	\$ 67,295	5,554	\$6.50	381	\$6.50	\$ 39,865	\$ -	\$ 39,865	\$ 2,409,149	\$ 238,440	\$ 518,034
	April	\$ 68,993,000	0.10%	\$ 68,993	5,456	\$6.50	381	\$6.50	\$ 39,174	\$ -	\$ 39,174	\$ 2,438,968	\$ 234,684	\$ 463,308
	May	\$ 67,341,000	0.10%	\$ 67,341	5,387	\$6.50	372	\$6.50	\$ 38,364	\$ 17,234	\$ 55,598	\$ 2,450,712	\$ 248,332	\$ 445,523
	June	\$ 66,372,000	0.10%	\$ 66,372	5,329	\$6.50	363	\$6.50	\$ 38,267	\$ -	\$ 38,267	\$ 2,494,561	\$ 213,799	\$ 438,444
	July	\$ 68,830,000	0.10%	\$ 68,830	5,227	\$6.50	362	\$6.50	\$ 37,901	\$ 17,175	\$ 55,076	\$ 2,496,231	\$ 227,979	\$ 426,554
	August	\$ 67,214,000	0.10%	\$ 67,214	5,124	\$6.50	343	\$6.50	\$ 37,146	\$ -	\$ 37,146	\$ 2,518,478	\$ 225,260	\$ 420,770
	September	\$ 65,906,000	0.10%	\$ 65,906	5,061	\$6.50	339	\$6.50	\$ 36,290	\$ -	\$ 36,290	\$ 2,562,716	\$ 222,376	\$ 415,110
	October	\$ 68,173,000	0.10%	\$ 68,173	4,977	\$6.50	338	\$6.50	\$ 35,469	\$ 18,517	\$ 53,986	\$ 2,561,761	\$ 230,765	\$ 396,296
	November	\$ 59,919,000	0.10%	\$ 59,919	4,910	\$6.50	340	\$6.50	\$ 35,195	\$ -	\$ 35,195	\$ 2,605,289	\$ 217,493	\$ 399,596
	December	\$ 62,901,000	0.10%	\$ 62,901	4,778	\$6.50	333	\$6.50	\$ 34,383	\$ -	\$ 34,383	\$ 2,619,878	\$ 197,000	\$ 385,114
2019	January	\$ 71,382,000	0.10%	\$ 71,382	4,645	\$6.50	330	\$6.50	\$ 34,088	\$ 37,107	\$ 71,195	\$ 2,647,608	\$ 71,195	\$ 71,195
	February	\$ 64,274,000	0.10%	\$ 64,274	4,587	\$6.50	330	\$6.50	\$ 33,391	\$ -	\$ 33,391	\$ 2,650,949	\$ 104,586	\$ 104,586
	March	\$ 62,195,000	0.10%	\$ 62,195	4,483	\$6.50	330	\$6.50	\$ 29,381	\$ -	\$ 29,381	\$ 2,683,763	\$ 133,967	\$ 133,967
	April	\$ 63,470,000	0.10%	\$ 63,470	4,446	\$6.50	330	\$6.50	\$ 31,437	\$ -	\$ 31,437	\$ 2,728,118	\$ 165,404	\$ 165,404
	May	\$ 62,094,000	0.10%	\$ 62,094	4,418	\$6.50	330	\$6.50	\$ 31,484	\$ -	\$ 31,484	\$ 2,729,908	\$ 196,888	\$ 196,888
	June	\$ 61,223,000	0.10%	\$ 61,223	4,560	\$6.50	327	\$6.50	\$ 31,479	\$ -	\$ 31,479	\$ 2,758,652	\$ 157,172	\$ 228,367
	July	\$ 65,872,000	0.10%	\$ 65,872	4,525	\$6.50	327	\$6.50	\$ 31,291	\$ -	\$ 31,291	\$ 2,775,834	\$ 155,072	\$ 259,658
	August	\$ 69,899,000	0.10%	\$ 69,899	4,481	\$6.50	319	\$6.50	\$ 29,772	\$ -	\$ 29,772	\$ 2,804,650	\$ 155,463	\$ 289,430
	September	\$ 65,878,000	0.10%	\$ 65,878	4,390	\$6.50	314	\$6.50	\$ 30,965	\$ -	\$ 30,965	\$ 2,857,256	\$ 154,991	\$ 320,395
	October	\$ 60,247,000	0.10%	\$ 60,247	4,343	\$6.50	315	\$6.50	\$ 29,990	\$ 18,887	\$ 48,877	\$ 2,875,572	\$ 172,384	\$ 298,077
	November	\$ 60,769,000	0.10%	\$ 60,769	4,182	\$6.50	301	\$6.50	\$ 29,315	\$ -	\$ 29,315	\$ 2,887,487	\$ 170,220	\$ 294,001
	December	\$ 62,801,000	0.10%	\$ 62,801	3,769	\$6.50	297	\$6.50	\$ 28,351	\$ -	\$ 28,351	\$ 2,931,778	\$ 167,280	\$ 292,974
2020	January	\$ 62,597,719	0.00%	\$ 4,373	3,013	\$16.75	298	\$24.00	\$ 51,920	\$ 23,569	\$ 75,489	\$ 2,944,674	\$ 212,997	\$ 337,023
	February	\$ 62,395,095	0.00%	\$ 1,936	2,768	\$16.75	292	\$24.00	\$ 31,808	\$ -	\$ 31,808	\$ 2,905,960	\$ 213,840	\$ 337,347
	March	\$ 62,193,127	0.00%	\$ 411	2,929	\$16.75	298	\$24.00	\$ 42,101	\$ 14,000	\$ 56,101	\$ 2,851,796	\$ 221,064	\$ 361,969
	April	\$ 61,991,814	0.00%	\$ 286	3,052	\$16.75	299	\$24.00	\$ 62,157	\$ -	\$ 62,157	\$ 2,791,381	\$ 253,906	\$ 392,835
	May	\$ 61,791,151	0.00%	\$ 353	3,046	\$16.75	300	\$24.00	\$ 62,366	\$ 17,847	\$ 80,213	\$ 2,739,520	\$ 305,768	\$ 443,276
	June	\$ 61,591,139	0.00%	\$ 483	3,034	\$16.75	301	\$24.00	\$ 64,671	\$ -	\$ 64,671	\$ 2,646,704	\$ 294,590	\$ 476,982
	July	\$ 61,391,774	0.00%	\$ 1,088	3,030	\$16.75	309	\$24.00	\$ 63,793	\$ 14,469	\$ 78,262	\$ 2,582,494	\$ 341,404	\$ 506,367
	August	\$ 61,193,054	0.00%	\$ -	3,030	\$16.75	309	\$24.00	\$ 64,305	\$ -	\$ 64,305	\$ 2,513,293	\$ 349,608	\$ 541,357
	September	\$ 60,994,977	0.00%	\$ -	3,030	\$16.75	309	\$24.00	\$ 58,169	\$ -	\$ 58,169	\$ 2,455,125	\$ 345,619	\$ 571,174
	October	\$ 60,797,541	0.00%	\$ -	3,030	\$16.75	309	\$24.00	\$ 58,169	\$ 14,469	\$ 72,638	\$ 2,382,487	\$ 338,044	\$ 568,323
	November	\$ 60,600,745	0.00%	\$ -	3,030	\$16.75	309	\$24.00	\$ 58,169	\$ -	\$ 58,169	\$ 2,324,319	\$ 331,541	\$ 594,683
	December	\$ 60,404,586	0.00%	\$ -	3,030	\$16.75	309	\$24.00	\$ 58,169	\$ -	\$ 58,169	\$ 2,266,150	\$ 311,448	\$ 596,751
2021	January	\$ 60,209,061	0.00%	\$ -	3,030	\$16.75	309	\$24.00	\$ 58,169	\$ 7,270	\$ 65,439	\$ 2,200,712	\$ 312,582	\$ 600,032
	February	\$ 60,014,170	0.00%	\$ -	3,030	\$16.75	309	\$24.00	\$ 58,169	\$ 7,270	\$ 65,439	\$ 2,135,273	\$ 319,852	\$ 585,258
	March	\$ 59,819,909	0.00%	\$ -	3,030	\$16.75	309	\$24.00	\$ 58,169	\$ 7,270	\$ 65,439	\$ 2,069,835	\$ 312,653	\$ 586,025
	April	\$ 59,626,277	0.00%	\$ -	3,030	\$16.75	309	\$24.00	\$ 58,169	\$ 7,270	\$ 65,439	\$ 2,004,396	\$ 319,923	\$ 573,202
	May	\$ 59,433,272	0.00%	\$ -	3,030	\$16.75	309	\$24.00	\$ 58,169	\$ 7,270	\$ 65,439	\$ 1,938,958	\$ 327,193	\$ 574,336
	June	\$ 59,240,891	0.00%	\$ -	3,030	\$16.75	309	\$24.00	\$ 58,169	\$ 7,270	\$ 65,439	\$ 1,873,519	\$ 327,193	\$ 581,606
	July	\$ 59,049,134	0.00%	\$ -	3,030	\$16.75	309	\$24.00	\$ 58,169	\$ 7,270	\$ 65,439	\$ 1,808,081	\$ 327,193	\$ 574,407
	August	\$ 58,857,997	0.00%	\$ -	3,030	\$16.75	309	\$24.00	\$ 58,169	\$ 7,270	\$ 65,439	\$ 1,742,642	\$ 327,193	\$ 581,677
	September	\$ 58,667,478	0.00%	\$ -	3,030	\$16.75	309	\$24.00	\$ 58,169	\$ 7,270	\$ 65,439	\$ 1,677,204	\$ 327,193	\$ 588,947
	October	\$ 58,477,577	0.00%	\$ -	3,030	\$16.75	309	\$24.00	\$ 58,169	\$ 7,270	\$ 65,439	\$ 1,611,765	\$ 327,193	\$ 588,947
	November	\$ 58,288,290	0.00%	\$ -	3,030	\$16.75	309	\$24.00	\$ 58,169	\$ 7,270	\$ 65,439	\$ 1,546,327	\$ 327,193	\$ 588,947
	December	\$ 58,099,616	0.00%	\$ -	3,030	\$16.75	309	\$24.00	\$ 58,169	\$ 7,270	\$ 65,439	\$ 1,480,888	\$ 327,193	\$ 588,947
2022	January	\$ 57,911,552	0.00%	\$ -	3,030	\$16.75	309	\$24.00	\$ 58,169	\$ 7,270	\$ 65,439	\$ 1,415,450	\$ 327,193	\$ 588,947
	February	\$ 57,724,097	0.00%	\$ -	3,030	\$16.75	309	\$24.00	\$ 58,169	\$ 7,270	\$ 65,439	\$ 1,350,011	\$ 327,193	\$ 588,947
	March	\$ 57,537,249	0.00%	\$ -	3,030	\$16.75	309	\$24.00	\$ 58,169	\$ 7,270	\$ 65,439	\$ 1,284,573	\$ 327,193	\$ 588,947
	April	\$ 57,351,006	0.00%	\$ -	3,030	\$16.75	309	\$24.00	\$ 58,169	\$ 7,270	\$ 65,439	\$ 1,219,134	\$ 327,193	\$ 588,947
	May	\$ 57,165,366	0.00%	\$ -	3,030	\$16.75	309	\$24.00	\$ 58,169	\$ 7,270	\$ 65,439	\$ 1,153,696	\$ 327,193	\$ 588,947
	June	\$ 56,980,327	0.00%	\$ -	3,030	\$16.75	309	\$24.00	\$ 58,169	\$ 7,270	\$ 65,439	\$ 1,088,257	\$ 327,193	\$ 588,947
	July	\$ 56,795,886	0.00%	\$ -	3,030	\$16.75	309	\$24.00	\$ 58,169	\$ 7,270	\$ 65,439	\$ 1,022,819	\$ 327,193	\$ 588,947
	August	\$ 56,612,043	0.00%	\$ -	3,030	\$16.75	309	\$24.00	\$ 58,169	\$ 7,270	\$ 65,439	\$ 957,380		

Missouri USF - Attachment B

MoUSF Assessment Rate:	0.0000
Proposed MoUSF Support Amount	\$18.75
Assessment Rate 1/1/2023	0.0013
Projections:	-0.32% Monthly change in net jurisdictional revenue after January 1, 2020
	0 Monthly change in subscribers after July 2020

Red numbers reflect actuals

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	April	\$ 64,190,000	0.10%	\$ 64,190	11,272	\$6.50	629	\$6.50	\$ 79,906	\$ -	\$ 79,906	\$ 2,377,783	\$ 402,932	\$ 815,522
	May	\$ 63,619,000	0.10%	\$ 63,619	10,915	\$6.50	615	\$6.50	\$ 79,144	\$ 17,154	\$ 96,298	\$ 2,345,104	\$ 406,824	\$ 798,187
	June	\$ 63,533,000	0.10%	\$ 63,533	10,537	\$6.50	566	\$6.50	\$ 79,288	\$ -	\$ 79,288	\$ 2,329,349	\$ 426,250	\$ 802,757
	July	\$ 65,792,000	0.10%	\$ 65,792	6,479	\$6.50	382	\$6.50	\$ 76,746	\$ 17,154	\$ 93,900	\$ 2,301,241	\$ 429,328	\$ 762,853
	August	\$ 66,984,000	0.10%	\$ 66,984	6,353	\$6.50	382	\$6.50	\$ 73,382	\$ -	\$ 73,382	\$ 2,294,843	\$ 428,986	\$ 741,456
	September	\$ 64,805,000	0.10%	\$ 64,805	6,207	\$6.50	382	\$6.50	\$ 45,483	\$ (137)	\$ 45,347	\$ 2,314,302	\$ 391,433	\$ 711,557
	October	\$ 67,381,000	0.10%	\$ 67,381	6,089	\$6.50	375	\$6.50	\$ 43,311	\$ 23,654	\$ 66,965	\$ 2,314,719	\$ 355,470	\$ 694,876
	November	\$ 64,947,000	0.10%	\$ 64,947	6,019	\$6.50	370	\$6.50	\$ 42,930	\$ -	\$ 42,930	\$ 2,336,736	\$ 318,982	\$ 664,138
	December	\$ 62,347,000	0.10%	\$ 62,347	5,913	\$6.50	372	\$6.50	\$ 41,950	\$ -	\$ 41,950	\$ 2,357,133	\$ 284,186	\$ 629,364
2018	January	\$ 70,203,000	0.10%	\$ 70,203	5,759	\$6.50	372	\$6.50	\$ 41,646	\$ 31,154	\$ 72,800	\$ 2,354,536	\$ 269,992	\$ 612,860
	February	\$ 68,079,000	0.10%	\$ 68,079	5,660	\$6.50	373	\$6.50	\$ 40,895	\$ -	\$ 40,895	\$ 2,381,720	\$ 265,540	\$ 557,457
	March	\$ 67,295,000	0.10%	\$ 67,295	5,554	\$6.50	381	\$6.50	\$ 39,865	\$ -	\$ 39,865	\$ 2,409,149	\$ 238,440	\$ 518,034
	April	\$ 68,993,000	0.10%	\$ 68,993	5,456	\$6.50	381	\$6.50	\$ 39,174	\$ -	\$ 39,174	\$ 2,438,968	\$ 234,684	\$ 463,308
	May	\$ 67,341,000	0.10%	\$ 67,341	5,387	\$6.50	372	\$6.50	\$ 38,364	\$ 17,234	\$ 55,598	\$ 2,450,712	\$ 243,332	\$ 445,523
	June	\$ 66,372,000	0.10%	\$ 66,372	5,329	\$6.50	363	\$6.50	\$ 38,267	\$ -	\$ 38,267	\$ 2,494,561	\$ 218,799	\$ 438,444
	July	\$ 68,830,000	0.10%	\$ 68,830	5,227	\$6.50	362	\$6.50	\$ 37,901	\$ 17,175	\$ 55,076	\$ 2,496,231	\$ 227,799	\$ 426,554
	August	\$ 67,214,000	0.10%	\$ 67,214	5,124	\$6.50	343	\$6.50	\$ 37,146	\$ -	\$ 37,146	\$ 2,518,478	\$ 225,260	\$ 420,770
	September	\$ 65,906,000	0.10%	\$ 65,906	5,061	\$6.50	339	\$6.50	\$ 36,290	\$ -	\$ 36,290	\$ 2,562,716	\$ 222,376	\$ 415,110
	October	\$ 68,173,000	0.10%	\$ 68,173	4,977	\$6.50	338	\$6.50	\$ 35,469	\$ 18,517	\$ 53,986	\$ 2,561,761	\$ 220,765	\$ 396,296
	November	\$ 69,919,000	0.10%	\$ 69,919	4,910	\$6.50	340	\$6.50	\$ 35,195	\$ -	\$ 35,195	\$ 2,605,280	\$ 217,493	\$ 390,596
	December	\$ 62,901,000	0.10%	\$ 62,901	4,778	\$6.50	333	\$6.50	\$ 34,383	\$ -	\$ 34,383	\$ 2,619,878	\$ 197,000	\$ 385,114
2019	January	\$ 71,382,000	0.10%	\$ 71,382	4,645	\$6.50	330	\$6.50	\$ 34,088	\$ 37,107	\$ 71,195	\$ 2,647,608	\$ 171,195	\$ 71,195
	February	\$ 64,274,000	0.10%	\$ 64,274	4,587	\$6.50	330	\$6.50	\$ 33,391	\$ -	\$ 33,391	\$ 2,650,949	\$ 104,586	\$ 104,586
	March	\$ 62,195,000	0.10%	\$ 62,195	4,483	\$6.50	330	\$6.50	\$ 29,381	\$ -	\$ 29,381	\$ 2,683,763	\$ 133,967	\$ 133,967
	April	\$ 63,470,000	0.10%	\$ 63,470	4,466	\$6.50	330	\$6.50	\$ 31,437	\$ -	\$ 31,437	\$ 2,728,118	\$ 165,404	\$ 165,404
	May	\$ 62,094,000	0.10%	\$ 62,094	4,418	\$6.50	330	\$6.50	\$ 31,484	\$ 17,497	\$ 48,981	\$ 2,729,908	\$ 214,385	\$ 214,385
	June	\$ 61,223,000	0.10%	\$ 61,223	4,560	\$6.50	327	\$6.50	\$ 31,479	\$ -	\$ 31,479	\$ 2,758,652	\$ 174,669	\$ 245,864
	July	\$ 65,872,000	0.10%	\$ 65,872	4,525	\$6.50	322	\$6.50	\$ 31,291	\$ 17,497	\$ 48,788	\$ 2,775,834	\$ 190,666	\$ 294,652
	August	\$ 69,899,000	0.10%	\$ 69,899	4,481	\$6.50	319	\$6.50	\$ 29,772	\$ -	\$ 29,772	\$ 2,804,650	\$ 190,457	\$ 324,424
	September	\$ 65,878,000	0.10%	\$ 65,878	4,390	\$6.50	314	\$6.50	\$ 30,965	\$ -	\$ 30,965	\$ 2,857,256	\$ 189,985	\$ 355,389
	October	\$ 60,247,000	0.10%	\$ 60,247	4,343	\$6.50	315	\$6.50	\$ 29,990	\$ 18,887	\$ 48,877	\$ 2,875,572	\$ 189,881	\$ 333,071
	November	\$ 60,769,000	0.10%	\$ 60,769	4,182	\$6.50	301	\$6.50	\$ 29,315	\$ -	\$ 29,315	\$ 2,887,487	\$ 187,717	\$ 328,995
	December	\$ 62,801,000	0.10%	\$ 62,801	3,769	\$6.50	297	\$6.50	\$ 28,351	\$ -	\$ 28,351	\$ 2,931,738	\$ 167,280	\$ 327,965
2020	January	\$ 62,597,719	0.00%	\$ 4,373	3,012	\$16.75	309	\$24.00	\$ 61,920	\$ 23,569	\$ 85,489	\$ 2,944,674	\$ 212,997	\$ 370,017
	February	\$ 62,395,095	0.00%	\$ -	2,768	\$16.75	292	\$24.00	\$ 61,808	\$ -	\$ 61,808	\$ 2,905,960	\$ 213,840	\$ 354,844
	March	\$ 62,193,127	0.00%	\$ 411	2,929	\$16.75	298	\$24.00	\$ 62,101	\$ 14,000	\$ 76,101	\$ 2,851,796	\$ 221,064	\$ 379,466
	April	\$ 61,991,814	0.00%	\$ 286	3,052	\$16.75	299	\$24.00	\$ 62,157	\$ -	\$ 62,157	\$ 2,791,381	\$ 225,906	\$ 392,835
	May	\$ 61,791,151	0.00%	\$ 353	3,046	\$16.75	300	\$24.00	\$ 62,366	\$ 17,847	\$ 80,213	\$ 2,739,520	\$ 305,768	\$ 443,276
	June	\$ 61,591,139	0.00%	\$ 483	3,034	\$16.75	301	\$24.00	\$ 64,671	\$ -	\$ 64,671	\$ 2,646,704	\$ 294,950	\$ 476,982
	July	\$ 61,391,774	0.00%	\$ 1,088	3,030	\$16.75	309	\$24.00	\$ 63,793	\$ 14,469	\$ 78,262	\$ 2,582,494	\$ 341,404	\$ 506,367
	August	\$ 61,193,054	0.00%	\$ -	3,030	\$16.75	309	\$24.00	\$ 64,305	\$ -	\$ 64,305	\$ 2,513,293	\$ 349,608	\$ 541,357
	September	\$ 60,994,977	0.00%	\$ -	3,030	\$16.75	309	\$24.00	\$ 58,169	\$ -	\$ 58,169	\$ 2,455,125	\$ 345,619	\$ 571,174
	October	\$ 60,797,541	0.00%	\$ -	3,030	\$16.75	309	\$24.00	\$ 58,169	\$ 14,469	\$ 72,638	\$ 2,382,487	\$ 338,044	\$ 568,323
	November	\$ 60,600,745	0.00%	\$ -	3,030	\$16.75	309	\$24.00	\$ 58,169	\$ -	\$ 58,169	\$ 2,324,319	\$ 331,541	\$ 594,683
	December	\$ 60,404,586	0.00%	\$ -	3,030	\$16.75	309	\$24.00	\$ 58,169	\$ -	\$ 58,169	\$ 2,266,150	\$ 311,448	\$ 596,751
2021	January	\$ 60,209,061	0.00%	\$ -	3,030	\$18.75	309	\$24.00	\$ 64,229	\$ 7,270	\$ 71,499	\$ 2,194,652	\$ 318,642	\$ 606,092
	February	\$ 60,014,170	0.00%	\$ -	3,030	\$18.75	309	\$24.00	\$ 64,229	\$ 7,270	\$ 71,499	\$ 2,123,153	\$ 331,972	\$ 597,378
	March	\$ 59,819,909	0.00%	\$ -	3,030	\$18.75	309	\$24.00	\$ 64,229	\$ 7,270	\$ 71,499	\$ 2,051,655	\$ 330,833	\$ 604,205
	April	\$ 59,626,277	0.00%	\$ -	3,030	\$18.75	309	\$24.00	\$ 64,229	\$ 7,270	\$ 71,499	\$ 1,980,156	\$ 344,163	\$ 597,442
	May	\$ 59,433,272	0.00%	\$ -	3,030	\$18.75	309	\$24.00	\$ 64,229	\$ 7,270	\$ 71,499	\$ 1,908,658	\$ 357,493	\$ 604,636
	June	\$ 59,240,891	0.00%	\$ -	3,030	\$18.75	309	\$24.00	\$ 64,229	\$ 7,270	\$ 71,499	\$ 1,837,159	\$ 357,493	\$ 617,966
	July	\$ 59,049,134	0.00%	\$ -	3,030	\$18.75	309	\$24.00	\$ 64,229	\$ 7,270	\$ 71,499	\$ 1,765,661	\$ 357,493	\$ 616,827
	August	\$ 58,857,997	0.00%	\$ -	3,030	\$18.75	309	\$24.00	\$ 64,229	\$ 7,270	\$ 71,499	\$ 1,694,162	\$ 357,493	\$ 630,157
	September	\$ 58,667,478	0.00%	\$ -	3,030	\$18.75	309	\$24.00	\$ 64,229	\$ 7,270	\$ 71,499	\$ 1,622,664	\$ 357,493	\$ 643,487
	October	\$ 58,477,577	0.00%	\$ -	3,030	\$18.75	309	\$24.00	\$ 64,229	\$ 7,270	\$ 71,499	\$ 1,551,165	\$ 357,493	\$ 643,487
	November	\$ 58,288,290	0.00%	\$ -	3,030	\$18.75	309	\$24.00	\$ 64,229	\$ 7,270	\$ 71,499	\$ 1,479,667	\$ 357,493	\$ 643,487
	December	\$ 58,099,616	0.00%	\$ -	3,030	\$18.75	309	\$24.00	\$ 64,229	\$ 7,270	\$ 71,499	\$ 1,408,168	\$ 357,493	\$ 643,487
2022	January	\$ 57,911,552	0.00%	\$ -	3,030	\$18.75	309	\$24.00	\$ 64,229	\$ 7,270	\$ 71,499	\$ 1,336,670	\$ 357,493	\$ 643,487
	February	\$ 57,724,097	0.00%	\$ -	3,030	\$18.75	309	\$24.00	\$ 64,229	\$ 7,270	\$ 71,499	\$ 1,265,171	\$ 357,493	\$ 643,487
	March	\$ 57,537,249	0.00%	\$ -	3,030	\$18.75	309	\$24.00	\$ 64,229	\$ 7,270	\$ 71,499	\$ 1,193,673	\$ 357,493	\$ 643,487
	April	\$ 57,351,006	0.00%	\$ -	3,030	\$18.75	309	\$24.00	\$ 64,229	\$ 7,270	\$ 71,499	\$ 1,122,174	\$ 357,493	\$ 643,487
	May	\$ 57,165,366	0.00%	\$ -	3,030	\$18.75	309	\$24.00	\$ 64,229	\$ 7,270	\$ 71,499	\$ 1,050,676	\$ 357,493	\$ 643,487
	June	\$ 56,980,327	0.00%	\$ -	3,030	\$18.75	309	\$24.00	\$ 64,229	\$ 7,270	\$ 71,499	\$ 979,177	\$ 357,493	\$ 643,487
	July	\$ 56,795,886	0.00%	\$ -	3,030	\$18.75	309	\$24.00	\$ 64,229	\$ 7,270	\$ 71,499	\$ 907,679	\$ 357,493	\$ 643,487
	August	\$ 56,612,043	0.00%	\$ -	3,030	\$18.75	309	\$24.00	\$ 64,229	\$ 7,270	\$ 71,499	\$ 836,180	\$ 357,493	\$ 643,487
	September	\$ 56,428,794	0.00%	\$ -										