DUO COUNTY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE CORPORATION, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

REPORT ON AUDIT OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For the Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors Duo County Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. Jamestown, Kentucky 42629

Report on the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Duo County Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. and subsidiaries which comprise the consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of income, comprehensive income, patronage capital and other equities, and cash flows, for the years then ended and related notes to the consolidated financial statements.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of Duo County Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the results of their operations and their cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit 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. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Duo County Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. and subsidiaries and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Duo County Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. and subsidiaries ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due
 to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such
 procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures
 in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Duo County Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. and
 subsidiaries internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Duo County Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. and subsidiaries ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the consolidated financial statements that collectively comprise Duo County Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. and subsidiaries basic financial statements. The consolidating schedules on pages 22-26 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

This data is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic 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 on pages 22-26 is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 28, 2025, on our consideration of the Duo County Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. and subsidiaries 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. The purpose of that report is solely 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 effectiveness of Duo County Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. and subsidiaries 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 Duo County Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. and subsidiaries internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Campbell, Myers & Rutledge, PLLC

Certified Public Accountants

Glasgow, Kentucky March 28, 2025

DUO COUNTY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE CORPORATION, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS December 31, 2024 and 2023

ASSETS

	<u>2024</u>			<u>2023</u>
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	6,882,154	\$	5,861,383
Temporary cash investments		19,786,824		16,821,563
Marketable securities		1,394,260		1,411,672
Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful				
accounts of \$60,446 in 2024 and \$60,446				
in 2023.		5,268,531		3,656,225
Materials and supplies at average cost which is less				
than net realizable value		6,032,314		6,748,954
Accrued interest receivable		156,469		185,486
Prepaid expenses		641,456		977,470
Total current assets		40,162,008		35,662,753
Other assets				
Cash investments		10,843,496		19,452,878
Marketable securities				
		93,994,272		90,762,245
Nonregulated investments		60,316		75,867
Investment in affiliated companies		20,303,066		18,779,224
Deferred debits	_	1,026,044		1,094,895
Total other assets		126,227,194		130,165,109
Telecommunication plant, at cost				
Telecommunication plant in service		158,155,407		157,263,289
Telecommunication plant under construction		53,803,046		38,786,248
Nonoperating plant-land		52,008		52,008
Total telecommunication plant, at cost		212,010,461		196,101,545
Less accumulated depreciation	(107,709,485)	((102,165,774)
Total telecommunication plant, net		104,300,976		93,935,771
Total Assets	\$	270,690,178	\$	259,763,633

DUO COUNTY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE CORPORATION, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS, CONCLUDED December 31, 2024 and 2023

LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITIES

Current liabilities:		2024		<u>2023</u>
Accounts payable, includes construction contracts payable of \$480,870 in 2024 and \$633,178 in 2023 Income tax payable Customer deposits	\$	3,323,503 156,000 1,000	\$	3,805,169 - 4,250
Accrued expenses		2,856,211		2,727,589
Total current liabilities		6,336,714		6,537,008
Long-term liabilities:				
Deferred income taxes		2,047,729		1,893,137
Total long term liabilities		2,047,729		1,893,137
Other liabilities and deferred credits: Deferred credits		2,668,206		2,686,022
Total other liabilities and deferred credits		2,668,206		2,686,022
Members' equities:				
Patronage capital		86,895,067		82,967,161
Other equities	1	75,221,433	1	70,363,961
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) Other member capital		(5,573,255) 3,094,284		(7,520,765) 2,837,109
Total members' equities	2	59,637,529	2	248,647,466
Total liabilities and members' equities	\$ 2	70,690,178	\$ 2	259,763,633

DUO COUNTY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE CORPORATION, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME For The Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

	2024		2023
Operating revenues:			
Local network services	\$ 6,412,4	•	8,259,826
Network access services	17,905,0	47	16,140,628
Miscellaneous operating revenue	2,316,5	56	2,561,796
Uncollectible revenue	(85,0	01)	202,610
Total operating revenues	26,549,0	<u>77 </u>	27,164,860
Operating expenses:			
Plant specific operations	5,114,9	66	5,432,780
Plant nonspecific operations	5,397,8	75	5,737,022
Depreciation	8,664,9	79	6,573,011
Customer operations	1,663,0	94	1,531,807
Corporate operations	4,414,6	<u> 11</u>	4,205,957
Total operating expenses	25,255,5	25	23,480,577
Nonregulated Income	5,473,5	<u> 38</u>	4,881,149
Operating income	6,767,0	90	8,565,432
Nonoperating income	4,041,4	63	4,421,474
Gain on sale of asset	258,4	49	104,819
Provision for income taxes	(1,287,4	18)	_
Nonoperating income net of taxes	3,012,4	94	4,526,293
Net Income	\$ 9,779,5	84 <u>\$</u>	13,091,725

DUO COUNTY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE CORPORATION, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME For The Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

Net Income	\$ 9,779,584	\$ 13,091,725
Other comprehensive income		
Postretirement benefit other than pension:		
Unrecognized gain (loss) on assets	686,220	2,071,377
Unrealized gain (loss) on marketable securities	1,261,289	2 462 726
Securities	 1,201,209	 3,462,726
Total comprehensive income	\$ 11,727,093	\$ 18,625,828

DUO COUNTY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE CORPORATION, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF PATRONAGE CAPITAL AND OTHER EQUITIES For The Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

	Patronage Capital			_		
	Assignable	Assigned Balance		Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Other Equities	
Balances, January 1, 2023	\$ 8,306,170	\$ 63,037,880	\$ 71,344,050	\$ (13,054,867)	\$ 169,887,360	
Patronage capital assigned for the year ended December 31, 2023	(7,829,569)	7,829,569	-	-	-	
Refund of overcollected Federal Excise tax for prior year	-	9,267	9,267	-	-	
Transfer nonoperating margins for 2023	(476,601)	-	(476,601)	-	476,601	
Postretirement benefit other than pension Unrecognized gain/(loss) on assets	-	-	-	2,071,377	-	
Net income for the year ended December 31, 2023	13,091,725	-	13,091,725	-	-	
Other comprehesive income	-	-	-	3,462,726	-	
Distribution of patronage capital		(1,001,280)	(1,001,280)			
Balances, December 31, 2023	13,091,725	69,875,436	82,967,161	(7,520,764)	170,363,961	
Patronage capital assigned for the year ended December 31, 2024	8,234,252	(8,234,252)	-	-		
Refund of overcollected Federal Excise tax for prior year	-	8,280	8,280	-	-	
Transfer nonoperating margins for 2024	(4,857,473)	-	(4,857,473)	-	4,857,472	
Postretirement benefit other than pension Unrecognized gain/(loss) on assets	-	-	-	686,220	-	
Net income for the year ended December 31, 2024	9,779,584	-	9,779,584	-	-	
Other comprehesive income	-	-	-	1,261,289	-	
Distribution of patronage capital		(1,002,485)	(1,002,485)	<u> </u>		
Balances, December 31, 2024	\$ 26,248,088	\$ 60,646,979	\$ 86,895,067	\$ (5,573,255)	\$ 175,221,433	

DUO COUNTY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE CORPORATION, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS For The Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

	2024		2023
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Operating income	\$ 6,767,090	\$	8,565,432
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net			
cash provided by operating activities:			
Nonoperating income	4,299,912		4,526,293
Provision from income taxes	(1,287,418)		-
Depreciation and amortization	8,664,979		6,573,011
Income from investment in affiliated companies	1,356,529		(208,887)
Refund of federal excise taxes	8,280		9,267
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable	(1,176,461)		(2,369,686)
Decrease (increase) in inventory	716,640		(1,592,020)
Decrease (increase) in prepaid expenses	336,014		345,119
(Decrease) increase in accounts payable	(888,484)		290,893
(Decrease) increase in customer deposits	(3,250)		(1,050)
(Decrease) increase in deferred taxes	154,592		-
(Decrease) increase in accrued income taxes	156,000		-
(Decrease) increase in accrued expenses	 128,622	_	206,349
Net cash provided by operating activities	 19,233,045		16,344,721
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(16,192,903)		(11,847,253)
Decrease (increase) in nonregulated investments	15,551		23,310
Decrease (increase) in deferred charges	(7,522)		56,442
Investment in affiliated companies	3,945,084		4,251,066
Investments - other	(1,639,937)		(3,432,545)
Purchases of cash investments	(13,142,976)		(12,398,215)
Maturity of cash investments	17,461,677		`15,192,326 [´]
Purchases of marketable securities	(14,088,764)		(32,945,242)
Securities sold or redeemed	9,298,148		31,898,031
Net cash provided (used) in investing activities	 <u>(14,351,642</u>)	_	(9,202,080)

DUO COUNTY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE CORPORATION, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS, CONCLUDED For The Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

Cash flows from financing activities:		<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>
Distributions of patronage capital (Decrease) increase in deferred credits	\$	(3,842,815) (17,817)	\$	(6,501,280) (39,404)
Net cash (used) provided by financing activities		(3,860,632)	_	(6,540,684)
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents		1,020,771		601,957
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		5,861,383		5,259,426
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$	6,882,154	\$	5,861,383
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information: Cash paid during the year for: Income taxes	\$	156,396	\$	-
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1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

Principles of Consolidation:

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Duo County Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiary Cumberland Cellular, LLC. All material intercompany transactions have been eliminated.

General:

The Cooperative maintains its accounts in accordance with the Uniform System of Accounts prescribed for telephone companies by the Federal Communications Commission. The financial statements reflect the application of certain accounting policies described in this note.

Nature of Business:

Duo County Telephone Cooperative Corporation and its subsidiaries, provide telecommunication services in all or parts of a seven-county area of south-central Kentucky. The Cooperative grants credit to customers, substantially all of whom are local residents and commercial businesses.

Estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires the use of management estimates and assumptions that affect the reporting amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reporting amounts of the revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Telecommunications Plant:

Telecommunications plant is stated at original cost, which includes material, labor, transportation and such indirect items as engineering, supervision and employee fringe benefits. As property units are retired in the ordinary course of business, the cost of the property plus removal cost, less salvage, is charged to accumulated depreciation. Listed below are the major classes of telephone plant as of December 31, 2024 and 2023:

	<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>
Land	\$ 365,841	\$	646,208
Buildings	8,464,458		9,508,612
Central Office Equipment	32,399,683		31,460,189
Cable and Wire Facilities	109,625,923		108,465,567
Furntiture and Office Equipment	787,463		931,975
General Purpose Computers	1,530,606		1,439,043
Vehicles	1,520,008		1,391,900
Other Work Equipment	817,903		776,273
Intangible - CATV	1,638,902		1,638,902
Goodwill	 1,004,620	_	1,004,620
	\$ 158,155,407	\$	157,263,289

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued:

Depreciation:

Depreciation is calculated by the straight-line method designed to amortize the cost of various classes of depreciable assets over their estimated useful lives.

<u>Deregulated Customer Premises Equipment:</u>

Deregulated CPE is stated at cost. The Cooperative provides for depreciation on a straight-line basis at an annual rate of depreciation which will amortize the cost of the equipment over its estimated useful life.

Cash and Cash Equivalents:

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Cooperative considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Nonregulated Investments:

This balance reflects the Cooperative's permanent net investment in deregulated CPE and internet equipment. Following is a summary of net income from deregulated operations for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Income from operations	\$ 9,313,144	\$ 8,796,833
Expenses	(3,839,606)	(3,915,684)
Nonregulated income	\$ 5,473,538	\$ 4,881,149

Investment in Affiliated Companies:

This balance represents the Cooperative's investments in affiliates for the purpose of providing cellular telephone services, video services and broadband services. Duo County Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. owns 20% of Bluegrass Network, LLC. As of 1/1/2022 Cumberland Cellular, LLC owns 20% of Bluegrass Telecom. In March 2821, Cumberland Cellular Partnership sold all assets. The partnership is still open pending final settlement of all contract details. All of these investments are accounted for using the equity method. Additionally, the Cooperative's 20% investment in a partnership is accounted for using the equity method.

In March 2803, the Cooperative's affiliate Cumberland Cellular, LLC, purchased the assets of a cable television system in Russell County, Kentucky. The operations of the cable system are reflected in the financial statements of Cumberland Cellular, LLC for 2024 and 2023.

In July 2006, the Cooperative's affiliate Cumberland Cellular, LLC purchased the assets of a cable television system in Columbia-Adair County, Kentucky. The operations of the cable system are reflected in the financial statements of Cumberland Cellular, LLC for 2024 and 2023.

Cumberland Cellular, LLC discontinued Cable Tv as of 12/3124.

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Concluded:

Accounts and Notes Receivable:

The Cooperative estimates uncollectible accounts as a percentage of monthly revenues and compares this to invoices dated over 90 days when they are considered uncollectible. The Cooperative writes off receivables as a charge to the allowance for credit losses, in their estimation, it is probable that the receivable is worthless.

Inventories:

Inventory is accounted for at the lower of cost or net realizable value using the average cost method. Inventory consists of materials and expendable supplies held for future consumption or capitalization. The cost is recorded as an expense or capitalized as inventory items are consumed.

Other Equities:

This balance represents accumulated margins from non-patronage source income primarily from subsidiary operations.

Other Member Capital:

This balance represents unclaimed distributions of patronage capital. After a statutory waiting period, these balances may be re-assigned to the Cooperative's existing patrons.

Postretirement Benefit Plans:

The Corporation sponsors a defined benefit plan that provides medical insurance coverage to retirees and their dependents. Participating retirees who were employed as of July 30, 2004 and their dependents contributed 0% of the project cost of coverage. For employees hired after July 30, 2004 the Corporation contributed 100% until spouse and retiree were 65. For employees hired after December 1, 2012, the Corporation pays no health insurance for retirees.

2. Cash and Cash Equivalents:

All deposits are in various financial institutions and are carried at cost.

	<u>2024</u>			<u>2023</u>			
	Carrying		Bank		Carrying		Bank
	<u>Amount</u>		<u>Balance</u>		<u>Amount</u>		<u>Balance</u>
Insured (FDIC)	\$ 1,061,214	\$	758,333	\$	645,654	\$	642,919
Uninsured							
Collateral held by pledging bank's trust							
department in Cooperative's name	5,820,940		6,503,774		5,215,729		5,360,033
Total deposits	\$ 6,882,154	\$	7,262,107	\$	5,861,383	\$	6,002,952

3. Marketable Securities:

The Cooperative has classified its equity securities and a portion of its debt securities as available for sale securities. Available for sale investments are stated at fair value with unrealized gains and losses included in member's equity. The cost of the investments sold is based on the specific identification method.

The cost and fair market values of marketable securities available for sale at December 31, 2024 and 2023 were as follows:

	Dec	ember 31, 2024	<u>Dec</u>	ember 31, 2023
Cost - Bonds	\$	74,259,044	\$	72,027,185
Cost - Equities		24,050,235		24,331,221
Gross unrealized gain/(loss) - Bonds		(9,030,827)		(7,522,192)
Gross unrealized gain/(loss) - Equities		6,110,080		3,337,703
Fair Value	\$	95,388,532	\$	92,173,917

At December 31, 2024, maturities of marketable debt securities classified as available for sale were as follows:

	Cost	<u>Fair Value</u>
Less than one year	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 1,394,260
More than one year	72,859,044	 63,833,956
	\$ 74,259,044	\$ 65,228,216

US GAAP provides a framework for fair value measurements. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The methodology for measuring fair value specifies a three-tier hierarchy of valuation techniques based upon whether the inputs to those valuation techniques are based on quoted prices or identical assets or liabilities (Level 1), significant other observable inputs (Level 2), or significant other unobservable inputs that reflects a company's own assumptions of market participation valuation (Level 3).

Level 1 Fair Value Measurements

The fair values of common stock are based on quoted market prices.

Level 2

The value of corporate bonds, US Government securities, foreign obligations and state and municipal securities for which quoted market prices are not available are valued on yields currently available on comparable securities of issuers with similar credit ratings. Investments in certain restricted common stocks are valued at the quoted market price of the issuer's unrestricted common stock less an appropriate discount.

3. <u>Marketable Securities, Concluded:</u>

Fair value measurements using:

		Una	djusted quoted prices		Significant other observable inputs
<u>December 31, 2024</u> Bonds Equities	\$ Fair Value 65,228,216 30,160,316	\$	(Level 1) - 30,160,316	\$	(<u>Level 2)</u> 65,228,216
4	\$ 95,388,532	\$	30,160,316	\$	65,228,216
		Una	djusted quoted	ası	Significant other
			prices		observable inputs
<u>December 31, 2023</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>		(Level 1)		(Level 2)
Bonds Equities	\$ 64,504,993 27,668,924	\$	- 27,668,924	\$	64,504,993
·	\$ 92,173,917	\$	27,668,924	\$	64,504,993

The remaining portion of its debt securities are considered to be held to maturity. The maturities of held to maturity investments and their approximate market values at December 31, 2024 and 2023, were as follows:

			<u>Unrealized</u>
	Amortized Cost	Market Value	Gain/(Loss)
Due in one year or less	\$ 19,786,824	\$ 16,692,529	\$ (3,094,295)
Due after one year	10,843,496	13,892,864	3,049,368
Balances, December 31, 2024	\$ 30,630,320	\$ 30,585,393	\$ (44,927)
			Unrealized
	Amortized Cost	Market Value	Gain/(Loss)
Due in one year or less	\$ 16,821,563	\$ 16,708,813	\$ (112,750)
Due after one year	19,452,878	19,001,540	(451,338)
Balances, December 31, 2023	\$ 36,274,441	\$ 35,710,353	\$ (564,088)

4. Provision for Income Taxes:

The Corporation has been exempt from federal income taxes as a cooperative telephone company under Section 501(c)(12) of the Internal Revenue Code. In 1991, the Internal Revenue Service issued a Technical Advice Memorandum, which interprets certain types of revenues to be excluded in determining when the Cooperative satisfies the 85 percent income test to qualify for tax exempt status. By applying these interpretations, the Cooperative does not qualify in the current year for the tax exempt status and the Corporation files separate corporate tax returns for the parent and each of the subsidiaries. The Company's provision for income taxes differs from applying the statutory U.S. federal income tax rate to income before income taxes. The primary differences result from providing for state income taxes and from deducting certain expenses for financial statement purposes but not for federal tax purposes.

The provision for income taxes for 2024 and 2023 consists of the following:

Current income tax expense	\$ 2024 156,396	\$ <u>2023</u>	-
Deferred income taxes	 1,131,022	 	
Provision for income taxes	\$ 1,287,418	\$	

A cumulative net deferred tax liability is included in other liabilities. The components of the liability are as follows:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Differences in Depreciation Methods	\$ 2,047,729	\$ 1,893,137

The Cooperative follows the recognition requirements for uncertain income tax positions as required by generally accepted accounting principles. The Company has no tax position at December 31, 2024 for which the ultimate deductibility is highly certain but for which there is uncertainty about the timing of such deductibility. The Cooperative's policy is to classify income tax related interest and penalties in interest expense and other expenses, respectively. No such interest or penalties were recognized during the periods presented.

The Company files income tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction, and various state and local jurisdictions. The Company is no longer subject to U.S. federal, state and local income tax examinations by tax authorities for years before 2021.

5. Deferred Charges:

Deferred Debits:

Following is a summary of amounts recorded as deferred charges approved by RUS per 1773.33(h) as of December 31, 2024 and 2023:

2024

\$2,668,206

2023

\$2,686,022

Gigablast	\$ 176,694 \$ 106,943
Supplies	98,850 89,200
Circuit Equipment	698,857 783,211
Miscellaneous	51,643 115,541
Wildeditarioods	\$ 1,026,044 \$1,094,895
Deferred Credits:	2024 2023
OPEB Reserve	\$ 308,987 \$ 224,734
Dark Fiber	2,342,085 2,447,347
Information Systems	17,134 13,941

6. Pension Plan:

The Cooperative has a non-contributory defined benefit pension plan covering substantially all of its employees. Effective July 1, 1984, the Cooperative changed from its original plan to one sponsored by the National Telephone Cooperative Association.

At the time of transfer to the new Plan, the Cooperative funded all past service costs. Contributions to this Plan for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 were \$1,031,868,098 and \$928,098. The fund covers all vested benefits under the Plan. The Plan has been approved by the Internal Revenue Service. As the Cooperative is only one of several employers participating in the Plan, it is not practicable to determine if the vested benefits of the Cooperative's employees exceed the Cooperative's portion of the Plan assets.

Defined Postretirement Health Plan

The following table summarizes the benefit obligations and the funded status of the defined postretirement health care plan over the two-year period ending December 31:

Accumulated post retirement benefit obligation Fair value of plan assets - end of year	\$ 2024 (13,347,879) 19,846,005	\$ 2023 (12,862,976) 17,783,103
Funded status	\$ 6,498,126	\$ 4,920,127

6. Pension Plan, Continued:

Amounts included in other comprehensive loss that have not yet been recognized in net periodic benefit cost at December 31 are listed below:

 Net periodic beneft plan cost
 2024
 2023

 \$ (662,309)
 \$ (261,995)

The accumulated loss is a result of the accumulated difference between the actuary's estimates based on actuarial principles and the Cooperative's actual experience with factors such as the length of employment, the discount rate for the Plan obligations, and expected rate of return on plan assets. The change in net loss was driven primarily by the difference between actual return on plan assets and assumed return on plan assets.

Other Plan information as follows at December 31:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Unrecognized net gain reported as a increase		
to equity	\$ 686,220	\$ 2,071,377

The net periodic benefit cost is the amount recognized in the consolidated financial statements as the cost of the Plan for the year. Components of the net periodic benefit costs are service cost, interest cost, and amortization of unrecognized gains/losses and initial obligations.

The weighted average assumptions used in the measurement of the Cooperative's benefit obligation are shown in the following table at December 31:

Weighted-average assumptions as of December 31	<u>Percent</u>			
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>		
Expected return on Plan assets	7.50%	7.25%		
Discount rate	4.75%	4.95%		

For measurement purposes, a seven percent annual rate of increase in the per capita cost of covered health care benefits was assumed for 2023. The rate was assumed to decrease gradually each year to a rate of five percent by 2027 and remain at that level thereafter:

2025	6.50%
2026	6.00%
2026	5.50%
2027	5.00%
2028	5.00%
2029-2031	5.00%

The discount rate used in determining the accumulated postretirement benefit obligation was 4.75% and 4.95% for the years ending December 31, 2024 and 2023 respectively.

Expected benefit payments from the plan for the year ending December 31, 2024 total \$699,112.

An additional 1% increase in the trend utilized for measurement purposes in 2024 would have resulted in an increase in the accumulated postretirement benefit obligation of approximately \$1,689,000.

6. Pension Plan, Concluded

Defined Contribution Plan

Additionally, the Cooperative has an elective 401(K) Plan with the Company providing matching contributions as defined in the Savings Plan adoption agreement. Total employee contributions related to the Plan for 2023 and 2022 were approximately \$328,000 and \$358,000. Total employer contributions related to the Plan for 2024 and 2023 were approximately \$154,000 and \$164,000.

The fair values of the Cooperative's pension Plan assets at December 31, 2024, by asset category are as follows:

	Percentage of		<u>Heirarchy</u>
Asset Type	Plan Assets	<u>Amount</u>	Level
Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund	13.70%	\$ 2,718,903	1
Vanguard Total Stock Market Index Fund	24.70%	\$ 4,901,963	1
Vanguard High Yield Coporate Fund	8.10%	\$ 1,607,526	1
Vanguard FTSE All Wold EX US Index Fund	26.20%	\$ 5,199,653	1
Vanguard REIT Index Fund	8.30%	\$ 1,647,218	2
Ishares ACWI Minimum Volatility ETF	17.00%	\$ 3,373,821	2
Cash	2.00%	\$ 396,920	1

7. Revenue Recognition:

Nature of goods and services

The following is a description of principal activities from which the Cooperative generates its revenues. Telecommunication revenues – The Cooperative's regulated sources of revenue are local network services, network access services (interstate and intrastate), carrier billing, video revenue and other service charges. The Cooperative's nonregulated sources of revenue are customer premises and equipment, internet activities, long distance services, video services and security and business systems revenue.

Revenues from sales of equipment are recognized when control has transferred to the customer. Telecommunication service revenues are recognized as the related service is provided. Services are deemed to be highly interrelated when the method and timing of transfer and performance risk are the same. Highly interrelated services that are determined to not be distinct have been grouped into single performance obligation. Each month of services promised is a performance obligation. The series of monthly service performance obligations promised over the course of the contract are combined into a single performance obligation for purposes of the allocation.

The Cooperative has made judgements regarding transaction price, including but not limited to issues relating to variable consideration, time value of money and returns. When determined to be significant in the context of the contract, these items are considered in the valuation of transaction price at contract inception or modification, as appropriate.

The timing of recognition of revenue for each performance obligation may differ from the timing of the customer billing, creating a contract asset or contract liability. Short-term contract liabilities are classified as customer deposits. The Cooperative has no contract assets.

7. Revenue Recognition, Continued:

Multiple performance obligations

The Cooperative sells bundled service and equipment offerings. In these instances, the Cooperative recognizes its revenue based on the relative standalone selling prices for each distinct service or equipment performance obligation or bundles thereof. The Cooperative estimates the standalone selling price of the device or accessory to be its retail price excluding discounts. The Cooperative estimates the standalone selling price of telecommunication service to be the price offered to customers on month-to-month contracts.

From time to time, the Cooperative may offer certain promotions to incentivize customers to switch to, or to purchase additional services from the Company. Under these types of promotions, an eligible customer may receive an incentive in the form of a discount off additional services purchased shown as a rebate or credit to the customer's monthly bill. Rebates are amortized over the life of the contract and are recognized when included in the customer's monthly bill.

Disaggregation of revenue

In the following table, revenue for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 is disaggregated by type of service.

Regulated Income	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>				
Duo County Telephone Cooperative Inc. Local network services	\$ 1,338,184	\$ 1,477,858				
Network access services	17,905,047	16,140,628				
Lease revenue	218,241	217,250				
Miscellaneous	1,501,890	1,737,910				
	\$20,963,362	\$ 19,573,646				
Cumberland Cellular, LLC						
Local network services	\$ 5,281,183	\$ 7,037,547				
Lease revenue	93,521	109,682				
Miscellaneous	211,011	443,985				
	\$ 5,585,715	\$ 7,591,214				
Nonregulated Income	<u>2024</u>	2023				
Duo County Telephone Cooperative, Inc.						
Internet services	\$ 8,637,472	\$ 8,256,738				
Sales revenue	6,228	12,518				
Lease revenue	608,404	527,577				
Miscellaneous	61,040					
	\$ 9,313,144	\$ 8,796,833				
Cumberland Cellular, LLC						
Internet services	\$ -	\$ -				
Other						
	\$ -	\$ -				

7. Revenue Recognition, Concluded:

Contract cost liabilities

Contract cost liabilities include customer deposits. The balance in contract liabilities was \$1,000 and \$4,250 as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

8. <u>Subsequent Events:</u>

Management has evaluated subsequent events through March 28, 2025, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

9. Reclassifications:

Certain amounts in the prior year financial statements have been reclassified for comparative purposes to conform with the presentation in the current year financial statements.

10. Related Party Transactions:

Related party transactions have been eliminated during the consolidation of the financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023.





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Independent Auditor's Report on Consolidating Information

Board of Directors Duo County Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. Jamestown, Kentucky 42629

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Duo County Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. and subsidiaries as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, and our report thereon dated March 28, 2025, which expressed an unmodified opinion on those financial statements appears on pages 1-3. Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the consolidated financial statements as a whole. The consolidating information presented on pages 23-26 is presented for purposes of additional analysis of the consolidated financial statements rather than to present the financial position, results of operations, and cash flows of the individual companies, and it is not a required part of the consolidated financial statements. The consolidating 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. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the consolidated financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such 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 on pages 23-26, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the consolidated financial statements as a whole.

Campbell, Myers & Ratledge, PLLC

Certified Public Accountants

Glasgow, Kentucky March 28, 2025

DUO COUNTY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE CORPORATION INC. SCHEDULE I – CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEET December 31, 2024

		Duo County Telephone Cooperative		Cumberland	C	Consolidating		Co	nsolidated
ASSETS		Corp., Inc.		Cellular, LLC		Entries	-		Totals
Cash and equivalents Temporary cash investments Marketable securties	\$	3,824,114 5,990,330	\$	3,058,040 13,796,494 1,394,260	\$	-		\$	6,882,154 19,786,824 1,394,260
Accounts receivable Material and supplies - Regulated Accrued interest receivable		5,621,774 5,800,170 -		232,144 156,469		(353,243) - -	(1)		5,268,531 6,032,314 156,469
Prepayments and other current assets		267,548		373,908					641,456
Total current assets		21,503,936	_	19,011,315	_	(353,243)			40,162,008
Other assets Cash investments Marketable securties Investments in affiliated company		3,943,496 - 158,237,347		6,900,000 93,994,272		- - (1,400,000)	(2)		10,843,496 93,994,272 9,488,058
investments in anniated company		100,201,041		_		(147,349,289)	(3)		3,400,000
Other noncurrent investments		10,815,008		-		-	` '		10,815,008
Nonregulated investments		60,316		-		-			60,316
Deferred debits		997,397		28,647					1,026,044
Total other assets		174,053,564		100,922,919		(148,749,289)			126,227,194
Telecommunication plant in service		123,626,809		34,528,598		-			158,155,407
Telecommunication plant under construction		38,517,055		15,337,999		_			53,855,054
Total telecommunication plant		162,143,864		49,866,597		_			212,010,461
Depreciation reserve		86,826,822		20,882,663					107,709,485
Total telecommunication plant less reserve		75,317,042		28,983,934					104,300,976
Total assets	\$	270,874,542	\$	148,918,168	\$	(149,102,532)		\$	270,690,178
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY									
Accounts payable Customer deposits	\$	2,137,740 1,000	\$	1,539,006	\$	(353,243)	(1)	\$	3,323,503 1,000
Accrued liabilities		2,404,351		451,860		-			2,856,211
Income taxes payable		156,000		<u>-</u>					156,000
Total current liabilities		4,699,091		1,990,866		(353,243)			6,336,714
Deferred income taxes-noncurrent		2,047,729				<u> </u>			2,047,729
Total long-term liabilities	_	2,047,729			_				2,047,729
Other deferred credits		1,543,347	_	1,124,859					2,668,206
Total other liabilities and deferred credits		1,543,347	_	1,124,859					2,668,206
Capital stock		<u>-</u>		1,400,000		(1,400,000)	(2)		<u>-</u>
Patronage capital credits		86,895,067		147 240 202		(147.240.200)	(2)		86,895,067
Other equities Accumulated other comprehensive income(loss)		175,221,433		147,349,289		(147,349,289)	(3)		175,221,433
Other equities		(2,626,409) 3,094,284		(2,946,846)		-			(5,573,255) 3,094,284
Retained margins and capital credits		262,584,375		145,802,443		(148,749,289)			259,637,529
Total liabilities and equity	\$	270,874,542	\$	148,918,168	\$	(149,102,532)			270,690,178

DUO COUNTY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE CORPORATION, INC. SCHEDULE II - CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF INCOME AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Duo County Telephone Cooperative Corp., Inc.	Cumberland Cellular, LLC		
Local network services revenue Network access service revenue Miscellaneous revenues Less: Uncollectible revenues	\$ 1,338,184 17,905,047 1,726,740 (6,609)	\$ 5,074,291 - 589,816 (78,392)	\$ - - - -	\$ 6,412,475 17,905,047 2,316,556 (85,001)
Total operating revenues	20,963,362	5,585,715	<u> </u>	26,549,077
Plant specific operating expenses Plant nonspecific operating expenses Depreciation and amortization expense Customer operations expense Corporate operations expense	5,114,966 1,866,414 7,150,702 1,406,566 2,774,633	3,531,461 1,514,277 256,528 1,639,978	- - - -	5,114,966 5,397,875 8,664,979 1,663,094 4,414,611
Total operating expenses	18,313,281	6,942,244		25,255,525
Nonregulated income	5,473,538	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	5,473,538
Operating income (loss)	8,123,619	(1,356,529)	_	6,767,090
Nonoperating income	2,943,383	4,364,350	(3,266,270) (1) 4,041,463
Gain on sale of asset Provision for income taxes	(1,287,418)	258,449 	- 	258,449 (1,287,418)
Nonoperating income net of taxes	1,655,965	4,622,799	(3,266,270)	3,012,494
Income before interest	9,779,584	3,266,270	(3,266,270)	9,779,584
Net income	9,779,584	3,266,270	(3,266,270)	9,779,584
Other comprehensive income and post retirement benefits and unrealized gain/ loss	686,220	<u>1,261,289</u>	_	1,947,509
Total comprehensive income	\$ 10,465,804	\$ 4,527,559	\$ (3,266,270)	\$ 11,727,093

DUO COUNTY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE CORPORATION, INC. SCHEDULE III - CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

		Duo County Telephone Cooperative Corp., Inc.		Cumberland Cellular, LLC.		Consolidating Entries		Consolidated Totals	
Cash flows from operating activities:									
Operating income	\$	8,123,619	\$	(1,356,529)	\$	-	\$	6,767,090	
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net									
cash provided by operating activities:									
Nonoperating income		2,943,383		4,622,799		(3,266,270)		4,299,912	
Provision from income taxes		(1,287,418)		-		-		(1,287,418)	
Depreciation and amortization		7,150,702		1,514,277		-		8,664,979	
Income from investment in affiliated companies		1,356,529		-		-		1,356,529	
Refund of Federal Excise taxes		8,280		-		-		8,280	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		(4.400.00=)						(4.4=0.404)	
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable		(1,408,897)		29,027		203,409		(1,176,461)	
Decrease (increase) in inventory		720,490		(3,850)		-		716,640	
Decrease (increase) in prepaid expenses		79,045		256,969		(000, 400)		336,014	
(Decrease) increase in accounts payable		(1,073,976)		388,901		(203,409)		(888,484)	
(Decrease) increase in customer deposits		(3,250)		-		-		(3,250)	
(Decrease) increase in deferred taxes		154,592		-		-		154,592	
(Decrease) increase in accrued income taxes		156,000		-		-		156,000	
(Decrease) increase in accrued expenses		75,362		53,260		<u>-</u>		128,622	
Net cash provided by operating activities		16,994,461		5,504,854		(3,266,270)		19,233,045	
Cash flows from investing activities:									
Purchases of property, plant and equipment		(13,001,940)		(3,190,963)		_		(16,192,903)	
Decrease (increase) in nonregulated investments		15,551		-		-		15,551	
Decrease (increase) in deferred charges		· -		(7,522)				(7,522)	
Investment in affilated companies		456,143		222,671		3,266,270		3,945,084	
Investments - other		(1,639,937)		-		-		(1,639,937)	
Purchases of cash investments		(4,574,512)		(8,568,464)		-		(13,142,976)	
Maturity of cash investments		3,494,810		13,966,867		-		17,461,677	
Purchases of marketable securities		-		(14,088,764)				(14,088,764)	
Securities sold or redeemed		<u> </u>		9,298,148		<u>-</u>		9,298,148	
Net cash used in investing activities		(15,249,885)		(2,368,027)		3,266,270		(14,351,642)	

DUO COUNTY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE CORPORATION, INC. SCHEDULE III CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS, CONCLUDED For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Duo County Telephone Cooperative Corp., Inc.	Cumberland Cellular, LLC	Consolidating Entries	Consolidated Totals		
Cash flows from financing activities: Distributions of patronage capital (Decrease) increase in deferred credits	\$ (1,002,485) 32,739	\$ (2,840,330) (50,556)	\$ - -	\$ (3,842,815) (17,817)		
Net cash (used) provided by financing activities	(969,746)	(2,890,886)		(3,860,632)		
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	774,830	245,941	-	1,020,771		
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	3,049,284	2,812,099	_	5,861,383		
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year (Notes 1 and 4)	\$ 3,824,114	\$ 3,058,040	<u> </u>	\$ 6,882,154		
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information: Cash paid during the year for: Income taxes	<u>\$ 156,396</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u> </u>	<u>\$ 156,396</u>		

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS
BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Board of Directors Duo County Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. Jamestown, Kentucky 42629

We have audited, in accordance with the 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 Duo County Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. and subsidiaries which comprise the consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, patronage capital and other equities, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 28, 2025.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Duo County Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. and subsidiaries internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Duo County Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. and subsidiaries internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Duo County Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. and subsidiaries internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses, or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Duo County Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. and subsidiaries financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Campbell, Myers & Rutledge, PLLC

Certified Public Accountants

Glasgow, Kentucky March 28, 2025