

BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of the Application of Columbus)
Communications Services, LLC)
for Additional Kansas Universal)
Service Fund Support Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-2008) Docket No. 22-COST-546-KSF

APPLICATION

COMES NOW Columbus Communications Services, LLC a Kansas limited liability company (“Columbus” or “Applicant”) and requests that the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas) “Commission” or “KCC”) issue an Order pursuant to K.S.A. 66-2008 directing the Administrator of the Kansas Universal Service Fund (“KUSF” or “Fund”) to pay to the Applicant additional sums monthly from the Fund pursuant to K.S.A. 66-2008. In support thereof, Columbus states:

1. Columbus is a Kansas limited liability company holding one or more Certificates of Convenience and Authority to engage in the business of providing local exchange and exchange access telecommunications service in designated geographic areas within the State of Kansas. It is a rural telephone company as defined by K.S.A. 66-1,187(1).

2. Columbus’ principal place of business is at 224 S. Kansas Avenue, Columbus, KS 66725. Communications regarding this application should be directed to the following:

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3. Columbus's predecessor and parent company, Columbus Telephone Company, was designated an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier by this Commission by Order dated December 5, 1997, in its Docket No. Docket No. 98-GIMT-241-GIT. Subsequently this Commission approved, by Order dated October 25, 2012, in its Docket Nos. 12-COST-923-COC and Docket No. 12-CBST-924-CCS, the transfer to the Applicant of the local telecommunications property, assets, responsibilities, Certificate of Convenience and Necessity, tariffs, ILEC obligations, COLR obligations, and ETC designation of Columbus Telephone Company.

4. Columbus Telephone Company elected in 1997 to operate under traditional rate of return regulation pursuant to K.S.A. 66-2005. Its successor, the Applicant herein, continues to serve under traditional rate of return regulation as the incumbent local exchange carrier, and as carrier of last resort for telecommunications customers within its designated service area pursuant to K.S.A. 66-2009. The Commission has designated Columbus an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier for receipt of federal and state universal service support by Order of October 25, 2012 in Docket No. 12-COST-923-COC.

4. Columbus' intrastate access and local exchange service rates, set pursuant to Kansas statute (K.S.A. 66- 2005 (c) and (e)(1)(C) respectively and approved by the Commission, together with the KUSF support presently authorized, are insufficient taken together to afford the Applicant a reasonable opportunity to recover its reasonable and necessary costs and investments, and to earn a reasonable return on such investments. Such insufficiency is contrary to the public's interest in reliable, affordable, sufficient and efficient telecommunications public utility service; such insufficiency is further contrary to the Applicant's rights under traditional rate of return regulation.

5. The proposed receipt of additional KUSF support based on Columbus' embedded costs, revenue requirements, investments and expenses pursuant to K.S.A. 66-2008(e) is necessary to allow the Applicant to continue the provision of sufficient and efficient telecommunications service in the public interest, which provision of service is mandated by the State of Kansas.

6. The test year to be used in evaluation of this application is the 2021 calendar year.

7. Columbus submits separately and concurrently the following materials for use in evaluating this Application:

- Section 1 Prefiled direct testimony of David Soper, general manager, Columbus Communications Services; and
Prefiled direct testimony of Stacey Brigham, Regulatory Director of TCA, Inc.
- Section 3 Computation of earnings
- Section 4 Plant investments
- Section 5 Accumulated depreciation and amortization
- Section 6 Working capital

Section 7	Capital and cost of money
Section 8	Comparative financials
Section 9	Proforma income statements and adjustments
Section 10	Depreciation expense
Section 11	Taxes
Section 12	Allocation Ratios
Section 16	Audited financials

8. The Applicant requests that the following components of this filing be deemed confidential and made subject to appropriate protective order:

Section 12 Allocations - Cost Allocation Manual

Section 12 Allocations – Master Service Agreement

Section 16 Audited Financial Statements

Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-1220(a) and K.A.R. 82-1-221 we submit the above- designated portions of the Applicant’s submitted information as proprietary and confidential under seal. Portions of the application and supporting data as specified in Paragraph 8, above, are of such competitive sensitivity that their disclosure to any person other than the carrier, the Commission, and Staff is prohibited by K.S.A. 66-1220(a). Disclosure of other portions would violate the rights of others not parties to this proceeding. Further, disclosure would provide a governmentally-created anticompetitive bias in favor of other providers of comparable services that are not required to be disclosed to the Applicant, thereby reducing or eliminating the presumed public benefit of even-handed, market-based competition. Disclosure of such trade secrets and confidential information to any person, including parties to this proceeding, is prohibited unless the

Commission finds the disclosure is warranted, after considering all of the factors in the above-referenced statute and regulation.

WHEREFORE Columbus requests the Order of the Commission authorizing payment of additional KUSF support necessary to permit the Applicant reasonable opportunity for recovery of its costs and investments together with a reasonable return on investment, thereby enabling the Applicant to continue provision of its authorized and state-mandated telecommunications public utility service reliably and at affordable rates in the public interest

Respectfully submitted,

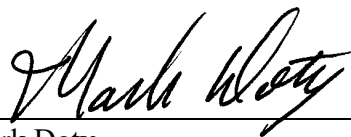


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VERIFICATION

The undersigned hereby certifies under penalty of perjury pursuant to K.S.A. 53-601 that he is an attorney for the Applicant, and that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on June 2, 2022.



Mark Doty

1 **Q. Please state your name and business address.**

2 A. My name is David Soper. My business address is 224 S. Kansas Ave. Columbus,
3 Kansas 66725.

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5 **Q. Please identify your employer and your position with the company.**

6 A. I am employed as General Manager of the Columbus Communications Services,
7 LLC. (“Columbus” or “the Company”).

8

9 **Q. Briefly describe your educational background and work experience.**

10 A. I have been employed by Columbus as the General Manger since September of
11 2019. I have 3 years of College from Labette County College and Pittsburg State
12 University. Prior to the General Manager position, I had been on the Columbus
13 Board of Directors for 23 years, 5 years of those as board president. I also owned my
14 own printing business for 30 years prior to retiring in March of 2019.

15

16 **Q. Please begin with a discussion of Columbus’ corporate structure.**

17 A. Columbus Communications Services, LLC provides local exchange
18 telecommunication service, as the carrier of last resort to a single-exchange rural
19 study area in Cherokee County in southeastern Kansas. Prior to a 2012 restructuring
20 approved by this Commission in Docket Nos. 12-COST-923-COC and 12-CBST-
21 924-CCS our parent company, a Kansas corporation and a cooperative, had served for
22 decades as the incumbent local exchange carrier subject to Commission regulation.
23 Columbus Telephone Company, Inc., also owns Fiber Communications of Columbus,

1 LLC (d/b/a Optic Communications) which provides competitive local exchange,
2 interexchange, and non-regulated broadband services. Columbus Telephone
3 Company had served for decades as the incumbent local exchange carrier in its study
4 area subject to Commission regulation. The pending application seeks cost recovery
5 only for the Columbus Communications universal service and Carrier of Last Resort
6 costs, investments and return on investment

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8 **Q. What is the purpose of your direct testimony?**

9 A. I am providing this direct testimony in support of Columbus' application and request
10 for increased support from the Kansas Universal Service Fund ("KUSF"). While
11 Columbus has retained the consulting firm of TCA, Inc. to calculate its KUSF
12 shortfall – which is supported by the direct testimony of Stacey Brigham - I
13 understand that the Commission also requires an official company representative to
14 file direct testimony and to be available as a witness at the evidentiary hearing during
15 KUSF proceedings. Specifically, the Commission typically requires that the company
16 representative be authorized to speak on behalf of the company and be able to discuss
17 the company's corporate structure, cost allocation procedures, affiliate practices and
18 transactions, and specific company operations and policies. As the General Manager
19 of Columbus, I will offer the testimony the Commission desires, and I will be
20 available at the evidentiary hearing, if the parties feel my participation is necessary.

21

22 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

23 A. Yes, it does.

VERIFICATION

I, the undersigned, hereby certify under penalty of perjury pursuant to K.S.A. 53-601 that I am the General Manager for Columbus Communications Services, LLC. and that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on June 2, 2022.

/s/ David Soper
David Soper

1 **Introduction**

2 **Q. What is your name?**

3 A. My name is Stacey Brigham.

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5 **Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?**

6 A. I am the Regulatory Director of TCA, Inc - Telcom Consulting Associates (“TCA”) at
7 526 Chapel Hills Drive, Suite 100, Colorado Springs, CO 80920. My principal role is
8 directing the TCA Regulatory Team, which advocates for and analyzes and interprets
9 federal and state regulatory actions on behalf of our clients. TCA provides financial,
10 regulatory, marketing, and management consulting services to small and mid-size
11 carriers throughout the United States.

12

13 **Q. Briefly describe your educational background and work experience.**

14 A. I have been employed with TCA since 2007. I have testified in multiple state high
15 cost fund proceedings before the Nebraska Public Service Commission and the
16 Kansas Corporation Commission. I have also participated in several proceedings,
17 both at the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) and in multiple states, on
18 high cost and universal service fund issues. Many of these proceedings have involved
19 the determination of jurisdictional revenue requirement for rate-of-return (“RoR”)
20 regulated local exchange carriers (“LECs”). I have worked directly with the
21 companies in these proceedings on the measurement, gathering, and allocation of the
22 costs necessary to provide regulated telecommunications services in compliance with

1 FCC rules contained in Part 32 (Uniform System of Accounts), Part 64 (Subpart I,
2 Allocation of Costs), and Part 36 (Jurisdictional Separations Procedures).
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4 I received a Bachelor of Science degree in business management from Colorado
5 Christian University in 2010.
6

7 **Q. On whose behalf are you presenting testimony?**

8 A. I am presenting testimony on behalf of Columbus Communications Services, LLC.
9 (“Columbus”), supporting its application for additional funding from the Kansas
10 Universal Service Fund (“KUSF”). On May 2, 2022, Columbus filed notice with the
11 Commission indicating that it would be filing an application requesting a review of its
12 embedded costs, revenue requirement, investments and expenses to allow the
13 Commission to determine the increase necessary in its cost-based KUSF support to
14 enable Columbus to continue to provide sufficient and efficient service to its end user
15 customers.
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17 **Summary**

18 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

19 A. The purpose of my testimony is to explain the schedules filed by Columbus a required
20 by K.A.R. 82-1-231. I will also explain the adjustments Columbus has made to the
21 test year results of operations. Finally, I will address Columbus’ cost allocation
22 procedures and cost of capital issues.
23

1 **Q. Were the Schedules and Workpapers contained in the application prepared**
2 **either by you or by someone under your supervision?**

3 A. Yes, they were.
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5 **Q. How much additional support from the KUSF is Columbus requesting in this**
6 **application?**

7 A. The schedules in Columbus' application reflect an intrastate revenue deficiency of
8 \$474,950. Columbus requests the Commission issue an order increasing its KUSF
9 draw by this amount.
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11 **Q. Please briefly explain the process used to generate the total company and**
12 **jurisdictional amounts reflected in the Schedules contained in Columbus'**
13 **application.**

14 A. Columbus is a rate-of-return regulated LEC in both the federal and state jurisdictions.
15 Accordingly, Columbus follows FCC rules guiding the measurement, gathering, and
16 allocation of the costs necessary to provide regulated telecommunications services.
17 The Commission has historically required its jurisdictional LECs to follow the FCC
18 rules. Therefore, Columbus has prepared this application using the FCC rules
19 contained in Part 32 (Uniform System of Accounts), Part 64 (Subpart I, Allocation of
20 Costs), and Part 36 (Jurisdictional Separations Procedures).
21

22 **Q. Please describe the Part 36 jurisdictional separations study process Columbus**
23 **used in this application.**

1 A. As mentioned above, Part 36 separations rules are used to allocate investment and
2 expenses between the interstate and intrastate jurisdictions. Columbus files an annual
3 interstate cost study, which determines its revenue requirement recovery attributable
4 to investment and expenses allocated to the interstate jurisdiction. The company's
5 study is then adjusted to include end-of-period balances to more accurately
6 correspond with the Commission's eligibility for KUSF determinates. This version of
7 the study is also included in Section 12 and is the basis for the jurisdictional
8 allocation factors used throughout the filing.

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10 **Q. Do you propose to reflect updated separations factors once Staff's review is**
11 **complete?**

12 A. No, I do not. Based on previous audits and Staff testimony related thereto, Columbus
13 agrees that updating allocation factors is not necessary.

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15 **Q. What is the next step once the Part 36 separations study is complete?**

16 A. The amounts shown throughout Columbus' application as "test year unadjusted" or
17 "cost study" amounts are 2021 book amounts applied to the 2021 Part 36 study
18 included in the application. Already embedded in these numbers are adjustments
19 made in compliance with Part 32 and Part 64 rules, and other National Exchange
20 Carrier Association ("NECA") guidelines. As a result, Columbus has presented
21 Schedules that begin with book amounts, and then add or subtract 2021 cost study
22 adjustments to arrive at the cost study balance.

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1 **Q. Please describe the remaining steps to determine Columbus' adjusted intrastate**
2 **revenue requirement.**

3 A. Next, Columbus identified and quantified normalizing adjustments, which are
4 discussed later in my testimony. These normalized balances were then allocated to
5 the interstate and intrastate jurisdictions using the allocation ratios from the KUSF
6 version of the study.

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8 **Q. Please continue with a discussion of the schedules contained in Section 3.**

9 A. Section 3, pursuant to K.A.R. 82-1-231, contains a schedule that reflects a summary
10 of rate base, operating income, and the RoR for the adjusted test year. The general
11 results shown on these schedules are discussed above.

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13 **Q. What information is included in Section 4?**

14 A. Section 4 contains information required by K.A.R. 82-1-231 relating to plant
15 investments. Schedule 1 is the summary of rate base, and Schedule 2 shows total
16 company plant investment by primary account for the years 2018-2021.

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18 **Q. What information is included in Section 5?**

19 A. Section 5 consists of a single schedule that shows test year unadjusted and adjusted
20 jurisdictionally allocated accumulated depreciation and amortization.

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22 **Q. Please explain Section 6 of the application.**

1 A. According to K.A.R. 82-1-231, Section 6 is to contain information pertaining to
2 Columbus' cash working capital. The calculation of cash working capital that is
3 included in Columbus' adjusted test year rate base is shown in this section.
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5 **Q. Please continue with a description of the information contained in Section 7.**

6 A. K.A.R. 82-1-231 requires that Section 7 contain information relating to capital and
7 the cost of money. Accordingly, Section 7 reflects Columbus' actual capital
8 structure, actual cost of debt and requested rate of return.
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10 **Q. Please describe the schedules contained in Section 8.**

11 A. Section 8 contains the financial and operating data required by K.A.R. 82-1-231
12 (c)(4)(H).
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14 **Q. What is contained in Section 9?**

15 A. Section 9 contains the test year and normalized income statement and related
16 information. Schedule 1 contains the summary information, and Schedule 2 contains
17 a summary of the test year revenue and expense adjustments. Finally, the test year
18 adjustments are further supported by workpapers IS1 through IS5.
19

20 **Q. Does the information contained in Section 10 comply with K.A.R. 82-1-
21 231(c)(4)(J)?**

22 A. Yes. Columbus' test year and normalized depreciation expense is reflected by
23 primary plant account classification.

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2 **Q. Does Columbus provide information required by K.A.R. 82-1-231(c)(4)(K)?**

3 A. Yes. Section 11 contains the required information regarding taxes chargeable to
4 operations.

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6 **Q. Please describe the information Columbus has included in Section 12.**

7 A. K.A.R. 82-1-231(c)(4)(L) asks for information regarding the ratios used for the
8 allocations of amounts between jurisdictions and areas of operations. K.A.R. 82-1-
9 231(c)(4)(L) “Section 12: allocation ratios” states in full:

10 This section shall contain complete detail for all ratios used in the
11 allocations between jurisdictions, areas of operations, departments,
12 classes of customers and other allocable items. In addition, this
13 section shall include a narrative description of the rationale for the
14 allocation ratio, the components included in the calculation of the ratio
15 and their source, the allocation percentages applicable to jurisdictions
16 or departments and what is being allocated by the ratio.

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18 Columbus has provided its cost allocation procedures in Section 12, addressing the
19 issues brought up in K.A.R. 82-1-231(c)(4)(L). Specifically, Columbus provides a
20 narrative of its 1) lines of business, 2) time reporting and allocation procedures, and
21 3) cost allocation procedures. Section 12 also contains a summary of Columbus’ Part
22 36 jurisdictional allocation ratios for the 2021 interstate cost study.

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24 **Q. What information is contained in Section 16 of the application?**

1 A. As required by K.A.R. 82-1-231(c)(4)(L) Section 16 contains a copy of the
2 independent auditor’s report and consolidated financial statements that relate to the
3 test year.

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6 **Income Statement Adjustments**

7 **Q. Please explain Columbus’ Adjustment IS1.**

8 A. Columbus’ Adjustment IS1 recognizes the most recent “known and measurable” level
9 of ongoing High-Cost Loop Support (“HCLS”).

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11 **Q. Please continue with a discussion of Adjustment IS2.**

12 A. Columbus’ Adjustment IS2 normalizes depreciation expense based on adjusted plant
13 balances. This adjustment is necessary in order to reflect the level of depreciation
14 expense Columbus can expect to incur on a going-forward basis. The net change to
15 depreciation expense also recognizes decreases related to the net balance in specific
16 accounts. In other words, if a particular plant account was anticipated to become
17 fully depreciated, Columbus accordingly reduced the test year pro forma depreciation
18 expense.

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20 **Q. Please continue with a discussion of Adjustment IS3.**

21 A. Adjustment IS3 increases test year expenses to reflect an estimated amount of
22 expense Columbus will incur as a result of this proceeding. The total estimated
23 expense is amortized over a 5-year period, consistent with what the Commission has

1 granted in prior KUSF rate cases. As usual, this amount must be updated and
2 adjusted as this proceeding nears completion. Some significant adjustments of this
3 estimated amount may become necessary when it is determined whether this
4 application is resolved by agreement or pursuant to contested evidentiary hearing.
5 Also, Columbus has not included in this estimate the cost of a return on equity
6 rebuttal witness, which, if necessary, could add substantially to Columbus' total cost
7 related to this proceeding.

9 **Cost of Capital**

10 **Q. What authorized RoR has Columbus proposed in its KUSF filing?**

11 A. Columbus has used the federal authorized RoR effective July 1, 2021 of 9.75% in
12 calculating its Kansas jurisdictional revenue requirement.¹

14 **Q. Has Columbus provided any additional information related to its capital
15 structure?**

16 A. No.

18 **Q. Is the Federal RoR appropriate to use in the State Jurisdiction?**

19 A. Yes, many states have chosen to use the RoR authorized by the FCC in state high-cost
20 fund proceedings. For example, the Nebraska, Utah and Wyoming commissions have
21 used the FCC's authorized RoR for years.

¹ See Connect America Fund et al., WC Docket No. 10-90 et al., Report and Order, Order and Order on Reconsideration and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 16-33, para. 326 (2016) (“*Rate-of-Return Reform Order*”).

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2 **Q. Does that conclude your testimony?**

3 A. Yes, it does.

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VERIFICATION

I, the undersigned, hereby certify under penalty of perjury pursuant to K.S.A. 53-601 that I am a consultant for Columbus Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on June 2, 2022.

/s/ Stacey Brigham
Stacey Brigham

Columbus Communications Services, LLC

Dkt No.

Computation of Earnings

YE 12/31/2021

Section 3
Schedule 1

	(A)	(B)
	Total Company	Total State
Source		
(1) Rate Base	\$ 2,794,154	\$ 934,204
(2) Rate of Return	9.75%	9.75%
(3) Allowable Return	272,430	91,085
(4) Operating Income	(874,763)	(383,865)
(5) Deficiency (Excess)	1,147,193	474,950
(6) Net to Gross Multiplier	1.000000	1.000000
(7) Revenue Deficiency (Excess)	1,147,193	474,950
Realized return on rate base	-31.31%	-41.09%

Columbus Communications Services, LLC
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 Summary of Rate Base
 YE 12/31/2021

Section 4
 Schedule 1

Line	Acct	Description	(A) Book Balance	(B) Cost Study Adjustments	(C) Cost Study Balance	(D) Normalizing Adjustments	(E) Normalized Balance	(F) Allocation	(G) Allocation	(H) Interstate	(I) Intrastate
1	2111.000	LAND	10,893	(513)	10,380	-	10,380	0.315845	7,101	3,278	
2	2112.000	MOTOR VEHICLES	10,647	(502)	10,145	-	10,145	0.315845	6,941	3,204	
3	2114.000	OTHER WORK EQUIPMENT	356,128	(16,776)	339,352	-	339,352	0.315845	232,170	107,183	
4	2121.000	BUILDINGS	1,124,100	(52,953)	1,071,147	-	1,071,147	0.315845	732,831	338,316	
5	2122.000	FURNITURE/OFFICE EQUIP	83,311	(3,925)	79,386	-	79,386	0.315845	54,312	25,074	
6	2124.000	GENERAL PURPOSE COMPUTERS	57,210	(2,895)	54,315	-	54,315	0.315845	37,297	17,218	
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14		Total General Support Facilities	1,642,290	(77,364)	1,564,926	-	1,564,926		1,070,652	494,274	
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16	2212.000	DIGITAL CENTRAL OFFICE EQUIPMENT	55,601	9,786	488,290	-	55,601	0.379032	21,074	34,526	
17	2212.100	CENTRAL OFFICE EQUIP - SOFT SWITCH	488,505		498,290	-	498,290	0.379032	188,868	309,422	
18	2232.100	CIRCUIT EQUIPMENT - EAS	20,723		20,723	-	20,723	0.379032	7,855	12,869	
19	2232.200	CIRCUIT EQUIPMENT - SUBSCRIBER	34,248		34,248	-	34,248	0.823559	17,844	6,043	
20	2232.300	CIRCUIT EQUIPMENT - INTRXCHNG	20,938		20,938	-	20,938	0.823559	17,244	3,694	
21	2232.400	CIRCUIT EQUIPMENT - FTTH WAVE7				-		0.823559	1,764		
22	2232.500	CIRCUIT EQUIP FTTH	3,686,478	(9,786)	3,676,692	-	3,676,692	0.823559	3,027,974	648,718	
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28											
29		Total Central Office Equipment	4,306,493	-	4,306,493	-	4,306,493		3,291,221	1,015,272	
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31	2351	Public Telephone Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
32											
33		Total Inlt Orig/Term Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
34											
35	2422.200	EAS FIBEROPTIC CABLE	9,507	-	9,507	-	9,507	0.606863	5,769	3,737	
36	2422.300	UNDERGROUND FIBER CABLE - FTTH	1,645,923	-	1,645,923	-	1,645,923	0.606863	998,649	647,274	
37	2423.000	BURIED FIBER CABLE	181,620	-	181,620	-	181,620	0.606863	111,093	70,527	
38	2423.100	BURIED CABLE - FTTH	18,278	-	18,278	-	18,278	0.606863	11,093	7,186	
39	2423.310	BURIED CABLE - FTTH	1,942,293	-	1,942,293	-	1,942,293	0.606863	1,178,706	763,588	
40	2441.000	CONDUIT SYSTEMS		-		-		0.606863			
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52		Total Cable and Wire Facilities	4,581,612	-	4,581,612	-	4,581,612		2,760,409	1,801,202	
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54	2681	CAPITALIZED LEASE	-	-	-	-	-	1.000000	-	-	
55	2690	INTANGIBLES-ORGANIZATION	-	-	-	-	-	0.315845	-	-	
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57											
58		Gross Telephone Plant	10,530,394	(77,364)	10,453,030	-	10,453,030		7,142,282	3,310,748	
59	3100	Accumulated Depreciation	(7,769,055)	49,744	(7,719,311)	-	(7,719,311)	0.689460	(5,322,154)	(2,397,157)	
60	3400	Accumulated Amortization				-					
61		Net Telephone Plant	2,761,340	(27,620)	2,733,719	-	2,733,719		1,820,128	913,591	
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65	1220	Materials and Supplies				-		0.383137			
66	1402	RTB Stock				-		1.000000			
67	1403	Goodwill				-		1.000000			
68	1410	Other Noncurrent Asset				-					
69	2003	TPUC - Short Term				-		1.000000			
70	2005	TELECOMMUNICATIONS PLT ADJ				-		1.000000			
71	4040	Customer Deposits				-		1.000000			
72	MISC	Other Credit Accounts				-		1.000000			
73		Net Investment	2,761,340	(27,620)	2,733,719	-	2,733,719		1,820,128	913,591	
74											
75		Cash Working Capital	60,435	-	60,435	-	60,435		39,822	20,613	
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77		Total Rate Base	2,821,774	(27,620)	2,794,154	-	2,794,154		1,859,950	934,204	
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Columbus Communications Services, LLC
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Comparative Plant Balances

Section 4
Schedule 2

KCC REPORT - KANSAS ONLY. SCHEDULE 8.

Line	Description	2018	2019	2020	2021
1	2111 Land	\$ 3,953	\$ 4,107	\$ 5,016	\$ 4,681
2	2112 Vehicles	40,951	42,545	1,999	4,575
3	2114 Tools and Other Work Equipment	167,081	173,587	155,477	153,326
4	2115 Garage Work Equipment				
5	2116 Other Work Equipment				
6	2121 Buildings	259,981	270,105	243,063	498,613
7	2122 Furniture	23,251	24,865	34,818	36,018
8	2123 Office Equipment			0	
9	2124 General Purpose Computers	22,365	25,574	23,243	24,735
10	2212 Digital Electric Switching Equip.	236,816	236,816	236,816	337,872
11	2231 Radio Systems				
12	2232 Circuit Equipment	1,295,003	1,408,892	1,342,543	1,489,401
13	2311 Station Apparatus				
14	2321 Customer Premises Wiring			3,356	
15	2351 Public Telephone Equipment				
16	2362 Other Terminal Equipment				
17	2411 Poles				
18	2421 Aerial Cable				
19	2422 Underground Cable	1,784,861	810,548	830,994	830,033
20	2423 Buried Cable	359,339	310,610	319,165	493,321
21	2424 Submarine Cable				
22	2426 IntraBuilding Network Cable				
23	2431 Aerial Wire				
24	2441 Conduit Systems	958,241	948,328	972,250	973,866
25	2681 Capital Leases				
26	2690 Intangibles				
27	2003 Telephone Plant Under Const-Short Term				
28	2005 Telephone Plant Adjustment				
29					
30	Total	\$ 5,151,842	\$ 4,255,979	\$ 4,168,741	\$ 4,846,441

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Line	Account	Description	(A) Book Balance	(B) Cost Study Adjustments	(C) Cost Study Balance	(D) Normalizing Adjustments	(E) Normalized Balance	(F) Allocation--/	(G) Intrastate	(H) Interstate	(I) Intrastate
1	3121.120	A/D - MOTOR VEHICLES	(10,647)	\$ 502	(10,145)	-	(10,145)	0.684155	0.315845	\$ (6,941)	\$ (3,204)
2	3121.160	A/D - OTHER WORK EQUIPMENT	(344,791)	\$ 16,242	(328,549)	-	(328,549)	0.684155	0.315845	(224,779)	(103,771)
3	3121.210	A/D - BUILDINGS	(578,124)	\$ 27,234	(550,890)	-	(550,890)	0.684155	0.315845	(376,894)	(173,996)
4	3121.220	A/D - FURNITURE/OFFICE EQUIP	(65,182)	\$ 3,071	(62,111)	-	(62,111)	0.684155	0.315845	(42,494)	(19,618)
5	3121.240	A/D - GENERAL PURPOSE COMPUTERS	(57,210)	\$ 2,695	(54,515)	-	(54,515)	0.684155	0.315845	(37,297)	(17,218)
6											
7											
8											
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12											
13		General Support Facilities	(1,055,956)	49,744	(1,006,212)	-	(1,006,212)	0.684155	0.315845	(688,405)	(317,807)
14											
15	3122.100	A/D - DIGITAL CENTRAL OFFICE EQUIP	(55,601)		(55,601)		(55,601)	0.379032	0.620968	(21,074)	(34,526)
16	3122.200	A/D - COE SOFT SWITCH	(269,938)	(5,855)	(275,793)		(275,793)	0.379032	0.620968	(104,534)	(171,258)
17											
18		Total Central Office Switching	(325,539)	(5,855)	(331,393)	-	(331,393)	0.379032	0.620968	(125,609)	(205,785)
19											
20	3122.320	A/D - CIR EQUIP - EAS	(20,723)		(20,723)		(20,723)	0.823559	0.176441	(17,067)	(3,656)
21	3122.330	A/D - CIR EQUIP - SUB	(5,480)		(5,480)		(5,480)	0.823559	0.176441	(4,513)	(967)
22	3122.340	A/D - CIR EQUIP - INTEREXCH	(20,938)		(20,938)		(20,938)	0.823559	0.176441	(17,244)	(3,694)
23	3122.350	A/D - CIR EQUIP - FTTH W7	(4,265)	4,265	-		-	0.823559	0.176441	-	-
24	3122.360	A/D - CIRCUIT EQUIP FTTH	(2,886,292)	1,590	(2,884,702)		(2,884,702)	0.823559	0.176441	(2,375,723)	(508,978)
25											
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28											
29		Total Central Office Transmission	(2,937,698)	5,855	(2,931,843)	-	(2,931,843)	0.823559	0.176441	(2,414,547)	(517,296)
30											
31	3351	Public Telephone Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	0.000000	0.000000	-	-
32											
33		Total Info Orig/Term Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
34											
35											
36	3124.225	A/D - EAS FIBEROPTIC CABLE	(9,507)		(9,507)		(9,507)	0.606863	0.393137	(5,769)	(3,737)
37	3124.230	A/D - BURIED CABLE	(1,296)		(1,296)		(1,296)	0.606863	0.393137	(787)	(510)
38	3124.233	A/D - BURIED FIBER CABLE	(644,727)		(644,727)		(644,727)	0.606863	0.393137	(391,261)	(253,466)
39	3124.310	A/D - BURIED CABLE FTTH	(18,278)		(18,278)		(18,278)	0.606863	0.393137	(11,093)	(7,186)
40	3141.000	A/D - CONDUIT SYSTEMS	(1,936,826)		(1,936,826)		(1,936,826)	0.606863	0.393137	(1,175,388)	(761,439)
41	3421.230	A/D - UNDERGROUND FIBER CABLE FTTH	(839,226)		(839,226)		(839,226)	0.606863	0.393137	(509,295)	(329,931)
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53		Cable and Wire Facilities	(3,449,863)	-	(3,449,863)	-	(3,449,863)	0.606863	0.393137	(2,083,593)	(1,366,270)
54											
55		Total Accumulated Depreciation	(7,769,055)	49,744	(7,719,311)	-	(7,719,311)	0.659460	0.340540	(5,322,154)	(2,397,157)
56											
57	3410.330	AMORT RES-CAPITALIZED LEASE	-	-	-	-	-	0.684155	0.315845	-	-
58	3410.340	AMORT RES-TELECOM PLT ADU-ORIG	-	-	-	-	-	0.684155	0.315845	-	-
59	3410.350	AMORT RES-TELECOM PLT ADU-BEATTIE	-	-	-	-	-	0.684155	0.315845	-	-
60	3410.360	AMORT RES-TELECOM PLT ADU-PALMER	-	-	-	-	-	0.684155	0.315845	-	-
61	3410.370	AMORT RES-TELECOM PLT ADU-TOLL FACILITY	-	-	-	-	-	0.684155	0.315845	-	-
62	3410.380	AMORT RES-TELECOM PLT ADU-LINN	-	-	-	-	-	0.684155	0.315845	-	-
63		Total Accumulated Amortization	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	-	-
64											
65		Total Accum. Depr and Amort.	(7,769,055)	49,744	(7,719,311)	-	(7,719,311)	0.659460	0.340540	(5,322,154)	(2,397,157)
66											

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Purpose:

To include the intrastate portion of cash working capital in rate base

Cash Working Capital

	Total Company	Interstate	Intrastate
Total Expenses	\$ 2,347,532	\$ 1,624,718	\$ 722,813
Less non-cash expenses: Depreciation and Amortization	876,952	655,724	221,228
Net Cash Expense before taxes	1,470,579	968,994	501,585
Federal Income Taxes	-	-	-
State Income Taxes	-	-	-
Interest Expense	-	-	-
Total Cash Expenses	1,470,579	968,994	501,585
Cash Working Capital (15 days)	\$ 60,435	\$ 39,822	\$ 20,613
<i>(Total cash exp * .041096)</i>			

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Capital and Cost of Money

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Requested Capital Structure/Rate of Return

Ln	(A) Description	(B) 12/31/2021	(C) Allocation	(D) Average Cost
1	Total Long Term Debt	3,411,674	10.83%	4.16%
2	Total Equity	28,096,030	89.17%	
3	Total Capital	<u>\$ 31,507,704</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	
4	<i>Requested Cost of Capital</i>			9.75%

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Four Year Comparative Balance Sheet

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Schedule 1

KCC REPORT - TOTAL COMPANY. SCHEDULE 3 & 5.

Acct No.	Account Title	12/31/18 Balance	12/31/19 Balance	12/30/20 Balance	12/30/21 Balance
<u>Current Assets</u>					
1130	Cash	\$ 1,912,626	\$ 1,243,769	\$ 2,601,592	\$ 1,369,182
1140	Special Cash Deposits				
1150	Working Cash Advance				
1160	Temporary Cash Investments				
1170	Telecommunications Accounts Receivable	563,517	379,344	283,588	291,801
1171	Allowance for Doubtful Accounts				
1190	Other Accounts Receivable				
1191	Accounts Receivable Allowance - Other				
1200	Notes Receivable				
1201	Notes Receivable Allowance				
1210	Interest and Dividends Receivable				
1220	Materials and Supplies	190,365	215,261	154,572	267,681
1280	Prepayments	131,981	134,693	20,933	282,211
1300	Prepaid Taxes				
1310	Prepaid Insurance				
1320	Prepaid Directory Expenses				
1330	Other Prepayments				
1350	Other Current Assets			59,328	22,320
	Total Current Assets	2,798,489	1,973,067	3,120,013	2,233,195
<u>NonCurrent Assets</u>					
1401	Investments in Affiliated Companies	254,356	483,173	535,351	536,749
1402	Investments in Nonaffiliated Companies	15,312,793	18,873,470	20,204,420	23,187,891
1406	Nonregulated Investments				
1407	Unamortized Debt Issuance Expense				
1408	Sinking Funds				
1410	Other Noncurrent Assets	27,150	353,501	6,900	6,900
1438	Deferred Maintenance and Retirements				
1439	Deferred Charges				
1500	Other Jurisdictional Assets - Net				
	Total Noncurrent Assets	15,594,299	19,710,144	20,746,671	23,731,540
<u>Property, Plant & Equipment</u>					
2001	Telecommunications Plant in Service	22,465,822	20,642,602	21,027,755	23,359,944
2002	Property Held for Future Telecommunications Use				
2003	Telecommunications Plant Under Const - Short Term			382,637	
2004	Telecommunications Plant Under Const - Long Term				
2005	Telecommunications Plant Adjustment				
2006	Nonoperating Plant				
2007	Goodwill				
	Gross Regulated Property, Plant & Equipment	22,465,822	20,642,602	21,410,392	23,359,944

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KCC REPORT - TOTAL COMPANY. SCHEDULE 3 & 5.

Acct No.	Account Title	12/31/18 Balance	12/31/19 Balance	12/30/20 Balance	12/30/21 Balance
<u>Depreciation and Amortization</u>					
3100	Accumulated Depreciation	10,442,990	9,688,164	10,606,302	11,757,125
3200	Accumulated Depreciation - Held for Future Use				
3300	Accumulated Depreciation - Nonoperating				
3410	Accumulated Amortization - Capitalized Leases				
3420	Accumulated Amortization - Leasehold Improve				
3500	Accumulated Amortization - Intangible				
3600	Accumulated Amortization - Other				
	Total Depreciation and Amortization	10,442,990	9,688,164	10,606,302	11,757,125
	Total Assets and Other Debits	30,415,620	32,637,649	34,670,774	37,567,554
	Other Nonregulated Assets	2,746,536	2,827,226	1,222,153	1,222,153
	Accumulated Depr & Amort-Other Nonreg Assets	(2,165,819)	(2,298,275)	(655,655)	(803,665)
	Net Nonregulated Assets	580,717	528,951	566,498	418,488
	Total Assets and Other Debits	\$ 30,996,337	\$ 33,166,600	\$ 35,237,272	\$ 37,986,042
<u>Current Liabilities</u>					
4010	Accounts Payable	\$ 4,951,919	\$ 655,528	\$ 628,401	\$ 1,695,921
4020	Notes Payable				
4030	Advance Billing and Payments				
4040	Customers' Deposits				
4050	Current Maturities - Long Term				
4060	Current Maturities - Capital Leases				
4070	Income Taxes - Accrued			83,650	
4080	Other Taxes - Accrued	36,416	36,485	37,416	30,051
4100	Net Current Deferred Operating Income Taxes	604	0		
4110	Net Current Deferred Nonoperating Income Taxes				
4120	Other Accrued Liabilities				
4130	Other Current Liabilities	451	452	61,967	61,967
	Total Current Liabilities	4,989,390	692,465	811,434	1,787,939
<u>Long Term Debt</u>					
4210	Funded Debt	128,534	3,951,893	3,411,674	2,875,001
4220	Premium on Long Term Debt				
4230	Discount on Long Term Debt				
4240	Reacquired Debt				
4250	Obligations Under Capital Leases				
4260	Advances from Affiliated Companies				
4270	Other Long Term Debt				
	Total Long Term Debt	128,534	3,951,893	3,411,674	2,875,001

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KCC REPORT - TOTAL COMPANY. SCHEDULE 3 & 5.

Acct No.	Account Title	12/31/18 Balance	12/31/19 Balance	12/30/20 Balance	12/30/21 Balance
<u>Other Liabilities and Deferred Credits</u>					
4310	Other Long Term Liabilities		86,952	433,871	265,975
4320	Unamortized Operating Investment Tax Credits-Net				
4330	Unamortized Nonoperating Investment Tax Credits-Net				
4340	Net Noncurrent Deferred Operating Income Taxes	516,756	771,873	970,745	954,518
4350	Net Noncurrent Deferred Nonoperating Income Taxes	575,694	1,153,570	1,513,518	1,899,451
4360	Other Deferred Credits				
4370	Other Jurisdictional Liabilities and Deferred Credits-Net				
	Total Other Liabilities and Deferred Credits	1,092,450	2,012,395	2,918,134	3,119,944
<u>Stockholders' Equity</u>					
4510	Capital Stock				
4520	Additional Paid-in Capital	1,071,013	1,073,146	1,073,146	1,073,146
4530	Treasury Stock				
4540	Other Capital	1,354,764	(86,952)	(186,005)	(80,076)
4550	Retained Earnings	22,360,186	25,523,653	27,208,889	29,210,088
	Total Stockholders Equity	24,785,963	26,509,847	28,096,030	30,203,158
	Total Liabilities and Other Credits	\$ 30,996,337	\$ 33,166,600	\$ 35,237,272	\$ 37,986,042

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Four Year Comparative Income Statement

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Schedule 2

KCC REPORT - KANSAS ONLY. SCHEDULE 6.

Acct No.	Line Title	12/31/2018 Balance	12/31/2019 Balance	12/30/2020 Balance	12/30/2021 Balance
<u>Telephone Operating Income</u>					
5000	Operating Revenues	\$ 1,243,980	\$ 915,279	\$ 978,054	\$ 1,773,810
6000	Operating Expenses	1,077,754	1,003,293	960,078	2,161,871
7100	Other Operating Income & Expenses - Net				
7210	Operating Investment Tax Credits				
7220	Federal Income Taxes - Operating	(172,913)	(125,492)	(39,210)	(327,836)
7230	State & Local Income Taxes - Operating	(62,180)	(56,023)	(19,713)	(124,539)
7240	Other Operating Taxes	78,307	85,960	18,532	35,054
7250	Provision for Deferred Operating Inc. Taxes - Net	129,829	27,499	0	
7200	Total Operating Taxes	(26,957)	(68,056)	(40,391)	(417,321)
	Operating Income	193,183	(19,958)	58,367	29,260
<u>NonOperating Income and Expenses</u>					
7310	Dividend Income				
7320	Interest Income				
7330	Income from Sinking and Other Funds				
7340	Allowance for Funds Used During Const				
7350	Gain or Loss from Disposition of Property				
7360	Other Nonoperating Income				
7370	Special Charges	3,711	1,561		(4,474)
7380	Equity Undistributed Sub. Earnings				
7300	Nonoperating Income & Expenses - Net	3,711	1,561	0	(4,474)
7400	Total Nonoperating Taxes				
	Total Nonoperating Income & Expenses	3,711	1,561	0	(4,474)
	Income Available for Fixed Charges	196,894	(18,397)	58,367	24,786
<u>Fixed Charges</u>					
7510	Interest on Funded Debt	238,873	194,945		3,389
7520	Interest Expense - Capital Leases				
7530	Amortization of Debt Issuance Expense				
7540	Other Interest Charges				
7500	Total Interest & Related Items	238,873	194,945	0	3,389
7600	Total Extraordinary Items				
	Net Income (after Nonoperating, Fixed Charges, and Extraordinary Items)	(41,979)	(213,342)	58,367	21,397
7910	Effect of Jurisdictional Ratemaking Diff-Net				
7990	Nonregulated Net Income	650,766	929,024	961,104	1,184,439
	Net Income (After ratemaking differences including Nonregulated Net Income)	\$ 608,787	\$ 715,682	\$ 1,019,471	\$ 1,205,836

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4 Year Comparative Operating Revenues

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Schedule 3

KCC REPORT - TOTAL KANSAS. SCHEDULE 18.

Acct No.	Account Title	12/31/2018 Balance	12/31/2019 Balance	12/30/2020 Balance	12/30/2021 Balance
	<u>Local Network Service Revenue</u>				
5001	Basic Area Revenue	\$ 365,599	\$ 347,082	\$ 216,385	\$ 202,535
5002	Extended Area Revenues				
5003	Cellular Mobile Service Revenue				
5004	Other Mobile Service Revenue				
5010	Public Telephone Revenue				
5040	Local Private Line Revenue				
5050	Customer Premises Revenue				
5060	Other Local Exchange Revenue	36,490	32,882	30,803	31,701
	Other Revenues	255	504		
	Other Revenues				
	Total Local Network Service Revenues	<u>402,344</u>	<u>380,468</u>	<u>247,188</u>	<u>234,236</u>
	Federal USF Support	413,881	300,690	295,799	249,936
	CAF BLS Support	618,594			
5264	State KUSF Support				
	<u>Network Access & L. D. Service Revenue</u>				
5081	End User Revenue	98,193	92,221	86,836	79,534
	CAF ICC & ARC Support	171,703	139,032	179,399	158,722
	ICLS/IAS	(112,596)	544,833	222,042	313,134
5082	Interstate Switched Access	41,561	15,320	40,615	43,708
5083	Interstate Special Access	5,216	3,851	2,468	742
5084	Intrastate Switched Access	138,965	147,917	399,605	543,967
5084	Intrastate Special Access	91,720	73,544	67,496	66,866
5080	Other Access Revenue				
5100	Long Distance Service Revenue	247,892	233,031	90,353	46,598
	Total Network Access Revenue	<u>682,654</u>	<u>1,249,749</u>	<u>1,088,814</u>	<u>1,253,271</u>
	<u>Miscellaneous Revenue</u>				
5230	Directory Revenue	28,692	24,298	22,216	21,245
5240	UNE Revenue				
5240	Other Rent Revenue	51,497	50,930	66	
5250	Corporate Operations Revenue				
5260	Other Miscellaneous Revenue (w/o KUSF)	5,578	3,712	4,231	298
	Carrier Billing & Collections Revenue (Interstate)				
	Carrier Billing & Collections Revenue (Intrastate)	14,058	14,058	14,060	14,060
	Total Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>99,825</u>	<u>92,998</u>	<u>40,573</u>	<u>35,603</u>
	<u>Uncollectible Revenue</u>				
5300	Uncollectible Revenue	19			764
	Total KCC Regulated Operating Revenue	<u>2,217,317</u>	<u>2,023,905</u>	<u>1,672,374</u>	<u>1,773,810</u>
5280	Nonregulated Operating Revenue				
5000	Total Operating Revenue	<u>\$ 2,217,317</u>	<u>\$ 2,023,905</u>	<u>\$ 1,672,374</u>	<u>\$ 1,773,810</u>

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4 Year Comparative Operating Expenses

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Schedule 4

KCC REPORT - TOTAL KANSAS. SCHEDULE 21.

Acct No.	Operating Expense Accounts	12/31/2018 Balance	12/31/2019 Balance	12/30/2020 Balance	12/30/2021 Balance
PLANT SPECIFIC OPERATIONS EXPENSE					
<u>Network Support Expenses</u>					
6112	Motor Vehicle Expense	\$ 46,429	\$ 42,447	\$ 38,875	\$ 34,858
6113	Aircraft Expense				
6114	Special Purpose Vehicle Expense	4,664		11,134	1,776
6115	Garage Work Equipment Expense				
6116	Other Work Equipment Expense				
	Total Network Support Expense	51,093	42,447	50,009	36,634
<u>General Support Expenses</u>					
6121	Land & Building Expenses	47,382	48,789	50,037	56,837
6122	Furniture and Art Works Expense				
6123	Office Equipment Expense	1,624			
6124	General Purpose Computers Expense	1,248	3,399	7,031	4,221
	Total General Support Expenses	50,254	52,188	57,068	61,058
<u>Central Office Switching Expenses</u>					
6211	Analog Electronic Expense				
6212	Digital Electronic Expense	76,829	80,912	62,838	28,428
6215	Electro-Mechanical Expense				
	Total Central Office Switching Expenses	76,829	80,912	62,838	28,428
6220	Operators System Expense				
6231	Radio System Expense				
6231	Circuit Equipment Expense	249,594	259,547	206,330	301,966
6230	Central Office Transmission Expense	249,594	259,547	206,330	301,966
<u>Information/Origination/Termination Expenses</u>					
6311	Station Apparatus Expense	5,872	8,004	4,194	11,407
6341	Large Private Branch Expense				
6351	Public Telephone Terminal Equipment Expense				
6362	Other Terminal Equipment Expense				
	Total Inf./Orig./Termination Expenses	5,872	8,004	4,194	11,407
<u>Cable and Wire Facilities Expenses</u>					
6411	Poles Expense				
6421	Aerial Cable Expense				
6422	Underground Cable Expense	110,552	126,182	79,696	58,112
6423	Buried Cable Expense	47,366	45,139	47,938	122,558
6424	Submarine Cable Expense				
6425	Deep Sea Cable Expense				
6426	Intrabuilding Network Cable Expense				
6431	Aerial Wire Expense				
6441	Conduit Systems Expense				
	Total Cable and Wire Facilities Expenses	157,918	171,321	127,634	180,670
	Total Plant Specific Operations Expense	591,560	614,419	508,073	620,163

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4 Year Comparative Operating Expenses

Section 8
Schedule 4

KCC REPORT - TOTAL KANSAS. SCHEDULE 21.

Acct No.	Operating Expense Accounts	12/31/2018 Balance	12/31/2019 Balance	12/30/2020 Balance	12/30/2021 Balance
PLANT NONSPECIFIC OPERATIONS EXPENSE					
<u>Other Property Plant and Equipment Expenses</u>					
6511	Property Held for Future Telecom Use Exp				
6512	Provisioning Expense	4,300	17,149		
	Total Other Prop. Plant and Equip. Expenses	<u>4,300</u>	<u>17,149</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Network Operations Expenses</u>					
6531	Power Expense				
6532	Network Administration Expense				
6533	Testing Expense		476	1,294	244
6534	Plant Operations Administration Expense	13,691	16,622	18,728	85,060
6535	Engineering Expense				
	Total Network Operations Expenses	<u>13,691</u>	<u>17,098</u>	<u>20,022</u>	<u>85,304</u>
6540	Access Expense	<u>85,665</u>	<u>95,108</u>	<u>52,076</u>	<u>78858</u>
<u>Depreciation and Amortizatio Expenses</u>					
6561	Depr. Expense - Telecom Plant in Service	824,098	572,834	302,051	751,976
6561.1	Amortization of Extraordinary Retirements				
6562	Depr Expense-Prop Held for Future Telecom				
6563	Amortization Expense-Tangible				
6564	Amortization Expense-Intangible				
6565	Amortization Expense-Other				
	Total Depreciation and Amortization Expenses	<u>824,098</u>	<u>572,834</u>	<u>302,051</u>	<u>751,976</u>
	Total Plant Nonspecific Operations Expense	<u>927,754</u>	<u>702,189</u>	<u>374,149</u>	<u>916,138</u>
CUSTOMER OPERATIONS EXPENSE					
6610	Marketing	24,788	29,312	4,263	12,898
6620	Services	121,437	114,937	111,576	150,529
	Total Customer Operations Expense	<u>146,225</u>	<u>144,249</u>	<u>115,839</u>	<u>163,427</u>
CORPORATE OPERATIONS EXPENSE					
6710	Executive and Planning	103,190	104,606	55,166	36,913
6720	General and Administrative	592,603	574,398	620,305	425,230
6790	Provision for Uncollectible Notes Receivable				
	Total Corporate Operations Expense	<u>695,793</u>	<u>679,004</u>	<u>675,471</u>	<u>462,143</u>
	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	<u>\$ 2,361,332</u>	<u>\$ 2,139,861</u>	<u>\$ 1,673,532</u>	<u>\$ 2,161,871</u>

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KCC REPORT - TOTAL KANSAS. SCHEDULE 26.

Description	2018	2019	2020	2021
<u>Salaries & Wages</u>				
Plant Specific Operations	\$ 222,253	\$ 240,828	\$ 175,914	\$ 221,566
Plant Non-specific Operations	13,000	23,268	19,533	62,493
Customer Operations	1,817	3,092	7,570	47,292
Corporate Operations	245,528	226,240	224,204	235,612
Non Regulated Expenses				
Total	<u>\$ 482,598</u>	<u>\$ 493,428</u>	<u>\$ 427,221</u>	<u>\$ 566,963</u>
<u>Pensions & Benefits</u>				
Plant Specific Operations	\$ 128,062	\$ 127,248	99,793	108,969
Plant Non-specific Operations	4,991	5,762	5,614	34,563
Customer Operations	1,056	1,720	3,788	25,479
Corporate Operations	137,507	118,458	127,575	67,863
Non Regulated Expenses				
Total	<u>\$ 271,616</u>	<u>\$ 253,188</u>	<u>\$ 236,770</u>	<u>\$ 236,874</u>
<u>Total Payrolls</u>				
Plant Specific Operations	\$ 350,315	\$ 368,076	\$ 275,707	\$ 330,535
Plant Non-specific Operations	17,991	29,030	25,147	97,056
Customer Operations	2,873	4,812	11,358	72,771
Corporate Operations	383,035	344,698	351,779	303,475
Total	<u>\$ 754,214</u>	<u>\$ 746,616</u>	<u>\$ 663,991</u>	<u>\$ 803,837</u>

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Monthly Intrastate Access Minutes

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Month	Interstate	Intrastate Interlata	Intrastate Intralata	Total
Jan-19	159,408	15,491	73,854	248,753
Feb-19	151,200	15,287	69,606	236,093
Mar-19	179,825	17,474	76,958	274,257
Apr-19	160,332	15,208	69,913	245,453
May-19	169,525	15,883	76,584	261,992
Jun-19	170,570	16,357	78,897	265,824
Jul-19	161,223	16,765	74,550	252,538
Aug-19	154,441	16,660	79,930	251,031
Sep-19	177,720	17,677	104,483	299,880
Oct-19	159,823	14,638	96,963	271,424
Nov-19	165,501	14,422	97,636	277,559
Dec-19	162,098	14,122	99,770	275,990
Jan-20	138,580	12,834	109,848	261,262
Feb-20	154,483	13,870	115,764	284,117
Mar-20	165,163	14,501	127,213	306,877
Apr-20	155,986	14,725	119,597	290,308
May-20	181,466	15,464	156,234	353,164
Jun-20	155,032	13,932	133,012	301,976
Jul-20	145,302	12,610	127,241	285,153
Aug-20	153,571	14,622	129,466	297,659
Sep-20	153,592	17,069	135,225	305,886
Oct-20	154,384	20,127	132,968	307,479
Nov-20	152,990	20,980	124,264	298,234
Dec-20	146,712	19,747	124,515	290,974
Jan-21	149,198	19,379	128,561	297,138
Feb-21	142,291	18,792	125,632	286,715
Mar-21	142,261	19,985	126,228	288,474
Apr-21	133,554	22,525	119,018	275,097
May-21	147,643	23,058	126,973	297,674
Jun-21	140,425	19,082	115,822	275,329
Jul-21	140,295	18,776	111,748	270,819
Aug-21	132,625	20,798	112,008	265,431
Sep-21	133,092	21,589	112,294	266,975
Oct-21	140,484	23,849	117,335	281,668
Nov-21	130,941	20,473	109,086	260,500
Dec-21	128,129	17,127	109,817	255,073
Total 2019	1,971,666	189,984	999,144	3,160,794
Total 2020	1,857,261	190,481	1,535,347	3,583,089
Total 2021	1,660,938	245,433	1,414,522	3,320,893

SER = Intrastate/InterLATA

SRA = Intrastate/IntraLATA

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 Test Year and Normalized Income Statement
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Line	Description	(A) Book Balance	(B) Cost Study Adjustments	(C) Cost Study Balance	(D) Normalizing Adjustments	(E) Normalized Balance	(F) Allocation-- Interstate	(G) Allocation-- Intrastate	(H) Interstate	(I) Intrastate
Operating Revenues										
1	5001 Local Network Services Revenues	\$ 234,236		\$ 234,236		\$ 234,236			\$ -	\$ 234,236
2	Federal High Cost Loop Support	253,752		253,752	\$(253,752)	-			-	-
3	Kansas Universal Service Support									
4	5080 Network Access Revenue	1,202,836		1,202,836		1,202,836		1,135,228		67,608
5	5100 Long Distance Network Service Rev									
6	5270 Billing and Collection	14,058		14,058		14,058				14,058
7	5270 Misc Revenue	22,282		22,282		22,282				22,282
8	5280 Non-regulated revenue	298	(298)							
9	5300 Uncollectible Revenue	764		764		764				764
10	Total Revenues	1,728,227	(298)	1,727,929	(253,752)	1,474,177		1,135,228		338,948
Plant-Specific Operations Expenses										
11	6110 Network Support Expense	36,624	(1,725)	34,899		34,899	0,684,155	23,876		11,023
12	6120 General Support Expense	64,627	(3,044)	61,582		61,582	0,684,155	42,132		19,450
13	6210 Central Office Switching Expense	28,428	-	28,428		28,428	0,766,385	21,787		6,641
14	6230 Central Office Transmission Expense	301,966	-	301,966		301,966	0,233,615	231,422		70,544
15	6310 Information Orig/Term Expense		-				0,000,000			
16	6410 Cable and Wire Facilities Exp	180,669	-	180,669		180,669	0,000,000			
17	Total Plant Specific Operations Expenses	612,314	(4,770)	607,544		607,544	0,606,663	109,642		71,028
Plant Non-Specific Operations Expense										
18	6510 Other Plant Expense	310	-	310		310	0,684,155	212		98
19	6530 Network Operations Expense	85,303	-	85,303		85,303	0,684,155	58,361		26,943
20	6540 Access Expense	54,236	(6,825)	47,411		47,411	1,000,000			
21	6560 Depreciation & Amortization	751,976	(4,167)	747,809	129,144	876,952	0,747,731	655,724		221,228
22	6565 Annot of Plant Acquisition Adjustment		-				0,684,155			
23	Total Plant Non-Specific Operations Expenses	891,825	(10,992)	880,833	129,144	1,009,977		761,708		248,269
Customer Operations Expense										
24	6610 Marketing Expense	29,032	(3,291)	25,741		25,741	0,472,867	12,172		13,569
25	6620 Directory Expense						0,000,000			
26	6620 Services Expense	150,968	(17,687)	133,281		133,281	0,377,515	50,316		82,965
27	Total Customer Operations Expense	180,000	(20,978)	159,022		159,022		62,488		96,534
Corporate Operations Expense										
28	6710 Executive and Planning Exp	45,295	(1,274)	44,021		44,021	0,649,366	28,586		15,435
29	6720 General and Administrative Exp	474,250	(15,146)	459,104		459,104	0,688,745	316,205		142,899
30	6720 General and Administrative (Rate Case Expense)				30,000	30,000	0,000,000			30,000
30	Total Corporate Operations Expense	519,545	(16,420)	503,125	30,000	533,125		344,791		188,334
Operating Taxes & Other Operating Expenses										
31	7210 Amortization of ITC		-							
32	7220 Operating Federal Income Taxes		-							
33	7230 Operating State Income Taxes		-							
34	7240 Other Operating Taxes	35,054	(256)	34,798		34,798	0,684,155	23,807		10,991
35	7250 Deferred Operating Income Taxes		-							
36	7340 Allowance for Funds Used During Construction		-				0,000,000			
37	7370 Contributions and Fees	4,474	-	4,474		4,474	0,685,299	3,066		
38	5240 Rent Revenue		-				0,000,000			
39	7310 Dividend & Interest		-				0,000,000			
40	7360 Other Income		-				0,000,000			
41	7500 Interest Expense		-				1,000,000			
42	Total Operating Taxes & Other Operating Exp.	39,528	(256)	39,272		39,272		26,873		10,991
43	Total Operating Expenses	2,243,212	(53,416)	2,189,796	159,144	2,348,940		1,624,718		722,813
44	Net Operating Income	\$(514,985)	\$ 53,118	\$(461,867)	\$(412,896)	\$(874,763)		\$(489,490)		\$(383,865)

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Summary of Income Statement Adjustments
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Acct	Description	Adj #	Amount	Source
5084.1	Universal Service Fund Payments	IS 1	\$ (253,752)	W/P IS 1
<i>To update Federal Universal Service Fund Receipts to the most recent USAC Projections</i>				
Total Revenue Adjustments			<u>\$ (253,752)</u>	
6561	Depreciation Expense	IS 2	\$ 129,144	W/P IS 2
<i>To Normalize Depreciation</i>				
6720	KUSF Audit Expenses (5 yr Ammortization)	IS 3	\$ 30,000	W/P IS 3
<i>To Include KUSF Proceeding Expenses</i>				
Total Expense Adjustments			<u>\$ 159,144</u>	

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W/P IS1

Purpose:
To update Federal Universal Service Fund Receipts to the most recent USAC Projections

<u>Account>Description</u>	Annual Amount
5084 USF Revenue (High Cost Loop) - 2021 Recorded	\$ 253,752
USF Revenue (High Cost Loop) - 2022 Projected	\$ -
5084 Revenue Adjustment	\$ (253,752)

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W/P IS2

Purpose:
To Normalize Depreciation

<u>Account Description</u>	<u>Annual Amount</u>
6560.00 Depreciation Expense	\$ 129,144

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W/P IS3

Purpose:
To Include Estimated Proceeding Expense

<u>Acct</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
6720	Estimated Proceeding Expenses	\$ 150,000
	<i>Amortization period</i>	<u>5</u>
6720	KUSF Audit Expenses to include	\$ 30,000

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**Section 11
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Operating Taxes

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Section 11 (i) Taxes chargeable to Operations	Source	12/31/2021 Balance	Jurisdictional Allocation	
			Intrastate %	Intrastate Amt
Total Payroll Taxes	Payroll Records	52,873	N/A - various accounts	
Total Property Taxes	Acct. 7240	34,798	0.315845	10,991
Total Operating Taxes		<u>87,671</u>		

Section 11 (ii - iv)

The parent company Columbus Telephone Company, Inc. is organized under the cooperative laws of the state of Kansas.

Section 12 Allocation Ratios

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Section 16 Audited Financials

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