

MEMORANDUM

Date: September 25, 2024

To: Marc Fournier, Telecommunications Analyst

From: Theresa Staples, TAP Administrator

Subject: Telephone Assistance Program (TAP) January 1 through June 30, 2024, Six Month Review
PUC Docket Number: P999/CI-24-253

I have completed my cost analysis of the Telephone Assistance Program's (TAP) six-month review of January 1 through June 30, 2024.

TAP data is found in the attached spreadsheet. Additional spreadsheets will be provided at your request. I am available for any questions you may have.

Thank you.

January-June 30, 2024

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| SWIFT TAP funds <i>(state accounting)</i> | |
| 1. Fund balance as of 12/31/2023 | \$3,306,565 |
| 2. Revenues TAP surcharge remitted by companies thru DPS (Dept. of Public Safety) | \$219,561 |
| 3. Interest revenues | \$83,897 |
| 4. Expenditures TAP credit paid to companies | \$380,934 |
| 5. Other disbursements, administrative, etc. | \$29,532 |
| 6. Fund balance as of 6/30/2024 | \$3,199,557 |

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| TAP <i>(PUC's TAP database, attachment)</i> | |
| 1. 4a Access Lines: Wirelines June | 944,064 |
| Revenues/Collections | |
| 2. 4b Surcharge Revenues Collected | \$179,013 |
| 3. 4c Surcharge Revenue Deposits made to DPS | \$179,023 |
| (6. <u>DPS Fees Remittance Form: Prorated Adjustments, 4b minus 4c</u>) | (\$-10) |
| 1. 5a Subscribers: number of TAP subscribers June | 9,023 |
| Expenditures | |
| 2. 5c Credits Reimbursed | \$360,612 |
| 3. 7e Admin. Expenses Reimbursed | \$13,219 |
| 4. 8 Total Reimbursement Requested (credit + admin: 5c + 7e) | \$373,831 |

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| DPS <i>(Dept. of Public Safety)</i> | |
| Wirelines June | 1,104,557 |
| TAP Surcharge Collected | 210,159 |

1) REVENUES: January-June 30, 2024

SWIFT (state accounting)

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| TAP (PUC's TAP database) | |
| 3. 4c Surcharge Revenue Deposits made to DPS | \$179,023 |
| DPS (Dept. of Public Safety) | |
| TAP surcharge collected | \$210,159 |

\$40,538 SWIFT greater than TAP ¹

\$9,402 SWIFT greater than DPS ²

\$31,136 DPS greater than TAP ³

2) EXPENDITURES: January-June 30, 2024

SWIFT (state accounting)

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| 4. Expenditures TAP reimbursement credit paid to companies | \$380,934 |
| TAP (PUC's TAP database) | |
| 4. 8 Total Reimbursement Requested (credit + admin: 5c + 7e) | \$373,831 |

\$7,103 SWIFT greater than TAP ⁴

3) LINES: June 2024

TAP (PUC's TAP database)

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|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1. 4a Access Lines: Wirelines | 944,064 |
| DPS (Dept. of Public Safety) | |
| Wirelines | 1,104,557 |

106,493 DPS greater than TAP ⁵

1) REVENUES:

¹ **SWIFT greater than TAP:** SWIFT is a record of revenue deposits made by DPS. DPS has service providers who volunteer revenue deposits. TAP is a record of revenue deposits made to DPS.

² **SWIFT greater than DPS:** SWIFT's revenue is the "general ledger posted day/date" of January-June 30. The difference may be a lag in DPS deposits to SWIFT.

³ **DPS greater than TAP:** DPS has service providers who are not required to file TAP. Service providers volunteer revenue to DPS.

2) EXPENDITURES:

⁴ **SWIFT greater than TAP:** SWIFT expenditures are the "general ledger posted day/date" of January-June 30. TAP expenditures are for the "reporting period" of January-June 30. There may be a lag in posting expenditures. Expenditures differ slightly.

3) LINES:

⁵ **DPS greater than TAP:** DPS lines include service providers who are not required to file TAP. Service providers volunteer lines to DPS.

Telephone Assistance Program (TAP) January - June 30, 2024

| Service Provider | 4a Access Lines Wirelines June 2024 | 5a Subscribers June 2024 | 4b Surcharge Revenue Collected Jan-June 2024 | 4c Surcharge Revenue Deposits Jan-June 2024 | 5c TAP Credits Reimbursed Jan-June 2024 | 7e Admin Exps Reimbursed Jan-June 2024 | 8 (5c 7e) Total Reimbursed Jan-June 2024 |
|--|---|-----------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| Access One of MN, Inc. (Access One, Inc.) | 40 | 0 | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ace Link Telecommunications, Inc. | 544 | 30 | 99 | 99 | 610 | 120 | 730 |
| Ace Telephone Association | 4,427 | 224 | 810 | 810 | 4,420 | 120 | 4,540 |
| ACN Communication Services, Inc. | 88 | 0 | 16 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| AEX Communications, Inc. | 92 | 0 | 17 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Airespring, Inc. | 173 | 0 | 31 | 31 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Albany Mutual Telephone Association | 2,817 | 37 | 531 | 531 | 2,310 | 0 | 2,310 |
| Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc. | 432 | 17 | 79 | 79 | 380 | 0 | 380 |
| Arrowhead Communications Corp. | 244 | 11 | 42 | 42 | 230 | 153 | 383 |
| Arvig Telephone Company | 7,378 | 184 | 1,303 | 1,303 | 3,720 | 0 | 3,720 |
| AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. | - | 0 | - | - | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BCN Telecom, Inc. | 793 | 0 | 145 | 145 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Benton Cooperative Telephone Company | 3,034 | 128 | 555 | 555 | 2,610 | 100 | 2,710 |
| Big River Telephone Company, LLC | 1,389 | 0 | 253 | 253 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Blue Earth Valley Telephone Company dba BEVCOMM | 2,603 | 281 | 473 | 473 | 5,600 | 150 | 5,750 |
| Bridge Water Telephone Company | 2,866 | 35 | 518 | 518 | 670 | 0 | 670 |
| Broadband Dynamics, L.L.C. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Broadview Networks, Inc. | 672 | 0 | 123 | 122 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BullsEye Telecom, Inc. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Callaway Telephone Company | 135 | 2 | 25 | 25 | 120 | 458 | 578 |
| Cannon Valley Telecom, Inc. | 670 | 48 | 122 | 122 | 960 | 150 | 1,110 |
| CenturyLink (Qwest Corporation) | 168,324 | 2,472 | 31,154 | 31,154 | 151,880 | 0 | 151,880 |
| CenturyLink Communications, LLC | 21,475 | 0 | 4,150 | 4,150 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CenturyTel of Minnesota, Inc. dba CenturyLink | 4,979 | 147 | 921 | 921 | 2,950 | 0 | 2,950 |
| CenturyTel of Northwest Wisconsin, LLC dba CenturyLink aka Brightspeed of Northwe: | - | 0 | - | - | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Christensen Communications Company | 1,051 | 7 | 179 | 179 | 420 | 368 | 788 |
| Citizens Telecommunications Company of MN, LLC | 23,313 | 210 | 4,327 | 4,327 | 14,620 | 420 | 15,040 |
| City of Barnesville Municipal Telephone Company | 534 | 18 | 98 | 98 | 400 | 0 | 400 |
| City of Windom | 1,018 | 22 | 183 | 184 | 460 | 80 | 540 |
| Clara City Telephone Exchange Company | 474 | 10 | 85 | 85 | 680 | 135 | 815 |
| Clarity Telecom, LLC dba Vast Broadband | - | 29 | - | - | 2,010 | 92 | 2,102 |
| Clear Rate Communications | 1,372 | 0 | 256 | 256 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Clements Telephone Company, Inc. | 40 | 3 | 8 | 8 | 180 | 120 | 300 |
| Comcast Phone of Minnesota, Inc. | 220,502 | 0 | 40,813 | 40,813 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc. | - | 83 | - | - | 1,690 | 0 | 1,690 |
| Consolidated Communications of Minnesota Company acquired Consolidated Commu | - | 373 | - | - | 7,922 | 0 | 7,922 |
| Consolidated Telephone Company | 13,626 | 141 | 2,445 | 2,445 | 2,760 | 100 | 2,860 |
| Contel Systems, Inc. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| DishNET Wireline, LLC | 327 | 0 | 64 | 64 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dunnell Telephone Company, Inc. | 166 | 2 | 18 | 18 | 40 | 0 | 40 |

| Service Provider | 4a Access Lines Wirelines June 2024 | 5a Subscribers June 2024 | 4b Surcharge Revenue Collected Jan-June 2024 | 4c Surcharge Revenue Deposits Jan-June 2024 | 5c TAP Credits Reimbursed Jan-June 2024 | 7e Admin Exps Reimbursed Jan-June 2024 | 8 (5c 7e) Total Reimbursed Jan-June 2024 |
|--|---|-----------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| Eagle Valley Telephone Company | 217 | 35 | 39 | 39 | 680 | 153 | 833 |
| East Otter Tail Telephone Company | 7,984 | 105 | 1,423 | 1,423 | 6,410 | 458 | 6,868 |
| Easton Telephone Company dba BEVCOMM | 393 | 30 | 74 | 74 | 570 | 150 | 720 |
| Eckles Telephone Co dba BEVCOMM | 1,648 | 55 | 303 | 303 | 1,080 | 150 | 1,230 |
| Embarq Minnesota, Inc. dba CenturyLink | 20,308 | 484 | 3,797 | 3,797 | 9,720 | 0 | 9,720 |
| Emily Cooperative Telephone Company | 818 | 20 | 138 | 138 | 380 | 100 | 480 |
| Entelegent Solutions, Inc. | 7 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Farmers Mutual Telephone Company | - | 35 | 312 | 312 | 2,280 | 0 | 2,280 |
| Federated Telephone Cooperative | - | 85 | 802 | 802 | 5,450 | 0 | 5,450 |
| Felton Telephone Company, Inc. | 234 | 6 | 43 | 43 | 120 | 153 | 273 |
| FiberNet Monticello | 472 | 0 | 84 | 84 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Frontier Communications of Minnesota, Inc. | 15,699 | 111 | 2,913 | 2,913 | 7,620 | 339 | 7,959 |
| Fusion Cloud Services, LLC | 839 | 0 | 79 | 79 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Garden Valley Telephone Company Coop | 7,638 | 177 | 1,380 | 1,381 | 11,100 | 95 | 11,195 |
| Gardonville Cooperative Telephone Association | 2,124 | 51 | 384 | 383 | 1,030 | 50 | 1,080 |
| Granada Telephone Company | 66 | 0 | 13 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Granite Telecommunications, LLC | 11,332 | 0 | 2,050 | 2,050 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Halstad Telephone Company | 1,295 | 24 | 235 | 235 | 500 | 110 | 610 |
| Harmony Telephone Company | 579 | 38 | 104 | 104 | 720 | 150 | 870 |
| Heartland Telecommunications of Iowa dba Premier Communications Consolidated C | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hiawatha Broadband Communications, Inc | 8,709 | 58 | 1,586 | 1,586 | 2,610 | 520 | 3,130 |
| Home Telephone Company | 702 | 6 | 127 | 127 | 410 | 458 | 868 |
| Hutchinson Telecommunications, Inc dba NU-Telecom | 1,143 | 84 | 210 | 210 | 1,680 | 80 | 1,760 |
| Hutchinson Telephone Company dba NU-Telecom | 2,899 | 78 | 536 | 536 | 1,630 | 80 | 1,710 |
| Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. | 936 | 36 | 187 | 187 | 660 | 0 | 660 |
| Jaguar Communications, Inc. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Johnson Telephone Co. | 1,086 | 231 | 195 | 195 | 4,620 | 0 | 4,620 |
| Kasson & Mantorville Telephone Company | 2,393 | 54 | 434 | 434 | 1,050 | 0 | 1,050 |
| Level 3 Communications, LLC | 29,007 | 0 | 5,346 | 5,346 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lismore Cooperative Telephone Company | 282 | 12 | 50 | 50 | 240 | 0 | 240 |
| Local Access Network, LLC dba Milaca Local Link | 372 | 18 | 67 | 67 | 390 | 100 | 490 |
| Lonsdale Telephone Company | 995 | 38 | 185 | 185 | 690 | 150 | 840 |
| Loretel Systems, Inc. | 3,920 | 187 | 701 | 701 | 3,690 | 153 | 3,843 |
| Mabel Cooperative Telephone Company | 649 | 11 | 114 | 114 | 660 | 300 | 960 |
| Mainstreet Communications, LLC | 865 | 17 | 158 | 158 | 1,030 | 458 | 1,488 |
| Manchester-Hartland Telephone Co. | 338 | 24 | 62 | 62 | 480 | 0 | 480 |
| Matrix Telecom, Inc. d/b/a Matrix Business Technologies d/b/a Trinsic Communicatio | 1,157 | 0 | 179 | 179 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| MCC Telephony of Minnesota, LLC dba Mediacom | - | 0 | - | - | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| MCI Communications Services, Inc. | - | 0 | - | - | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| MCI Metro Access Transmission Services LLC | - | 0 | - | - | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. | 7,972 | 0 | 1,416 | 1,416 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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| Melrose Telephone Company | 3,534 | 70 | 641 | 641 | 4,080 | 458 | 4,538 |
| Metropolitan Telecommunications of Minnesota, Inc. dba MetTel | 1,228 | 0 | 222 | 222 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Midcontinent Communications | 20,763 | 307 | 3,763 | 3,762 | 18,790 | 150 | 18,940 |
| Mid-State Telephone Company | 3,618 | 97 | 671 | 671 | 1,990 | 0 | 1,990 |
| Midwest Telephone Company | 1,059 | 36 | 192 | 192 | 2,260 | 458 | 2,718 |
| Minnesota Valley Telephone Company | 290 | 15 | 53 | 53 | 300 | 70 | 370 |
| Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications, Inc. | 894 | 27 | 164 | 164 | 1,780 | 10 | 1,790 |
| New Ulm Telecom, Inc. | 3,893 | 78 | 709 | 709 | 1,560 | 200 | 1,760 |
| Nextera Communications, LLC | - | 13 | - | - | 780 | 0 | 780 |
| Northern Iowa Telephone Company | 14 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Northern Telephone Co. | 36 | 14 | 6 | 6 | 290 | 0 | 290 |
| NOS Communications Inc. | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Onvoy, Inc. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Osakis Telephone Company | 645 | 10 | 116 | 116 | 550 | 458 | 1,008 |
| Otter Tail Telcom, LLC | 3,156 | 18 | 571 | 571 | 1,030 | 300 | 1,330 |
| PaeTec Communications, Inc. | 2,295 | 0 | 415 | 416 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Park Region Mutual Telephone Co. Coop | 1,982 | 15 | 351 | 351 | 910 | 300 | 1,210 |
| Paul Bunyan Rural Telephone Coop | 21,165 | 514 | 3,822 | 3,828 | 10,140 | 78 | 10,218 |
| Peerless Network of Minnesota, LLC | 2,928 | 0 | 287 | 287 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Peoples Telephone Company | 1,030 | 16 | 179 | 179 | 990 | 458 | 1,448 |
| Pine Island Telephone Company | 1,165 | 57 | 211 | 211 | 1,140 | 150 | 1,290 |
| Polar Communications Mutual Aid Corporation | 56 | 0 | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| POPP.com, Inc. | 29,146 | 0 | 5,316 | 5,316 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| QuantumShift Communications, Inc. | 140 | 0 | 13 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| RCLEC, Inc. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Red River Rural Telephone Association | 747 | 6 | 136 | 136 | 120 | 45 | 165 |
| Redwood County Telephone Company | 1,076 | 18 | 197 | 197 | 1,220 | 488 | 1,708 |
| Rock County Broadband Alliance, LLC | 620 | 0 | 114 | 114 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rothsay Telephone Company | 261 | 3 | 47 | 47 | 60 | 40 | 100 |
| RS Fiber Cooperative | 504 | 3 | 90 | 90 | 220 | 40 | 260 |
| Runestone Telephone Association | 3,515 | 52 | 640 | 640 | 3,140 | 0 | 3,140 |
| Sacred Heart Telephone Company | 164 | 3 | 30 | 30 | 180 | 135 | 315 |
| Scott-Rice Telephone Company | 3,433 | 105 | 636 | 636 | 2,120 | 100 | 2,220 |
| Sleepy Eye Telephone Co. | 2,127 | 31 | 391 | 391 | 640 | 100 | 740 |
| Southwest Minnesota Broadband Services | 1,271 | 47 | 232 | 232 | 970 | 0 | 970 |
| Spectrotel, Inc | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Spring Grove Communications | 906 | 57 | 162 | 162 | 1,140 | 0 | 1,140 |
| Starbuck Telephone Company | 623 | 23 | 110 | 110 | 1,380 | 135 | 1,515 |
| TCG Minnesota, Inc./Teleport Communications America, LLC. | - | 0 | - | - | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tekstar Communications, Inc. | 10,444 | 97 | 1,867 | 1,867 | 6,140 | 458 | 6,598 |
| Teliix, Inc | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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| Tri-Co Technologies, LLC dba Crosslake Communications | 881 | 11 | 158 | 158 | 620 | 300 | 920 |
| Twin Valley-Ulen Telephone Co. | 1,885 | 56 | 335 | 335 | 3,390 | 458 | 3,848 |
| Upsala Cooperative Telephone Association | 620 | 13 | 111 | 111 | 820 | 0 | 820 |
| USLink, Inc. dba TDS METROCOM | 7,075 | 0 | 1,292 | 1,292 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| VAL-ED Joint Venture, LLP dba 702 Communications | 855 | 0 | 156 | 156 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Valley Telephone Company | 209 | 6 | 37 | 37 | 120 | 100 | 220 |
| Velocity Telephone, Inc. | 0 | 0 | 318 | 318 | 180 | 0 | 180 |
| Velocity, A Managed Services Company, Inc. dba V-One, Inc. fka Velocity The Greatest | 195 | 0 | 32 | 32 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Voyant Communications, LLC fka Zayo Enterprise Networks, LLC | - | 0 | - | - | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| West Central Telephone Assoc | 2,937 | 38 | 531 | 531 | 2,450 | 660 | 3,110 |
| Western Telephone Co. | 747 | 12 | 139 | 139 | 280 | 100 | 380 |
| Wholesale Carrier Services, Inc. | 9 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Wikstrom Telephone Company | 6,948 | 436 | 1,242 | 1,241 | 8,750 | 0 | 8,750 |
| Wilderness Valley Telephone Co. Inc. | 70 | 3 | 12 | 12 | 60 | 0 | 60 |
| Windstream Communications, LLC | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Windstream En-tel, LLC | 146 | 0 | 28 | 29 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Windstream KDL, Inc. fka Kentucky Data Link, Inc. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Windstream Lakedale Link, Inc. | 203 | 0 | 39 | 39 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Windstream Lakedale, Inc. | 8,362 | 45 | 1,553 | 1,554 | 2,960 | 0 | 2,960 |
| Windstream New Edge, LLC fka EarthLink Business, LLC fka New Edge Network, Inc. dli | 722 | 0 | 129 | 130 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Windstream Norlight, Inc. fka Norlight, Inc. | 120 | 0 | 22 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Windstream NorthStar, LLC | 429 | 0 | 81 | 81 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Windstream NTI, LLC fka Norlight Telecommunications, Inc. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Winnebago Coop. Telecom Assoc. | 1,040 | 1 | 187 | 187 | 60 | 0 | 60 |
| Winsted Telephone Company | 1,149 | 14 | 203 | 203 | 260 | 0 | 260 |
| Winthrop Telephone Company | 263 | 9 | 48 | 48 | 180 | 70 | 250 |
| Wolverton Telephone Company | 71 | 0 | 12 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Woodstock Telephone Company | 464 | 12 | 81 | 81 | 720 | 0 | 720 |
| XO Communications Services, Inc. | - | 0 | - | - | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Zumbrota Telephone Company | 690 | 11 | 125 | 125 | 700 | 135 | 835 |
| Public Total | 781,499 | 9,023 | 144,818 | 144,826 | 360,612 | 13,219 | 373,831 |
| Trade Secret Total | 162,565 | 0 | 34,195 | 34,196 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Public and Trade Secret Total | 944,064 | 9,023 | \$179,013 | \$179,023 | \$360,612 | \$13,219 | \$373,831 |

missing 1st/2nd Qtr Reports:

Charter Fiberlink CC VIII, LLC U# 13286

Charter Fiberlink CCO, LLC U# 14090

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