

**Venture Communications Cooperative
(SAC 391680)**

Progress Report of 5 Year Plan – Milestone Certification

To be in compliance with the Milestone Certification of providing upon a reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of 4 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream:

- Venture Communications Cooperative certifies that it has taken reasonable steps to provide upon a reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of 4 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol.
- The Company provides usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to comparable offerings in urban areas.
- The Company certifies that requests for such service are met within a reasonable amount of time.

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Progress Report on 5 Year Plan – Community Anchor Institutions

Venture Communications Cooperative does not have any newly served community anchor institutions because all anchor institutions had broadband service available to them prior to 2014.

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USDA-RUS OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS	This data will be used by RUS to review your financial situation. Your response is required by 7 U.S.C. 901 et seq. and, subject to federal laws and regulations regarding confidential information, will be treated as confidential. Received & Inspected JUN 29 2015 FCC Mail Room BORROWER NAME Venture Communications Cooperative (Prepared with Audited Data) PERIOD ENDING December, 2014 BORROWER DESIGNATION SD0522
INSTRUCTIONS-Submit report to RUS within 30 days after close of the period. For detailed instructions, see RUS Bulletin 1744-2. Report in whole dollars only.	

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the entries in this report are in accordance with the accounts and other records of the system and reflect the status of the system to the best of our knowledge and belief.

ALL INSURANCE REQUIRED BY 7 CFR PART 1788, CHAPTER XVII, RUS, WAS IN FORCE DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD AND RENEWALS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED FOR ALL POLICIES.

DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT PURSUANT TO PART 1788 OF 7CFR CHAPTER XVII
(Check one of the following)

All of the obligations under the RUS loan documents have been fulfilled in all material respects.

There has been a default in the fulfillment of the obligations under the RUS loan documents. Said default(s) is/are specifically described in the Telecom Operating Report

_____ randy houdek _____ 4/27/2015 _____
DATE

PART A. BALANCE SHEET					
ASSETS	BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD	LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD
CURRENT ASSETS			CURRENT LIABILITIES		
1. Cash and Equivalents			25. Accounts Payable		
2. Cash-RUS Construction Fund			26. Notes Payable		
3. Affiliates:			27. Advance Billings and Payments		
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable			28. Customer Deposits		
b. Other Accounts Receivable			29. Current Mat. L/T Debt		
c. Notes Receivable			30. Current Mat. L/T Debt-Rur. Dev.		
4. Non-Affiliates:			31. Current Mat.-Capital Leases		
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable			32. Income Taxes Accrued		
b. Other Accounts Receivable			33. Other Taxes Accrued		
c. Notes Receivable			34. Other Current Liabilities		
5. Interest and Dividends Receivable			35. Total Current Liabilities (25 thru 34)		
6. Material-Regulated			LONG-TERM DEBT		
7. Material-Nonregulated			36. Funded Debt-RUS Notes		
8. Prepayments			37. Funded Debt-RTB Notes		
9. Other Current Assets			38. Funded Debt-FFB Notes		
10. Total Current Assets (1 Thru 9)			39. Funded Debt-Other		
NONCURRENT ASSETS			40. Funded Debt-Rural Develop. Loan		
11. Investment in Affiliated Companies			41. Premium (Discount) on L/T Debt		
a. Rural Development			42. Recquired Debt		
b. Nonrural Development			43. Obligations Under Capital Lease		
12. Other Investments			44. Adv. From Affiliated Companies		
a. Rural Development			45. Other Long-Term Debt		
b. Nonrural Development			46. Total Long-Term Debt (36 thru 45)		
13. Nonregulated Investments			OTHER LIAB. & DEF. CREDITS		
14. Other Noncurrent Assets			47. Other Long-Term Liabilities		
15. Deferred Charges			48. Other Deferred Credits		
16. Jurisdictional Differences			49. Other Jurisdictional Differences		
17. Total Noncurrent Assets (11 thru 16)			50. Total Other Liabilities and Deferred Credits (47 thru 49)		
PLANT, PROPERTY, AND EQUIPMENT			EQUITY		
18. Telecom, Plant-in-Service			51. Cap. Stock Outstand. & Subscribed		
19. Property Held for Future Use			52. Additional Paid-in-Capital		
20. Plant Under Construction			53. Treasury Stock		
21. Plant Adj., Nonop. Plant & Goodwill			54. Membership and Cap. Certificates		
22. Less Accumulated Depreciation			55. Other Capital		
23. Net Plant (18 thru 21 less 22)			56. Patronage Capital Credits		
24. TOTAL ASSETS (10+17+23)			57. Retained Earnings or Margins		
			58. Total Equity (51 thru 57)		
			59. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (35+46+50+58)		

Total Equity = _____ % of Total Assets

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INSTRUCTIONS- See RUS Bulletin 1744-2

PART B. STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS OR MARGINS

ITEM	PRIOR YEAR	THIS YEAR
1. Local Network Services Revenues		
2. Network Access Services Revenues		
3. Long Distance Network Services Revenues		
4. Carrier Billing and Collection Revenues		
5. Miscellaneous Revenues		
6. Uncollectible Revenues		
7. Net Operating Revenues (1 thru 5 less 6)		
8. Plant Specific Operations Expense		
9. Plant Nonspecific Operations Expense (Excluding Depreciation & Amortization)		
10. Depreciation Expense		
11. Amortization Expense		
12. Customer Operations Expense		
13. Corporate Operations Expense		
14. Total Operating Expenses (8 thru 13)		
15. Operating Income or Margins (7 less 14)		
16. Other Operating Income and Expenses		
17. State and Local Taxes		
18. Federal Income Taxes		
19. Other Taxes		
20. Total Operating Taxes (17+18+19)		
21. Net Operating Income or Margins (15+16-20)		
22. Interest on Funded Debt		
23. Interest Expense - Capital Leases		
24. Other Interest Expense		
25. Allowance for Funds Used During Construction		
26. Total Fixed Charges (22+23+24-25)		
27. Nonoperating Net Income		
28. Extraordinary Items		
29. Jurisdictional Differences		
30. Nonregulated Net Income		
31. Total Net Income or Margins (21+27+28+29+30-26)		
32. Total Taxes Based on Income		
33. Retained Earnings or Margins Beginning-of-Year		
34. Miscellaneous Credits Year-to-Date		
35. Dividends Declared (Common)		
36. Dividends Declared (Preferred)		
37. Other Debits Year-to-Date		
38. Transfers to Patronage Capital		
39. Retained Earnings or Margins End-of-Period [(31+33+34) - (35+36+37+38)]		
40. Patronage Capital Beginning-of-Year		
41. Transfers to Patronage Capital		
42. Patronage Capital Credits Retired		
43. Patronage Capital End-of-Year (40+41-42)		
44. Annual Debt Service Payments		
45. Cash Ratio [(14+20-10-11) / 7]		
46. Operating Accrual Ratio [(14+20+26) / 7]		
47. TIER [(31+26) / 26]		
48. DSCR [(31+26+10+11) / 44]		

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PART D. SYSTEM DATA

1. No. Plant Employees	2. No. Other Employees	3. Square Miles Served	4. Access Lines per Square Mile	5. Subscribers per Route Mile
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PART E. TOLL DATA

1. Study Area ID Code(s) a. _____ b. _____ c. _____ d. _____ e. _____ f. _____ g. _____ h. _____ i. _____ j. _____	2. Types of Toll Settlements (Check one) Interstate: <input type="checkbox"/> Average Schedule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost Basis Intrastate: <input type="checkbox"/> Average Schedule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost Basis
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PART F. FUNDS INVESTED IN PLANT DURING YEAR

1. RUS, RTB, & FFB Loan Funds Expended	
2. Other Long-Term Loan Funds Expended	
3. Funds Expended Under RUS Interim Approval	
4. Other Short-Term Loan Funds Expended	
5. General Funds Expended (Other than Interim)	
6. Salvaged Materials	
7. Contribution in Aid to Construction	
8. Gross Additions to Telecom. Plant (1 thru 7)	

PART G. INVESTMENTS IN AFFILIATED COMPANIES

INVESTMENTS (a)	CURRENT YEAR DATA		CUMULATIVE DATA		
	Investment This Year (b)	Income/Loss This Year (c)	Cumulative Investment To Date (d)	Cumulative Income/Loss To Date (e)	Current Balance (f)
1. Investment in Affiliated Companies - Rural Development					
2. Investment in Affiliated Companies - Nonrural Development					

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PART H. CURRENT DEPRECIATION RATES

Are corporation's depreciation rates approved by the regulatory authority with jurisdiction over the provision of telephone services? (Check one)

YES NO

EQUIPMENT CATEGORY	DEPRECIATION RATE
1. Land and support assets - Motor Vehicles	██████
2. Land and support assets - Aircraft	
3. Land and support assets - Special purpose vehicles	██████
4. Land and support assets - Garage and other work equipment	██████
5. Land and support assets - Buildings	██████
6. Land and support assets - Furniture and Office equipment	██████
7. Land and support assets - General purpose computers	██████
8. Central Office Switching - Digital	██████
9. Central Office Switching - Analog & Electro-mechanical	██████
10. Central Office Switching - Operator Systems	
11. Central Office Transmission - Radio Systems	██████
12. Central Office Transmission - Circuit equipment	██████
13. Information origination/termination - Station apparatus	██████
14. Information origination/termination - Customer premises wiring	██████
15. Information origination/termination - Large private branch exchanges	
16. Information origination/termination - Public telephone terminal equipment	
17. Information origination/termination - Other terminal equipment	██████
18. Cable and wire facilities - Poles	██████
19. Cable and wire facilities - Aerial cable - Metal	██████
20. Cable and wire facilities - Aerial cable - Fiber	
21. Cable and wire facilities - Underground cable - Metal	
22. Cable and wire facilities - Underground cable - Fiber	
23. Cable and wire facilities - Buried cable - Metal	██████
24. Cable and wire facilities - Buried cable - Fiber	██████
25. Cable and wire facilities - Conduit systems	██████
26. Cable and wire facilities - Other	

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INSTRUCTIONS – See help in the online application.		PERIOD ENDED December, 2014
PART I – STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS		
1. Beginning Cash (Cash and Equivalents plus RUS Construction Fund)		██████████
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
2. Net Income		██████████
<i>Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</i>		
3. Add: Depreciation		██████████
4. Add: Amortization		██████████
5. Other (Explain)		
<i>Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities</i>		
6. Decrease/(Increase) in Accounts Receivable		██████████
7. Decrease/(Increase) in Materials and Inventory		██████████
8. Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments and Deferred Charges		██████████
9. Decrease/(Increase) in Other Current Assets		██████████
10. Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable		██████████
11. Increase/(Decrease) in Advance Billings & Payments		██████████
12. Increase/(Decrease) in Other Current Liabilities		██████████
13. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operations		██████████
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
14. Decrease/(Increase) in Notes Receivable		██████████
15. Increase/(Decrease) in Notes Payable		██████████
16. Increase/(Decrease) in Customer Deposits		██████████
17. Net Increase/(Decrease) in Long Term Debt (Including Current Maturities)		██████████
18. Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities & Deferred Credits		██████████
19. Increase/(Decrease) in Capital Stock, Paid-in Capital, Membership and Capital Certificates & Other Capital		██████████
20. Less: Payment of Dividends		██████████
21. Less: Patronage Capital Credits Retired		██████████
22. Other (Explain)		
██████████		██████████
23. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Financing Activities		██████████
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
24. Net Capital Expenditures (Property, Plant & Equipment)		██████████
25. Other Long-Term Investments		██████████
26. Other Noncurrent Assets & Jurisdictional Differences		██████████
27. Other (Explain)		
██████████		██████████
28. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Investing Activities		██████████
29. Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash		██████████
30. Ending Cash		██████████

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Year 2014 Federal Universal Service Receipts:

Interstate Access Support	\$	█
Interstate Common Line Support	\$	██████████
Connect America Fund Support	\$	██████████
High Cost Loop Support	\$	██████████
Safety Net Additive Support	\$	█
Safety Valve Loop Cost Adjustment	\$	█
TOTAL	\$	██████████

Expenditures For Provision, Maintenance, and Upgrading Of Facilities and Services Supported By Federal Universal Service Funding:

	<u>Actual</u>
	2014
Plant Specific Operations Expenses	
Network support (Accts 6110-16)	\$ █
General support (Accts 6120-24)	\$ ██████████
Central office (Accts 6210-6232)	\$ ██████████
Cable and wire facilities (Accts 6410-41)	\$ ██████████
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Depreciation and amortization (Accts 6560-65)	\$ ██████████
Customer Operations Expenses	
Customer services (Accts 6611-23)	\$ ██████████
Corporate Operations Expenses	
Executive and planning (Accts 6710-12)	\$ ██████████
General and administrative (Accts 6720-28)	\$ ██████████
Total Years Supported Expenses, Before Return on Investment	██████████
Additions/Capx	
Switching (Acct 2210)	\$ ██████████
Transmission Equipment (Acct 2230)	\$ ██████████
Cable and wire (Acct 2410)	\$ ██████████
Total	██████████
Total Supported Expenditures, Before Return on Investment	██████████

It is estimated that [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] of universal service funding received in 2014 was used to ensure and improve *service quality*. This ensures that the network is maintained and operated to provide telecommunications and information services as well as interexchange services and advanced telecommunications that are reasonably comparable to those services offered in urban areas and are available at rates that are reasonably comparable to rates charged for similar services in urban areas. Expenditures are not tracked at the wire center or census block level and are reported here on a total service area basis. We believe it is reasonable to conclude the same [REDACTED] of universal service funding received in 2014 will be used to ensure and improve service quality in 2015.

It is estimated that [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] of universal service funding received in 2014 was used improve *service coverage* at wire centers served by our company for telecommunications and information services as well as interexchange services and advanced telecommunications (broadband). Due to these expenditures, [REDACTED] of households in our service area will have access to our broadband capable network as of July 1, 2015. Expenditures are not tracked at the wire center or census block level and are reported here on a total service area basis. We believe it is reasonable to conclude the same [REDACTED] of universal service funding received in 2014 will be used to improve service coverage in 2015.

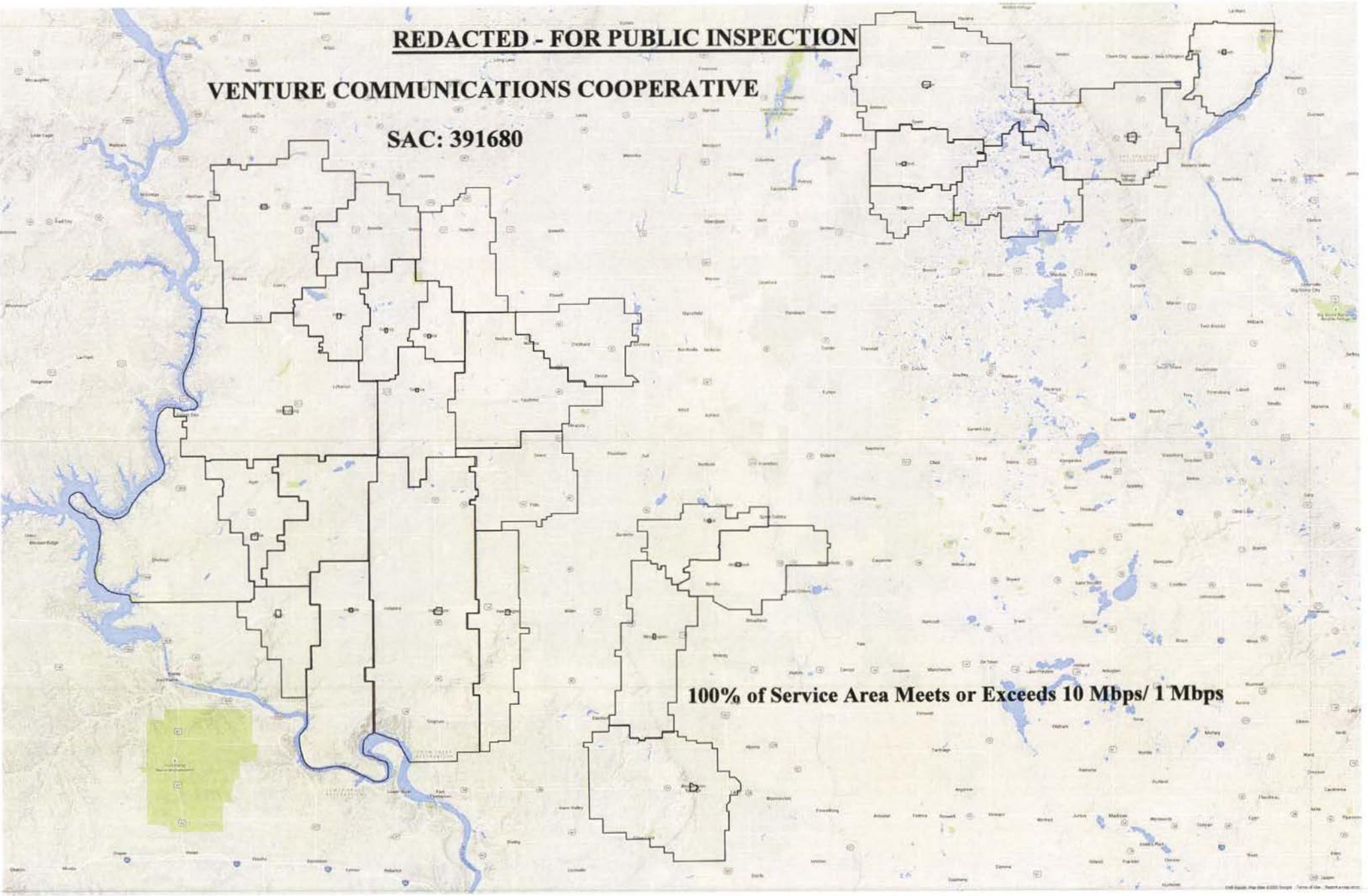
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Safety Net Additive Support	\$	█
Safety Valve Loop Cost Adjustment	\$	█
TOTAL	\$	██████████

Expenditures For Provision, Maintenance, and Upgrading Of Facilities and Services Supported By Federal Universal Service Funding:

	<u>Actual</u> 2014
Plant Specific Operations Expenses	
Network support (Accts 6110-16)	\$ █
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Total Supported Expenditures, Before Return on Investment	██████████

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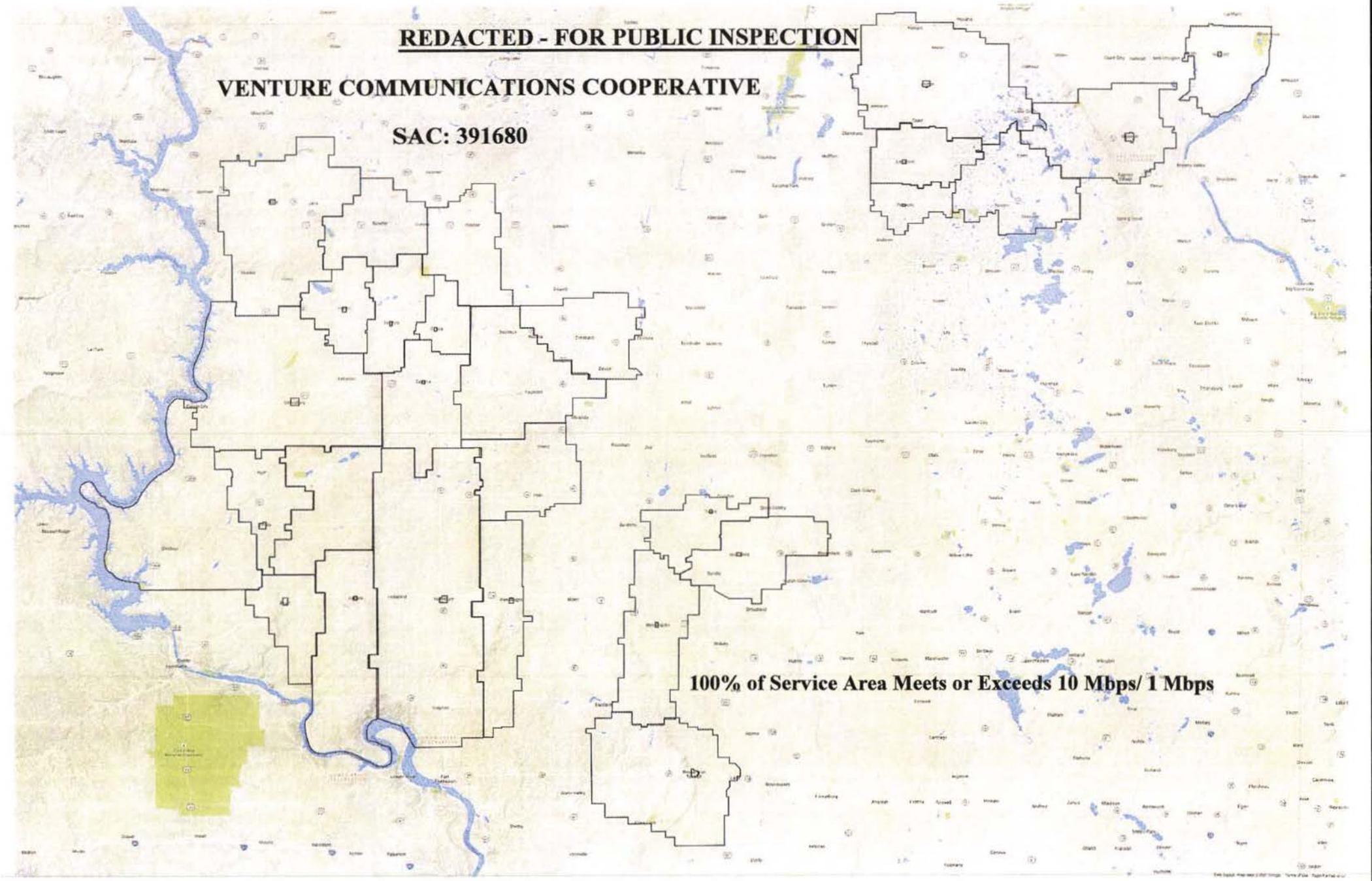
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