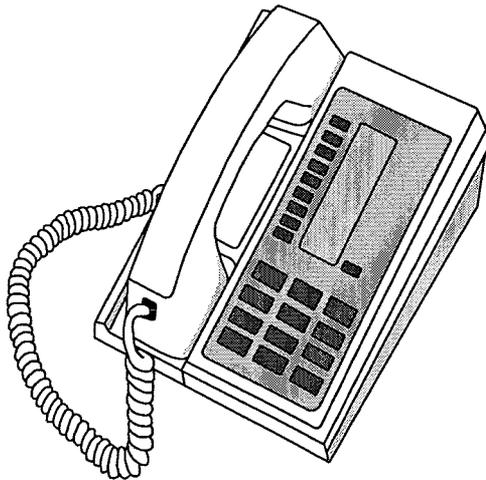


YEAR ENDING 2004

ANNUAL REPORT
OF
Lincoln Telephone Company

TELEPHONE UTILITY



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Telephone Annual Report

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General Information

Year: 2004

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| 1. | Legal Name of Respondent: | Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc. |
| 2. | Name Under Which Respondent Does Business: | Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc. |
| 3. | Date of Incorporation: | 1921 |
| 4. | Address to send Correspondence Concerning Report: | 111 Stemple Pass Road Lincoln, MT 59639 |
| 5. | Person Responsible for This Report: | Ken Lumpkin |
| 5a. | Telephone Number: | 406/362-4216 |
| Control Over Respondent | | |
| 1. | If direct control over the respondent was held by another entity at the end of year provide the following: | |
| | 1a. Name and address of the controlling organization or person: | |
| | 1b. Means by which control was held: | |
| | 1c. Percent Ownership: | |

| Board of Directors | | | | |
|---------------------------|--|------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Line No. | Name of Director and Address (City, State) | | | Fees Paid During Year |
| | (a) | | | (b) |
| 1 | George Didriksen | 2585 York Rd. | Helena, MT 59601 | 1750 |
| 2 | Edward Grady | HCR 30 | Canyon Creek, MT 59633 | 1750 |
| 3 | Dick Haines | 5935 St. Francis | Missoula, MT 59802 | 2100 |
| 4 | JP Mulcare | Box 69 | Lincoln, MT 59639 | 2100 |
| 5 | Robert Orr | Box 1 | Lincoln, MT 59639 | 2100 |
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| 18 | Chairman of the Board: | Robert Orr | | |
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Officers

Year: 2004

| Line No. | Title of Officer (a) | Department Over Which Jurisdiction is Exercised (b) | Name and Address of Person Holding Office at Year End (c) |
|----------|----------------------|---|---|
| 1 | President | Company | Robert Orr |
| 2 | | | 111 Stemple Pass Road |
| 3 | | | Lincoln, MT 59639 |
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| 5 | Vice-President | Company | J P Mulcare |
| 6 | | | 111 Stemple Pass Road |
| 7 | | | Lincoln, MT 59639 |
| 8 | | | |
| 9 | Secretary | Company | Ken Lumpkin |
| 10 | | | 111 Stemple Pass Road |
| 11 | | | Lincoln, MT 59639 |
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| 13 | Treasurer | Company | Ken Lumpkin |
| 14 | | | 111 Stemple Pass Road |
| 15 | | | Lincoln, MT 59639 |
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Total Company Balance Sheet

Year: 2004

| Line No. | Acct. No. (a) | Description (b) | This Year (c) | Last Year (d) |
|----------|---------------|---|---------------|---------------|
| 1 | | CURRENT ASSETS: | | |
| 2 | 1120 | Cash and Equivalents | 186,305 | 207,769 |
| 3 | 1180 | Telecommunications Accounts Receivable - Net | 68,029 | 120,869 |
| 4 | 1190 | Other Accounts Receivable - Net | 166,539 | 118,205 |
| 5 | 1200 | Notes Receivable - Net | | |
| 6 | 1210 | Interest and Dividends Receivable | | |
| 7 | 1220 | Materials and Supplies | 22,270 | 24,003 |
| 8 | * 1280 | Prepayments | 6,366 | 11,055 |
| 9 | ^ 1290 | Prepaid Rents | | |
| 10 | ^ 1300 | Prepaid Taxes | | |
| 11 | ^ 1310 | Prepaid Insurance | 6,366 | 11,055 |
| 12 | ^ 1320 | Prepaid Directory Expenses | | |
| 13 | ^ 1330 | Other Prepayments | | |
| 14 | 1350 | Other Current Assets | 789 | |
| 15 | | Total Current Assets | 450,298 | 481,901 |
| 16 | | NONCURRENT ASSETS: | | |
| 17 | 1401 | Investments in Affiliated Companies | | |
| 18 | 1402 | Investments in Nonaffiliated Companies | | |
| 19 | 1406 | Nonregulated Investments | 589,454 | 660,431 |
| 20 | 1407 | Unamortized Debt Issuance Expense | | |
| 21 | 1408 | Sinking Funds | | |
| 22 | 1410 | Other Noncurrent Assets | | |
| 23 | 1438 | Deferred Maintenance and Retirements | | |
| 24 | 1439 | Deferred Charges | | |
| 25 | 1500 | Other Jurisdictional Assets - Net | | |
| 26 | | Total Noncurrent Assets | 589,454 | 660,431 |
| 27 | | PROPERTY, PLANT, & EQUIPMENT: | | |
| 28 | 2001 | Telecommunications Plant in Service | 5,164,238 | 4,870,849 |
| 29 | 2002 | Property Held for Future Telecommunications Use | | |
| 30 | 2003 | Plant Under Construction - Short Term | | 1,574 |
| 31 | 2004 | Plant Under Construction - Long Term | | |
| 32 | 2005 | Telecommunications Plant Adjustment | | |
| 33 | 2006 | Nonoperating Plant | | |
| 34 | 2007 | Goodwill | | |
| 35 | 3100 | Accumulated Depreciation | (3,202,302) | (2,985,007) |
| 36 | 3200 | Accumulated Depreciation - Held for Future Use | | |
| 37 | 3300 | Accumulated Depreciation - Nonoperating | | |
| 38 | 3400 | Accumulated Amortization | | |
| 39 | | Net Property, Plant, & Equipment | 1,961,936 | 1,887,416 |
| 40 | | TOTAL ASSETS | 3,001,688 | 3,029,748 |

^ Subaccount of account marked with a *.

Total Company Balance Sheet

Year: 2004

| Line No. | Acct. No. (a) | Description (b) | This Year (c) | Last Year (d) |
|----------|---------------|---|---------------|---------------|
| 41 | | CURRENT LIABILITIES: | | |
| 42 | 4010 | Accounts Payable | 86,609 | 70,013 |
| 43 | 4020 | Notes Payable | | |
| 44 | 4030 | Advance Billing and Payments | | |
| 45 | 4040 | Customer Deposits | 1,350 | 1,750 |
| 46 | 4050 | Current Maturities - Long Term Debt | | |
| 47 | 4060 | Current Maturities - Capital Leases | | |
| 48 | 4070 | Income Taxes - Accrued | | |
| 49 | 4080 | Other Taxes - Accrued | 16,125 | 16,836 |
| 50 | 4100 | Net Current Deferred Operating Income Taxes | | |
| 51 | 4110 | Net Current Deferred Nonoperating Income Taxes | | |
| 52 | 4120 | Other Accrued Liabilities | | |
| 53 | 4130 | Other Current Liabilities | | |
| 54 | | Total Current Liabilities | 104,084 | 88,599 |
| 55 | | LONG-TERM DEBT: | | |
| 56 | 4210 | Funded Debt | 402,147 | 467,125 |
| 57 | 4220 | Premium on Long-Term Debt | | |
| 58 | 4230 | Discount on Long-Term Debt | | |
| 59 | 4240 | Reacquired Debt | | |
| 60 | 4250 | Obligations Under Capital leases | | |
| 61 | 4260 | Advances From Affiliated Companies | | |
| 62 | 4270 | Other Long-Term Debt | 145,119 | 145,119 |
| 63 | | Total Long-Term Debt | 547,266 | 612,244 |
| 64 | | OTHER LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED CREDITS: | | |
| 65 | 4310 | Other Long-Term Liabilities | 799,520 | 605,946 |
| 66 | 4320 | Unamort. Oper. Invest. Tax Credits - Net | | |
| 67 | 4330 | Unamort. Nonoper. Invest. Tax Credits - Net | | |
| 68 | 4340 | Net Noncurrent Deferred Oper. Income Taxes | | |
| 69 | 4350 | Net Noncurrent Deferred Nonoper. Income Taxes | | |
| 70 | 4360 | Other Deferred Credits | | |
| 71 | 4370 | Other Jurisdictional Liab. and Def. Credits | | |
| 72 | | Total Other Liabilities and Deferred Credits | 799,520 | 605,946 |
| 73 | | STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY: | | |
| 74 | 4510 | Capital Stock | 2,450 | 2,450 |
| 75 | 4520 | Additional Paid-In Capital | | |
| 76 | 4530 | Treasury Stock | (2,240) | (2,240) |
| 77 | 4540 | Other Capital | | |
| 78 | 4550 | Retained Earnings | 1,550,608 | 1,722,749 |
| 79 | | Total Stockholders' Equity | 1,550,818 | 1,722,959 |
| 80 | | TOTAL LIAB. AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | 3,001,688 | 3,029,748 |

Total Company Income Statement

Year: 2004

| Line No. | Acct. No. (a) | Description (b) | This Year (c) | Last Year (d) |
|----------|---------------|--|---------------|---------------|
| 1 | | REVENUES: | | |
| 2 | 5000 | Basic Local Service Revenues | 178,082 | 177,108 |
| 3 | 5080 | Network Access Revenues | 908,179 | 724,184 |
| 4 | * 5100 | Long Distance Message Revenue | 14,515 | 14,734 |
| 5 | ^ 5110 | Unidirectional Long Distance Revenue | | |
| 6 | ^ 5120 | Long Distance Private Network Revenue | | |
| 7 | ^ 5160 | Other Long Distance Revenue | 14,515 | 14,734 |
| 8 | ^ 5169 | Other Long Distance Revenue Settlements | | |
| 9 | * 5200 | Miscellaneous Revenue | 153,217 | 131,457 |
| 10 | ^ 5230 | Directory Revenue | 111 | 245 |
| 11 | ^ 5240 | Rent Revenue | | |
| 12 | ^ 5250 | Corporate Operations Revenue | | |
| 13 | ^ 5260 | Miscellaneous Revenue | 141,396 | 119,079 |
| 14 | ^ 5270 | Carrier Billing and Collection Revenue | 11,710 | 12,133 |
| 15 | ^ 5280 | Nonregulated Revenue | | |
| 16 | 5300 | Uncollectible Revenue | 1,063 | 18,853 |
| 17 | | Total Revenues (L.2+L.3+L.4+L.9-L.16) | 1,252,930 | 1,028,630 |
| 18 | | OPERATING EXPENSES: | | |
| 19 | 6110 | Network Support Expense | | |
| 20 | 6120 | General Support Expense | 16,876 | 19,799 |
| 21 | 6210 | Central Office Switching Expense | 190,895 | 174,035 |
| 22 | 6220 | Operator Systems Expense | | |
| 23 | 6230 | Central Office Transmission Expense | | |
| 24 | 6310 | Information Origination/Termination Expense | | 32 |
| 25 | * 6410 | Cable and Wire Facilities Expense | 151,492 | 102,390 |
| 26 | ^ 6431 | Aerial Wire Expense | | |
| 27 | ^ 6441 | Conduit Systems Expense | 151,492 | 102,390 |
| 28 | 6510 | Other Property, Plant & Equipment Expense | | |
| 29 | 6530 | Network Operations Expense | 6,027 | 13,461 |
| 30 | 6540 | Access Expense | | |
| 31 | 6560 | Depreciation and Amortization Expense | 217,296 | 200,503 |
| 32 | 6610 | Marketing | | |
| 33 | 6620 | Services | 188,342 | 175,974 |
| 34 | 6710 | Executive and Planning | 85,589 | 29,903 |
| 35 | 6720 | General and Administrative | 287,002 | 202,329 |
| 36 | 6790 | Provision for Uncollectible Notes Receivable | | |
| 37 | | Total Operating Expenses (Sum L.19 to L.36-L.26-L.27) | 1,143,519 | 918,426 |
| 38 | 7100 | Other Operating Income and Expense | | |
| 39 | 7200 | Operating Taxes | 33,331 | 21,700 |
| 40 | | Net Operating Income (L.17-L.37+L.38-L.39) | 76,080 | 88,504 |
| 41 | 7300 | Nonoperating Income and Expense | 29,522 | 19,679 |
| 42 | 7400 | Nonoperating Taxes | 31,609 | 24,867 |
| 43 | 7500 | Interest and Related Items | 22,452 | 25,774 |
| 44 | 7600 | Extraordinary Items | | |
| 45 | 7910 | Effects of Juris. Ratemaking Diff. - Net | (10,504) | 1,020 |
| 46 | 7990 | Nonregulated Net Income | (64,150) | (82,611) |
| 47 | | NET INCOME (L.40+L.41-L.42-L.43-L.44+L.45-L.46) | 105,187 | 141,173 |

^ Subaccount of the account marked with a *.

Montana Total State Income Statement

Year: 2004

| Line No. | Acct. No. (a) | Description (b) | This Year (c) | Last Year (d) |
|----------|---------------|--|-------------------|---------------|
| 1 | | REVENUES: | Schedule 4 | |
| 2 | 5000 | Basic Local Service Revenues | | |
| 3 | 5080 | Network Access Revenues | | |
| 4 | * 5100 | Long Distance Message Revenue | | |
| 5 | ^ 5110 | Unidirectional Long Distance Revenue | | |
| 6 | ^ 5120 | Long Distance Private Network Revenue | | |
| 7 | ^ 5160 | Other Long Distance Revenue | | |
| 8 | ^ 5169 | Other Long Distance Revenue Settlements | | |
| 9 | * 5200 | Miscellaneous Revenue | | |
| 10 | ^ 5230 | Directory Revenue | | |
| 11 | ^ 5240 | Rent Revenue | | |
| 12 | ^ 5250 | Corporate Operations Revenue | | |
| 13 | ^ 5260 | Miscellaneous Revenue | | |
| 14 | ^ 5270 | Carrier Billing and Collection Revenue | | |
| 15 | ^ 5280 | Nonregulated Revenue | | |
| 16 | 5300 | Uncollectible Revenue | | |
| 17 | | Total Revenues (L.2+L.3+L.4+L.9-L.16) | | |
| 18 | | OPERATING EXPENSES: | | |
| 19 | 6110 | Network Support Expense | | |
| 20 | 6120 | General Support Expense | | |
| 21 | 6210 | Central Office Switching Expense | | |
| 22 | 6220 | Operator Systems Expense | | |
| 23 | 6230 | Central Office Transmission Expense | | |
| 24 | 6310 | Information Origination/Termination Expense | | |
| 25 | * 6410 | Cable and Wire Facilities Expense | | |
| 26 | ^ 6431 | Aerial Wire Expense | | |
| 27 | ^ 6441 | Conduit Systems Expense | | |
| 28 | 6510 | Other Property, Plant & Equipment Expense | | |
| 29 | 6530 | Network Operations Expense | | |
| 30 | 6540 | Access Expense | | |
| 31 | 6560 | Depreciation and Amortization Expense | | |
| 32 | 6610 | Marketing | | |
| 33 | 6620 | Services | | |
| 34 | 6710 | Executive and Planning | | |
| 35 | 6720 | General and Administrative | | |
| 36 | 6790 | Provision for Uncollectible Notes Receivable | | |
| 37 | | Total Operating Expenses (Sum L.19 to L.36-L.26-L.27) | | |
| 38 | 7100 | Other Operating Income and Expense | | |
| 39 | 7200 | Operating Taxes | | |
| 40 | | Net Operating Income (L.17-L.37+L.38-L.39) | | |

^ Subaccount of the account marked with a *.

Montana Intrastate Income Statement

Year: 2004

| Line No. | Acct. No. (a) | Description (b) | This Year (c) | Last Year (d) |
|----------|---------------|--|---------------|---------------|
| 1 | | REVENUES: | | |
| 2 | 5000 | Basic Local Service Revenues | | |
| 3 | 5080 | Network Access Revenues | | |
| 4 | * 5100 | Long Distance Message Revenue | | |
| 5 | ^ 5110 | Unidirectional Long Distance Revenue | | |
| 6 | ^ 5120 | Long Distance Private Network Revenue | | |
| 7 | ^ 5160 | Other Long Distance Revenue | | |
| 8 | ^ 5169 | Other Long Distance Revenue Settlements | | |
| 9 | * 5200 | Miscellaneous Revenue | | |
| 10 | ^ 5230 | Directory Revenue | | |
| 11 | ^ 5240 | Rent Revenue | | |
| 12 | ^ 5250 | Corporate Operations Revenue | | |
| 13 | ^ 5260 | Miscellaneous Revenue | | |
| 14 | ^ 5270 | Carrier Billing and Collection Revenue | | |
| 15 | ^ 5280 | Nonregulated Revenue | | |
| 16 | 5300 | Uncollectible Revenue | | |
| 17 | | Total Revenues (L.2+L.3+L.4+L.9-L.16) | | |
| 18 | | OPERATING EXPENSES: | | |
| 19 | 6110 | Network Support Expense | | |
| 20 | 6120 | General Support Expense | | |
| 21 | 6210 | Central Office Switching Expense | | |
| 22 | 6220 | Operator Systems Expense | | |
| 23 | 6230 | Central Office Transmission Expense | | |
| 24 | 6310 | Information Origination/Termination Expense | | |
| 25 | * 6410 | Cable and Wire Facilities Expense | | |
| 26 | ^ 6431 | Aerial Wire Expense | | |
| 27 | ^ 6441 | Conduit Systems Expense | | |
| 28 | 6510 | Other Property, Plant & Equipment Expense | | |
| 29 | 6530 | Network Operations Expense | | |
| 30 | 6540 | Access Expense | | |
| 31 | 6560 | Depreciation and Amortization Expense | | |
| 32 | 6610 | Marketing | | |
| 33 | 6620 | Services | | |
| 34 | 6710 | Executive and Planning | | |
| 35 | 6720 | General and Administrative | | |
| 36 | 6790 | Provision for Uncollectible Notes Receivable | | |
| 37 | | Total Operating Expenses (Sum L.19 to L.36-L.26-L.27) | | |
| 38 | 7100 | Other Operating Income and Expense | | |
| 39 | 7200 | Operating Taxes | | |
| 40 | | Net Operating Income (L.17-L.37+L.38-L.39) | | |

^ Subaccount of the account marked with a *.

Montana Intrastate Regulated Income Statement

Year: 2004

| Line No. | Acct. No. (a) | Description (b) | This Year (c) | Last Year (d) |
|----------|---------------|--|---------------|---------------|
| 1 | | REVENUES: | Schedule 4 | |
| 2 | 5000 | Basic Local Service Revenues | | |
| 3 | 5080 | Network Access Revenues | | |
| 4 | * 5100 | Long Distance Message Revenue | | |
| 5 | ^ 5110 | Unidirectional Long Distance Revenue | | |
| 6 | ^ 5120 | Long Distance Private Network Revenue | | |
| 7 | ^ 5160 | Other Long Distance Revenue | | |
| 8 | ^ 5169 | Other Long Distance Revenue Settlements | | |
| 9 | * 5200 | Miscellaneous Revenue | | |
| 10 | ^ 5230 | Directory Revenue | | |
| 11 | ^ 5240 | Rent Revenue | | |
| 12 | ^ 5250 | Corporate Operations Revenue | | |
| 13 | ^ 5260 | Miscellaneous Revenue | | |
| 14 | ^ 5270 | Carrier Billing and Collection Revenue | | |
| 15 | ^ 5280 | Nonregulated Revenue | | |
| 16 | 5300 | Uncollectible Revenue | | |
| 17 | | Total Revenues (L.2+L.3+L.4+L.9-L.16) | | |
| 18 | | OPERATING EXPENSES: | | |
| 19 | 6110 | Network Support Expense | | |
| 20 | 6120 | General Support Expense | | |
| 21 | 6210 | Central Office Switching Expense | | |
| 22 | 6220 | Operator Systems Expense | | |
| 23 | 6230 | Central Office Transmission Expense | | |
| 24 | 6310 | Information Origination/Termination Expense | | |
| 25 | * 6410 | Cable and Wire Facilities Expense | | |
| 26 | ^ 6431 | Aerial Wire Expense | | |
| 27 | ^ 6441 | Conduit Systems Expense | | |
| 28 | 6510 | Other Property, Plant & Equipment Expense | | |
| 29 | 6530 | Network Operations Expense | | |
| 30 | 6540 | Access Expense | | |
| 31 | 6560 | Depreciation and Amortization Expense | | |
| 32 | 6610 | Marketing | | |
| 33 | 6620 | Services | | |
| 34 | 6710 | Executive and Planning | | |
| 35 | 6720 | General and Administrative | | |
| 36 | 6790 | Provision for Uncollectible Notes Receivable | | |
| 37 | | Total Operating Expenses (Sum L.19 to L.36-L.26-L.27) | | |
| 38 | 7100 | Other Operating Income and Expense | | |
| 39 | 7200 | Operating Taxes | | |
| 40 | | Net Operating Income (L.17-L.37+L.38-L.39) | | |

^ Subaccount of the account marked with a *.

Average Rate Base - Total State

Year: 2004

| Line No. | Acct. No. (a) | Description (b) | This Year (c) | Last Year (d) |
|----------|---------------|--|---------------|---------------|
| 1 | 2001 | Telecommunications Plant in Service | 5164239 | 4870849 |
| 2 | 3100 | Accumulated Depreciation | 3202302 | 2985007 |
| 3 | 2002 | Property Held for Future Telecommunications Use | | |
| 4 | 3200 | Accumulated Depreciation - 2002 | | |
| 5 | 1220 | Materials and Supplies | 22270 | 24003 |
| 6 | 4340 | Noncurrent Deferred Operating Income Taxes | 197868 | 213898 |
| 7 | | Pre-1971 Unamortized Investment Tax Credits | | |
| 8 | | Cash Working Capital (if allowed by Commission) | | |
| 9 | | Total Average Rate Base (L.1-L.2+L.3-L.4+L.5-L.6-L.7+L.8) | 1786339 | 1695947 |

Average Rate Base - Intrastate

| Line No. | Acct. No. (a) | Description (b) | This Year (c) | Last Year (d) |
|----------|---------------|--|---------------|---------------|
| 1 | 2001 | Telecommunications Plant in Service | | |
| 2 | 3100 | Accumulated Depreciation | | |
| 3 | 2002 | Property Held for Future Telecommunications Use | | |
| 4 | 3200 | Accumulated Depreciation - 2002 | | |
| 5 | 1220 | Materials and Supplies | | |
| 6 | 4340 | Noncurrent Deferred Operating Income Taxes | | |
| 7 | | Pre-1971 Unamortized Investment Tax Credits | | |
| 8 | | Cash Working Capital (if allowed by Commission) | | |
| 9 | | Total Average Rate Base (L.1-L.2+L.3-L.4+L.5-L.6-L.7+L.8) | | |

Average Rate Base - Regulated Intrastate

| Line No. | Acct. No. (a) | Description (b) | This Year (c) | Last Year (d) |
|----------|---------------|--|---------------|---------------|
| 1 | 2001 | Telecommunications Plant in Service | | |
| 2 | 3100 | Accumulated Depreciation | | |
| 3 | 2002 | Property Held for Future Telecommunications Use | | |
| 4 | 3200 | Accumulated Depreciation - 2002 | | |
| 5 | 1220 | Materials and Supplies | | |
| 6 | 4340 | Noncurrent Deferred Operating Income Taxes | | |
| 7 | | Pre-1971 Unamortized Investment Tax Credits | | |
| 8 | | Cash Working Capital (if allowed by Commission) | | |
| 9 | | Total Average Rate Base (L.1-L.2+L.3-L.4+L.5-L.6-L.7+L.8) | | |

Statement of Cash Flows

Year: 2004

| Line No. | Item Description (a) | Amount (b) | Amount (c) |
|----------|--|---------------|---------------|
| 1 | Increase/(decrease) in Cash & Cash Equivalents | | |
| 2 | Cash Flows from Operating Activities: | | |
| 3 | Net Income | | 105187 |
| 4 | Reconciliation Adjustments: | | |
| 5 | Depreciation & Amortization | 239021 | |
| 6 | Provision for Accounts Receivable Losses | | |
| 7 | Deferred Income Taxes - Net | 3929 | |
| 8 | Unamortized Investment Tax Credits (ITCs) - Net | | |
| 9 | Allowance for Funds Used During Construction (AFUDC) | | |
| 10 | Change in Operating Receivables - Net | -31648 | |
| 11 | Change in Materials, Supplies & Inventories - Net | 5093 | |
| 12 | Change in Operating Payables & Accrued Liabilities - Net | 48396 | |
| 13 | Change in Other Assets & Deferred Credits - Net | 18864 | |
| 14 | Change in Other Liabilities & Deferred Credits - Net | 114374 | |
| 15 | Other (explained on back of this page) | -3826 | |
| 16 | Total Adjustments | | |
| 17 | Net Cash Provided by/(Used in) Operating Activities | | 499,390.00 |
| 18 | Cash Inflows/Outflows From Investing Activities: | | |
| 19 | Construction/Acquisition of Property, Plant & Equipment (net of | -312854 | |
| 20 | AFUDC & Capital Lease Related Acquisitions) | | |
| 21 | Proceeds from Disposals of Property, Plant & Equipment | | |
| 22 | Investments In & Advances to Affiliates | | |
| 23 | Proceeds from Repayment of Advances | | |
| 24 | Other Investing Activities (explained on back of this page) | 87592 | |
| 25 | Net Cash Provided by/(Used in) Investing Activities | | (225,262.00) |
| 26 | Cash Flows from Financing Activities: | | |
| 27 | Net Incr./(Decr.) in Short-Term Debt, Original maturity <= 3 mo. | | |
| 28 | Advances from Affiliates | | |
| 29 | Repayment of Advances from Affiliates | | |
| 30 | Proceeds from Issuances of Long-Term Debt | | |
| 31 | Repayment of Long-Term Debt | -64826 | |
| 32 | Payment of Capital Lease Obligations | | |
| 33 | Proceeds from Issuing Common Stock/Parent Co. Equity Investment | | |
| 34 | Repurchase of Treasury Shares | | |
| 35 | Dividends Paid | -147000 | |
| 36 | Other Financing Activities (explained on back of this page) | | |
| 37 | Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities | | -211826 |
| 38 | Effect of Exchange Rate Changes on Cash | | |
| 39 | Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash & Cash Equivalents | | 62302 |
| 40 | Cash & Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Period | | 124003 |
| 41 | Cash & Cash Equivalents at End of Period | | 186305 |

Company Name: Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc.

SCHEDULE 10

Receivables and Investments-Affiliated & Nonaffiliated Companies

Year: 2004

| Line No. | Name of Affiliate or Company (a) | Account 1160 Temporary Investments (b) | Account 1180 Telecom. Accounts Receivable (c) | Account 1181 Accts. Rec. Telecom. Allowance (d) | Account 1190 Other Accounts Receivable (e) | Account 1191 Accounts Receivable Allow. - Other (f) | Account 1200 Notes Receivable (g) | Account 1201 Notes Receivable Allowance (h) | Account 1210 Interest and Dividends Receivable (i) | Account 1401 Investments in Affil. Companies (j) | Account 1402 Investments in Nonaffil. Companies (k) |
|----------|----------------------------------|--|---|---|--|---|-----------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| 1 | Subscribers | | 68029 | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | ATT | | | | 13597 | | | | | | 12333 |
| 4 | MCI | | | | 15189 | | | | | | 1640 |
| 5 | NECA | | | | 26479 | | | | | | 14607 |
| 6 | Qwest | | | | 54151 | | | | | | 440000 |
| 7 | Sprint | | | | 4035 | | | | | | 468872 |
| 8 | World Com | | | | 3278 | | | | | | |
| 9 | Allnet | | | | 11771 | | | | | | |
| 10 | Other Carriers | | | | 38039 | | | | | | |
| 11 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12 | Rural Telephone Bank | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13 | MTA | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 | MISC | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15 | MAIN | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16 | Jefferson Pilot | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 30 | Totals | | 68029 | | 166539 | | | | | | 937452 |

Net Plant in Service - Detail

Year: 2004

| Line No. | Account (a) | Description (b) | Beginning of Year Balance (c) | Additions (d) | Retirements (e) | Sales & Transfers (f) | End of Year Account 2001 Balance (g) | Year End Accumulated Depreciation (h) | End of Year Net Plant Balance (i) |
|----------|-------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | * | Land and Support Assets | 798590 | 10353 | | | 808943 | | 808943 |
| 2 | ^ | Land | 42666 | | | | 42666 | | 42666 |
| 3 | ^ | Motor Vehicles | 349572 | 4000 | | | 353572 | 311628 | 41944 |
| 4 | ^ | Aircraft | | | | | | | |
| 5 | ^ | Special Purpose Vehicles | | | | | | | |
| 6 | ^ | Garage Work Equipment | | | | | | | |
| 7 | ^ | Other Work Equipment | 53109 | | | | 53109 | 53109 | 53109 |
| 8 | ^ | Buildings | 220983 | | | | 220983 | 220983 | 220983 |
| 9 | ^ | Furniture | | | | | | | |
| 10 | ^ | Office Equipment | 31022 | 6353 | | | 37375 | 18386 | 18989 |
| 11 | ^ | General Purpose Computers | 101238 | | | | 101238 | 92777 | 8461 |
| 12 | ^ | Analog Electronic Switching | | | | | | | |
| 13 | ^ | Digital Electronic Switching | 1547319 | 153136 | | | 1700455 | 1160810 | 539645 |
| 14 | ^ | Electro-Mechanical Switching | | | | | | | |
| 15 | ^ | Operator Systems | | | | | | | |
| 16 | ^ | Radio Systems | 26297 | | | | 26297 | 26297 | 26297 |
| 17 | ^ | Circuit Equipment | 71836 | | | | 71836 | 60328 | 11508 |
| 18 | * | Information Orig & Term Equip | 17293 | | | | 17293 | 17293 | 17293 |
| 19 | ^ | Station Apparatus | | | | | | | |
| 20 | ^ | Customer Premises Wiring | | | | | | | |
| 21 | ^ | Large Private Branch Exchanges | | | | | | | |
| 22 | ^ | Public Telephone Term. Equip. | 17293 | | | | 17293 | 17293 | 17293 |
| 23 | ^ | Other Terminal Equipment | | | | | | | |
| 24 | ^ | Poles | | | | | | | |
| 25 | * | Cable and Wire Facilities | 2399176 | 129854 | | | 2529030 | | 2529030 |
| 26 | ^ | Aerial Cable | 267 | | | | 267 | 267 | 267 |
| 27 | ^ | Underground Cable | | | | | | | |
| 28 | ^ | Buried Cable | 2398909 | 129854 | | | 2528763 | 1231836 | 1296927 |
| 29 | ^ | Submarine Cable | | | | | | | |
| 30 | ^ | Deep Sea Cable | | | | | | | |
| 31 | ^ | Intrabuilding Network Cable | | | | | | | |
| 32 | ^ | Aerial Wire | 10384 | | | | 10384 | 8588 | 1796 |
| 33 | ^ | Conduit Systems | | | | | | | |
| 34 | | Totals | 4870895 | 293343 | | | 5164238 | 3202302 | 1961936 |

^ Subaccount of the account marked with a *

Analysis of Plant Held for Future Use

Year 2004

| Line No. | Location and Description of Property (a) | Date Included in Account 2002 (b) | Book Cost of Property at Beginning of Year (c) | Additions During the Year (d) | Retirements During the Year (e) | Transfers and Adjustments Charges and (Credits) (f) | Book Cost of Property at End of Year (g) |
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| 30 | Totals (Sum L.1 to L.29) | | | | | | |

Average Cost of Long Term Debt

Year: 2004

| Line No. | Description (a) | Issue Date (b) | Maturity Date (c) | Principal Amount (d) | Gross Proceeds (e) | Net Proceeds (f) | Net Per \$100 (g) | Outstanding Per Balance Sheet (h) | Yield to Maturity (i) | Annual Net Cost (j) | Amortization of Premium or Discount (k) | Total Cost (%) (l) |
|----------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---|--------------------|
| 1 | USDAREA | 1979 | 2014 | 1119000 | | | | 379590 | | 7926 | | 2.09% |
| 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | USDAREA | 1896 | 2006 | 258999 | | | | 21293 | | 3228 | | 15.16% |
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| 30 | Total | | | 1377999 | | | | 400883 | | 11154 | | 2.78% |

Cost of Preferred Stock

Year: 2004

| Line No. | Description (a) | Date of Issuance (b) | Method of Offering (c) | Call Redemption Price (d) | Par Value Of Issue (e) | Gross Proceeds Amounts (f) | Net Proceeds Amounts (g) | Net Proceeds Per \$100 (h) | Cost of Money (i) | Principal Outstanding (j) | Annual Cost (k) | Embedded Cost (l) | |
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| 30 | Totals (Sum L.1 to L.29) | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Analysis of Common Stock

Year: 2004

| Line No. | (a) | Avg. Number of Shares Outstanding (b) | Book Value (per share) (c) | Earnings (per share) (d) | Dividends (per share) (e) | Retention Ratio (f) | Market Price High (g) Low (h) | Price/Earnings Ratio (i) |
|----------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Year Ended December 31: | | | | | | | |
| 2 | | 98 | 20058 | 1073 | 1500 | -28.47% | Stock Not Publically Traded | |
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| 8 | Month by Month Data: | | | | | | | |
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| 11 | March | | | | | | | |
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| 13 | May | | | | | | | |
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| 15 | July | | | | | | | |
| 16 | August | | | | | | | |
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| Capital Stock and Funded Debt Reacquired or Retired During the Year | | | | | | | Year: 2004 |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Line No. | Description of Security (a) | Call or Retirement Date (b) | Number of Shares (c) | Principal Amount (d) | Reacquisition or Retirement Cost (e) | Gain or (Loss) (f) | Retirement or Reacquisition (g) |
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| 30 | Totals (Sum L.1 to L.29) | | | | | | |

Total Company Expense Matrix

| Line No. | Acct. No. (a) | Description (b) | Salaries and Wages (c) | Benefits (d) | Rents (e) | Other Expenses (f) | Clearances (g) | Total (h) |
|----------|---------------|---|------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------|----------------|-----------|
| 1 | * 6110 | Network Support Expense | | | | | | |
| 2 | < 6112 | Motor Vehicle Expense | | | | | | |
| 3 | < 6113 | Aircraft Expense | | | | | | |
| 4 | < 6114 | Special Purpose Vehicles Expense | | | | | | |
| 5 | < 6115 | Garage Work Equipment Expense | | | | | | |
| 6 | < 6116 | Other Work Equipment Expense | | | | | | |
| 7 | * 6120 | General Support Expense | | | | | | |
| 8 | < 6121 | Land and Building Expense | | | | | | |
| 9 | < 6122 | Furniture and Artworks Expense | | | | | | |
| 10 | < 6123 | Office Equipment Expense | | | | | | |
| 11 | < 6124 | General Purpose Computers Expense | | | | | | |
| 12 | * 6210 | Central Office Switching Expense | | | | | | |
| 13 | < 6211 | Analog Electronic Expense | | | | | | |
| 14 | < 6212 | Digital Electronic Expense | | | | | | |
| 15 | < 6215 | Electro-Mechanical Expense | | | | | | |
| 16 | 6220 | Operator Systems Expense | | | | | | |
| 17 | * 6230 | Central Office Transmission Expense | | | | | | |
| 18 | < 6231 | Radio Systems Expense | | | | | | |
| 19 | < 6232 | Circuit Equipment Expense | | | | | | |
| 20 | * 6310 | Information Origination/Termination Expense | | | | | | |
| 21 | < 6311 | Station Apparatus Expense | | | | | | |
| 22 | < 6341 | Large Private Branch Exchange Expense | | | | | | |
| 23 | < 6351 | Public Telephone Terminal Equipment Exp. | | | | | | |
| 24 | < 6362 | Other Terminal Equipment Expense | | | | | | |
| 25 | * 6410 | Cable and Wire Facilities Expense | | | | | | |
| 26 | < 6411 | Poles Expense | | | | | | |
| 27 | < 6421 | Aerial Cable Expense | | | | | | |
| 28 | < 6422 | Underground Cable Expense | | | | | | |
| 29 | < 6423 | Buried Cable Expense | | | | | | |
| 30 | < 6424 | Submarine Cable Expense | | | | | | |
| 31 | < 6425 | Deep Sea Cable Expense | | | | | | |
| 32 | < 6426 | Intrabuilding Network Cable Expense | | | | | | |
| 33 | < 6431 | Aerial Wire Expense | | | | | | |
| 34 | | Subtotals | | | | | | |

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Total Company Expense Matrix

| Line No. | Acct. No. (a) | Description (b) | Salaries and Wages (c) | Benefits (d) | Rents (e) | Other Expenses (f) | Clearances (g) | Total (h) |
|----------|---------------|--|------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------|----------------|-----------|
| 35 | 6441 | Conduit Systems Expense | | | | | | |
| 36 | 6510 | Other Property Expenses | | | | | | |
| 37 | * 6530 | Network Operations Expense | | | | | | |
| 38 | 6531 | Power Expense | | | | | | |
| 39 | 6532 | Network Administration Expense | | | | | | |
| 40 | 6533 | Testing Expense | | | | | | |
| 41 | 6534 | Plant Operations Expense | | | | | | |
| 42 | 6535 | Engineering Expense | | | | | | |
| 43 | 6540 | Access Expense | | | | | | |
| 44 | 6561 | Depreciation - Telecomm. Plant in Service | | | | | | |
| 45 | 6562 | Depreciation-Prop. for Future Telecom. Use | | | | | | |
| 46 | 6563 | Amortization Expense - Tangible | | | | | | |
| 47 | 6564 | Amortization Expense - Intangible | | | | | | |
| 48 | 6565 | Amortization - Other | | | | | | |
| 49 | * 6610 | Marketing | | | | | | |
| 50 | 6611 | Product Management | | | | | | |
| 51 | 6612 | Sales | | | | | | |
| 52 | 6613 | Product Advertising | | | | | | |
| 53 | 6621 | Call Completion Services | | | | | | |
| 54 | 6622 | Number Services | | | | | | |
| 55 | 6623 | Customer Services | | | | | | |
| 56 | 6711 | Executive | | | | | | |
| 57 | 6712 | Planning | | | | | | |
| 58 | 6721 | Accounting and Finance | | | | | | |
| 59 | 6722 | External Relations | | | | | | |
| 60 | 6723 | Human Relations | | | | | | |
| 61 | 6724 | Information Management | | | | | | |
| 62 | 6725 | Legal | | | | | | |
| 63 | 6726 | Procurement | | | | | | |
| 64 | 6727 | Research and Development | | | | | | |
| 65 | 6728 | Other General and Administrative | | | | | | |
| 66 | 6790 | Provision for Uncollectible Notes Receivable | | | | | | |
| 67 | | Totals | | | | | | |

^ Subaccount of the account marked with a *

Total State Expense Matrix

| Line No. | Acct. No. (a) | Description (b) | Salaries and Wages (c) | Benefits (d) | Rents (e) | Other Expenses (f) | Clearances (g) | Total (h) |
|----------|---------------|---|------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------|----------------|-----------|
| 1 | * | Network Support Expense | | | | | | |
| 2 | ^ | Motor Vehicle Expense | | | | | | |
| 3 | ^ | Aircraft Expense | | | | | | |
| 4 | ^ | Special Purpose Vehicles Expense | | | | | | |
| 5 | ^ | Garage Work Equipment Expense | | | | | | |
| 6 | ^ | Other Work Equipment Expense | | | | | | |
| 7 | * | General Support Expense | | | | | | |
| 8 | ^ | Land and Building Expense | | | | | | |
| 9 | ^ | Furniture and Artworks Expense | | | | | | |
| 10 | ^ | Office Equipment Expense | | | | | | |
| 11 | ^ | General Purpose Computers Expense | | | | | | |
| 12 | * | Central Office Switching Expense | | | | | | |
| 13 | ^ | Analog Electronic Expense | | | | | | |
| 14 | ^ | Digital Electronic Expense | | | | | | |
| 15 | ^ | Electro-Mechanical Expense | | | | | | |
| 16 | ^ | Operator Systems Expense | | | | | | |
| 17 | * | Central Office Transmission Expense | | | | | | |
| 18 | ^ | Radio Systems Expense | | | | | | |
| 19 | ^ | Circuit Equipment Expense | | | | | | |
| 20 | * | Information Origination/Termination Expense | | | | | | |
| 21 | ^ | Station Apparatus Expense | | | | | | |
| 22 | ^ | Large Private Branch Exchange Expense | | | | | | |
| 23 | ^ | Public Telephone Terminal Equipment Exp. | | | | | | |
| 24 | ^ | Other Terminal Equipment Expense | | | | | | |
| 25 | * | Cable and Wire Facilities Expense | | | | | | |
| 26 | ^ | Poles Expense | | | | | | |
| 27 | ^ | Aerial Cable Expense | | | | | | |
| 28 | ^ | Underground Cable Expense | | | | | | |
| 29 | ^ | Buried Cable Expense | | | | | | |
| 30 | ^ | Submarine Cable Expense | | | | | | |
| 31 | ^ | Deep Sea Cable Expense | | | | | | |
| 32 | ^ | Intrabuilding Network Cable Expense | | | | | | |
| 33 | ^ | Aerial Wire Expense | | | | | | |
| 34 | | Subtotals | | | | | | |

^ Subaccount of the account marked with a *

Total State Expense Matrix

| Line No. | Acct. No. (a) | Description (b) | Salaries and Wages (c) | Benefits (d) | Rents (e) | Other Expenses (f) | Clearances (g) | Total (h) |
|----------|---------------|--|------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------|----------------|-----------|
| 35 | 6441 | Conduit Systems Expense | | | | | | |
| 36 | 6510 | Other Property Expenses | | | | | | |
| 37 | 6530 | Network Operations Expense | | | | | | |
| 38 | 6531 | Power Expense | | | | | | |
| 39 | 6532 | Network Administration Expense | | | | | | |
| 40 | 6533 | Testing Expense | | | | | | |
| 41 | 6534 | Plant Operations Expense | | | | | | |
| 42 | 6535 | Engineering Expense | | | | | | |
| 43 | 6540 | Access Expense | | | | | | |
| 44 | 6561 | Depreciation - Telecomm. Plant in Service | | | | | | |
| 45 | 6562 | Depreciation-Prop. for Future Telecom. Use | | | | | | |
| 46 | 6563 | Amortization Expense - Tangible | | | | | | |
| 47 | 6564 | Amortization Expense - Intangible | | | | | | |
| 48 | 6565 | Amortization - Other | | | | | | |
| 49 | 6610 | Marketing | | | | | | |
| 50 | 6611 | Product Management | | | | | | |
| 51 | 6612 | Sales | | | | | | |
| 52 | 6613 | Product Advertising | | | | | | |
| 53 | 6621 | Call Completion Services | | | | | | |
| 54 | 6622 | Number Services | | | | | | |
| 55 | 6623 | Customer Services | | | | | | |
| 56 | 6711 | Executive | | | | | | |
| 57 | 6712 | Planning | | | | | | |
| 58 | 6721 | Accounting and Finance | | | | | | |
| 59 | 6722 | External Relations | | | | | | |
| 60 | 6723 | Human Relations | | | | | | |
| 61 | 6724 | Information Management | | | | | | |
| 62 | 6725 | Legal | | | | | | |
| 63 | 6726 | Procurement | | | | | | |
| 64 | 6727 | Research and Development | | | | | | |
| 65 | 6728 | Other General and Administrative | | | | | | |
| 66 | 6790 | Provision for Uncollectible Notes Receivable | | | | | | |
| 67 | | Totals | | | | | | |

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Pension Costs

Year: 2004

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| 1 | Plan Name _____ | | | |
| 2 | Defined Benefit Plan? _____ | Defined Contribution Plan? _____ | | |
| 3 | Actuarial Cost Method? _____ | IRS Code: _____ | | |
| 4 | Annual Contribution by Employer: _____ | Is the Plan Over Funded? _____ | | |
| 5 | | | | |
| | Item | Current Year | Last Year | % Change |
| 6 | Change in Benefit Obligation | | | |
| 7 | Benefit obligation at beginning of year | | | |
| 8 | Service cost | | | |
| 9 | Interest Cost | | | |
| 10 | Plan participants' contributions | | | |
| 11 | Amendments | | | |
| 12 | Actuarial Gain | | | |
| 13 | Acquisition | | | |
| 14 | Benefits paid | | | |
| 15 | Benefit obligation at end of year | | | |
| 16 | Change in Plan Assets | | | |
| 17 | Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year | | | |
| 18 | Actual return on plan assets | | | |
| 19 | Acquisition | | | |
| 20 | Employer contribution | | | |
| 21 | Plan participants' contributions | | | |
| 22 | Benefits paid | | | |
| 23 | Fair value of plan assets at end of year | | | |
| 24 | Funded Status | | | |
| 25 | Unrecognized net actuarial loss | | | |
| 26 | Unrecognized prior service cost | | | |
| 27 | Prepaid (accrued) benefit cost | | | |
| 28 | | | | |
| 29 | Weighted-average Assumptions as of Year End | | | |
| 30 | Discount rate | | | |
| 31 | Expected return on plan assets | | | |
| 32 | Rate of compensation increase | | | |
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| 34 | Components of Net Periodic Benefit Costs | | | |
| 35 | Service cost | | | |
| 36 | Interest cost | | | |
| 37 | Expected return on plan assets | | | |
| 38 | Amortization of prior service cost | | | |
| 39 | Recognized net actuarial loss | | | |
| 40 | Net periodic benefit cost | | | |
| 41 | | | | |
| 42 | Montana Intrastate Costs: | | | |
| 43 | Pension Costs | | | |
| 44 | Pension Costs Capitalized | | | |
| 45 | Accumulated Pension Asset (Liability) at Year End | | | |
| 46 | Number of Company Employees: | | | |
| 47 | Covered by the Plan | | | |
| 48 | Not Covered by the Plan | | | |
| 49 | Active | | | |
| 50 | Retired | | | |
| 51 | Deferred Vested Terminated | | | |

Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEBS)

| | Item | Current Year | Last Year | % Change |
|----|--|--------------|-----------|----------|
| 1 | Regulatory Treatment: | | | |
| 2 | Commission authorized - most recent | | | |
| 3 | Docket number: _____ | | | |
| 4 | Order number: _____ | | | |
| 5 | Amount recovered through rates | | | |
| 6 | Weighted-average Assumptions as of Year End | | | |
| 7 | Discount rate | | | |
| 8 | Expected return on plan assets | | | |
| 9 | Medical Cost Inflation Rate | | | |
| 10 | Actuarial Cost Method | | | |
| 11 | Rate of compensation increase | | | |
| 12 | List each method used to fund OPEBs (ie: VEBA, 401(h)) and if tax advantaged: | | | |
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| 15 | Describe any Changes to the Benefit Plan: | | | |
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| 17 | TOTAL COMPANY | | | |
| 18 | Change in Benefit Obligation | | | |
| 19 | Benefit obligation at beginning of year | | | |
| 20 | Service cost | | | |
| 21 | Interest Cost | | | |
| 22 | Plan participants' contributions | | | |
| 23 | Amendments | | | |
| 24 | Actuarial Gain | | | |
| 25 | Acquisition | | | |
| 26 | Benefits paid | | | |
| 27 | Benefit obligation at end of year | | | |
| 28 | Change in Plan Assets | | | |
| 29 | Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year | | | |
| 30 | Actual return on plan assets | | | |
| 31 | Acquisition | | | |
| 32 | Employer contribution | | | |
| 33 | Plan participants' contributions | | | |
| 34 | Benefits paid | | | |
| 35 | Fair value of plan assets at end of year | | | |
| 36 | Funded Status | | | |
| 37 | Unrecognized net actuarial loss | | | |
| 38 | Unrecognized prior service cost | | | |
| 39 | Prepaid (accrued) benefit cost | | | |
| 40 | Components of Net Periodic Benefit Costs | | | |
| 41 | Service cost | | | |
| 42 | Interest cost | | | |
| 43 | Expected return on plan assets | | | |
| 44 | Amortization of prior service cost | | | |
| 45 | Recognized net actuarial loss | | | |
| 46 | Net periodic benefit cost | | | |
| 47 | Accumulated Post Retirement Benefit Obligation | | | |
| 48 | Amount Funded through VEBA | | | |
| 49 | Amount Funded through 401(h) | | | |
| 50 | Amount Funded through Other _____ | | | |
| 51 | TOTAL | | | |
| 52 | Amount that was tax deductible - VEBA | | | |
| 53 | Amount that was tax deductible - 401(h) | | | |
| 54 | Amount that was tax deductible - Other _____ | | | |
| 55 | TOTAL | | | |

Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEBS) Continued

| | Item | Current Year | Last Year | % Change |
|----|---|--------------|-----------|----------|
| 1 | Number of Company Employees: | | | |
| 2 | Covered by the Plan | | | |
| 3 | Not Covered by the Plan | | | |
| 4 | Active | | | |
| 5 | Retired | | | |
| 6 | Spouses/Dependants covered by the Plan | | | |
| 7 | Montana | | | |
| 8 | Change in Benefit Obligation | | | |
| 9 | Benefit obligation at beginning of year | | | |
| 10 | Service cost | | | |
| 11 | Interest Cost | | | |
| 12 | Plan participants' contributions | | | |
| 13 | Amendments | | | |
| 14 | Actuarial Gain | | | |
| 15 | Acquisition | | | |
| 16 | Benefits paid | | | |
| 17 | Benefit obligation at end of year | | | |
| 18 | Change in Plan Assets | | | |
| 19 | Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year | | | |
| 20 | Actual return on plan assets | | | |
| 21 | Acquisition | | | |
| 22 | Employer contribution | | | |
| 23 | Plan participants' contributions | | | |
| 24 | Benefits paid | | | |
| 25 | Fair value of plan assets at end of year | | | |
| 26 | Funded Status | | | |
| 27 | Unrecognized net actuarial loss | | | |
| 28 | Unrecognized prior service cost | | | |
| 29 | Prepaid (accrued) benefit cost | | | |
| 30 | Components of Net Periodic Benefit Cccosts | | | |
| 31 | Service cost | | | |
| 32 | Interest cost | | | |
| 33 | Expected return on plan assets | | | |
| 34 | Amortization of prior service cost | | | |
| 35 | Recognized net actuarial loss | | | |
| 36 | Net periodic benefit cost | | | |
| 37 | Accumulated Post Retirement Benefit Obligation | | | |
| 38 | Amount Funded through VEBA | | | |
| 39 | Amount Funded through 401(h) | | | |
| 40 | Amount Funded through other _____ | | | |
| 41 | TOTAL | | | |
| 42 | Amount that was tax deductible - VEBA | | | |
| 43 | Amount that was tax deductible - 401(h) | | | |
| 44 | Amount that was tax deductible - Other | | | |
| 45 | TOTAL | | | |
| 46 | Montana Intrastate Costs: | | | |
| 47 | Pension Costs | | | |
| 48 | Pension Costs Capitalized | | | |
| 49 | Accumulated Pension Asset (Liability) at Year End | | | |
| 50 | Number of Montana Employees: | | | |
| 51 | Covered by the Plan | | | |
| 52 | Not Covered by the Plan | | | |
| 53 | Active | | | |
| 54 | Retired | | | |
| 55 | Spouses/Dependants covered by the Plan | | | |

Payments for Services to Persons Other Than Employees

| Line No. | Name of Recipient (a) | Nature of Service (b) | Total Company Cost (c) | Total State Cost (d) | Intrastate Cost (e) |
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Subscriber Line Usage Data

Year: 2004

| Line No. | Description (a) | This Year (b) | % of Total (c) | Last Year (d) | % of Total (e) |
|----------|-------------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1 | Toll Usage: | | | | |
| 2 | Interstate, InterLATA | 4672460 | 66.90% | 4282937 | 65.11% |
| 3 | Interstate, IntraLATA | | | | |
| 4 | Total Interstate Usage | 4672460 | 66.90% | 4282937 | 65.11% |
| 5 | Intrastate, InterLATA | | | | |
| 6 | Intrastate, IntraLATA | 2311329 | 33.10% | 2295249 | 34.89% |
| 7 | Total Intrastate Usage | 2311329 | 33.10% | 2295249 | 34.89% |
| 8 | Total Toll Usage | 6983789 | 100.00% | 6578186 | 100.00% |
| 9 | Centrex | | | | |
| 10 | Local | | | | |
| 11 | Total Minutes | 6983789 | 100.00% | 6578186 | 100.00% |

Central Office and Access Line Statistics

| Line No. | Wire Center (a) | Type of Office (b) | Residential (c) | ISDN (d) | ADSL (e) | Lifeline Customers (f) | Residential LMS Customers (g) | Single Line Business (h) | Multi-Line Business (i) | Customer Owned Coin (j) | Company Owned Coin (k) | Other (l) | % of Lines w/ T. Tone (m) | Total Access Lines (n) |
|----------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------|----------|------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | LINCOLN | DIGITAL | 713 | | | 20 | | 65 | 149 | 10 | 1 | 24 | | 962 |
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| 3 | CANYON CREEK | DIGITAL | 159 | | | 1 | | 3 | 4 | 10 | 1 | 1 | | 178 |
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| 33 | Total | | 872 | | | 21 | | 68 | 153 | 20 | 2 | 25 | | 1140 |

NOTE: Additional blank schedules are being provided for your convenience.

Central Office and Switch Information

| Line No. | Wire Center (a) | Office Configuration (Host, Remote, Stand alone) (b) | Type of Switch (c) | Switch Vendor/ Manufacturer (d) | Switch Model No. (e) | Switch Line Capacity (f) | Year Deployed (g) |
|----------|-----------------|--|--------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | LINCOLN | HOST | DIGITAL | NORTHERN TELECOM | DMS 10 | 10,000 | 1985 |
| 2 | | | | | | | |
| 3 | CANYON CREEK | REMOTE | DIGITAL | NORTHERN TELECOM | RSLM | 1,296 | 1986 |
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Construction Budget - Montana

Year: 2004

| Line No. | Description (a) | (b) |
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| 1 | Central Office Assets: | |
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| 3 | Software Upgrades | 200000 |
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| 27 | Total Switching and Central Office Projects over \$500,000 | |
| 28 | Miscellaneous Central Office Projects not over \$500,000 | |
| 29 | Total Central Office Budget (Total of Line 27 & Line 28) | |
| 30 | Other Projects over \$500,000: | |
| 31 | | |
| 32 | Buried Plant Additions | 150000 |
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| 41 | Total Other Projects over \$500,000 | |
| 42 | Miscellaneous projects not over \$500,000 | |
| 43 | Total Construction Budget (Total of Lines 29, 41 & 42) | |

Montana Employee Counts

Year: 2004

| Line No. | Category (a) | Beginning of Year (b) | End of Year (c) |
|----------|---|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | MANAGER | 1 | 1 |
| 2 | ASSISTANT MANAGER | 1 | 1 |
| 3 | COMMERCIAL CLERK | 2 | 2 |
| 4 | COMBINATION TECHNICIAN | 2 | 2 |
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| 43 | Totals (Sum of Lines 1 through 42) | 6 | 6 |

Compensation of Top 10 Montana Based Employees

Year:

| Line No. | Name/Title (a) | Base Salary (b) | Bonuses (c) | Other Compensation (d) | Total Compensation (e) | Total Compensation Last Year (f) | % Increase Total Compensation (g) |
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| 1 | Proprietary Information | | | | | | |
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| 11 | Totals (Sum L.1 to L.10) | | | | | | |

Compensation of Top 5 Corporate Employees - SEC Information

| Line No. | Name/Title (a) | Base Salary (b) | Bonuses (c) | Other Compensation (d) | Total Compensation (e) | Total Compensation Last Year (f) | % Increase Total Compensation (g) |
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| 1 | Schedule 27 | | | | | | |
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| 6 | Totals (Sum L.1 to L.5) | | | | | | |

Montana Composite Statistics

Year: 2004

| Line No. | Account No. | Description (a) | Amount (b) |
|----------|-------------|---|---------------|
| 1 | | Plant (Intrastate Only) (000 Omitted) | |
| 2 | 2001 | Plant in Service | 5164238 |
| 3 | 2003 - 2004 | Construction Work in Progress | |
| 4 | 2005 | Plant Acquisition Adjustments | |
| 5 | 2002 | Plant Held for Future Use | |
| 6 | 1220 | Materials & Supplies | 22270 |
| 7 | | (Less): | |
| 8 | 3100 - 3400 | Depreciation & Amortization Reserves | -3202302 |
| 9 | 4360.2 | Contributions in Aid of Construction | |
| 10 | | NET BOOK COSTS | 1984206 |
| 11 | | Revenues & Expenses (Intrastate Only) (000 Omitted) | |
| 12 | 5000 - 5300 | Operating Revenues | 1252930 |
| 13 | 6560 | Depreciation & Amortization Expenses | 217296 |
| 14 | | Federal & State Income Taxes | 8001 |
| 15 | | Other Taxes | 25330 |
| 16 | | Other Operating Expenses | 926223 |
| 17 | | TOTAL Operating Expenses | 1176850 |
| 18 | | Net Operating Income | 76080 |
| 19 | | Other Income | 29107 |
| 20 | | Other Deductions | |
| 21 | | NET INCOME | 105187 |
| 22 | | Access Lines in Service (Intrastate Only) | |
| 23 | | Residential Access Lines | 872 |
| 24 | | Business Access Lines | 221 |
| 25 | | PBX Access Lines | |
| 26 | | Other Access Lines | 47 |
| 27 | | Total Number of Access Lines | 1140 |
| 28 | | Average Number of Calls Per Access Line | |
| 29 | | Local Calls | |
| 30 | | Toll Calls (Intra- or Interstate) | |
| 31 | | Total Number of Calls Per Access Line (Total of Line 29 & Line 30) | |
| 32 | | Other Statistics (Intrastate Only) | |
| 33 | | Average Residential Monthly Bill | |
| 34 | | Gross Plant Investment per Access Line | |

Depreciation - Montana Intrastate Regulated

Year: 2004

| Line No. | Acct No. (a) | Description (b) | Composite Rate % (c) | Total Expense \$ (d) |
|----------|--|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | 2112 | Motor Vehicles | 15.8% | 7,619 |
| 2 | 2114 | Special Purpose Vehicles | | |
| 3 | 2115 | Garage Work Equipment | | |
| 4 | 2116 | Other work Equipment | 15.8% | |
| 5 | 2121 | Buildings | 7.3% | |
| 6 | 2122 | Furniture | 7.6% | |
| 7 | 2123.1 | Office Support Equipment | 7.6% | 1,226 |
| 8 | 2123.2 | Company Communications Equipment | | |
| 9 | 2124 | General Purpose Computers | 7.6% | 723 |
| 10 | 2211 | Analog Electronic Switching Equipment | | |
| 11 | 2212 | Digital Electronic Switching Equipment | 7.6% | 117,936 |
| 12 | 2215 | Step By Step Switching Equipment | | |
| 13 | 2215 | Crossbar Switching Equipment | | |
| 14 | 2220 | Operator System | | |
| 15 | 2231 | Radio Systems | | |
| 16 | 2232 | Circuit DDS | | |
| 17 | 2232 | Circuit Digital | 7.6% | 5,431 |
| 18 | 2232 | Circuit Analog | | |
| 19 | 2351 | Public Telephone Terminating Equipment | 6.7% | |
| 20 | 2362 | Other Terminal Equipment | | |
| 21 | 2411 | Poles | 5.0% | |
| 22 | 2421 | Aerial Cable Metallic | | |
| 23 | 2421 | Aerial Cable Nonmetallic | | |
| 24 | 2422 | Underground Cable Metallic | | |
| 25 | 2422 | Underground Cable Nonmetallic | | |
| 26 | 2423 | Buried Cable Metallic | 3.5% | 83,837 |
| 27 | 2423 | Buried Cable Nonmetallic | 3.5% | |
| 28 | 2424 | Submarine Cable Metallic | | |
| 29 | 2424 | Submarine Cable Nonmetallic | | |
| 30 | 2426 | Intrabuilding Network Cable Metallic | | |
| 31 | 2426 | Intrabuilding Network Cable Nonmetallic | | |
| 32 | 2431 | Aerial Wire | 5.0% | 523 |
| 33 | 2441 | Conduit Systems | | |
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| 35 | | COMPOSITE TOTAL | | |
| 36 | Have these rates been approved by the Commission? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | | | |
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| 38 | If yes: _____ Docket Number _____ Order Number | | | |
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Montana Regulatory Capital Structure & Costs

Year: 2004

| Line No. | Description (a) | % Cap. Str. (b) | % Cost Rate (c) | Weighted Cost (d) |
|----------|--|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| | Commission Accepted - Most Recent | | | |
| 1 | Docket Number _____ | | | |
| 2 | Order Number _____ | | | |
| 3 | | | | |
| 4 | Common Equity | | | |
| 5 | Preferred Stock | | | |
| 6 | Long Term Debt | | | |
| 7 | Other | | | |
| 8 | Total | | | |
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| 10 | Actual at Year End | | | |
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| 12 | Common Equity | | | |
| 13 | Preferred Stock | | | |
| 14 | Long Term Debt | | | |
| 15 | Other | | | |
| 16 | Total | | | |

Network Access - Charges and Revenues

Year: 2004

| Line No. | Description (a) | Access Charges Paid (b) | Access Revenues Received (c) |
|----------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | Montana - Total State | | 239547 |
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| 3 | Montana - Intrastate | | |
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| 5 | Montana - Intrastate Regulated | | 239547 |
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Affiliate Transactions - Products & Services Provided to Utility

Year: 2004

| Line No. | Affiliate Name (a) | Products & Services (b) | Method to Determine Price (c) | Charges to Utility (d) | % Total Affil. Revenues (e) | Charges to MT Utility (f) |
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Affiliate Transactions - Products & Services Provided by Utility

Year: 2004

| Line No. | Affiliate Name (a) | Products & Services (b) | Method to Determine Price (c) | Charges to Affiliate (d) | % Total Affil. Revenues (e) | Charges to MT Utility (f) |
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Montana Intrastate Regulated Earned Rate of Return

Year: 2004

| Line No. | Description Rate Base (a) | This Year (b) | Last Year (c) | Percent Change (d) |
|----------|---|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | | | | |
| 2 | 2001 Plant in Service | 5,164,239 | 4,870,849 | 6.02% |
| 3 | 2002 Prop. Held for Future Telecommunications Use | | | |
| 4 | 3100-3200 (Less) Accumulated Depreciation | (3,202,302) | (2,985,007) | -7.28% |
| 5 | Plant in Service | 1,961,937 | 1,885,842 | 4.04% |
| 6 | | | | |
| 7 | Additions | | | |
| 8 | 1220 Materials & Supplies | 22,270 | 24,003 | -7.22% |
| 9 | 1280 Prepayments | 6,366 | 11,055 | -42.42% |
| 10 | Other Additions | | | |
| 11 | TOTAL Additions | 28,636 | 35,058 | -18.32% |
| 12 | | | | |
| 13 | Deductions | | | |
| 14 | 4100 Current Deferred Operating Income Taxes | | | |
| 15 | 4320 Unamortized Operating Investment Tax Credits | | | |
| 16 | 4340 Noncurrent Deferred Operating Income Taxes | 197,868 | 182,033 | 8.70% |
| 17 | Customer Advances for Construction | | | |
| 18 | Other Deductions | | | |
| 19 | TOTAL Deductions | 197,868 | 182,033 | 8.70% |
| 20 | TOTAL Rate Base | 1,792,705 | 1,738,867 | 3.10% |
| 21 | | | | |
| 22 | Net Earnings | 76,080 | 88,504 | -14.04% |
| 23 | | | | |
| 24 | Rate of Return on Average Rate Base | 4.244% | 5.090% | -16.62% |
| 25 | | | | |
| 26 | Rate of Return on Average Equity | | | |
| 27 | | | | |
| 28 | Major Normalizing Adjustments & Commission | | | |
| 29 | Ratemaking adjustments to Utility Operations | | | |
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| 43 | Adjusted Rate of Return on Average Rate Base | | | |
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| 45 | Adjusted Rate of Return on Average Equity | | | |

Other Taxes Paid

Year: 2004

| Line No. | Description (a) | Last Year (b) | This Year (c) |
|----------|---|---------------|---------------|
| 1 | Montana Telephone Company License Tax | | |
| 2 | Montana Public Service Commission Tax | 663 | 600 |
| 3 | Montana Consumer Counsel Tax | 265 | 234 |
| 4 | 911 Emergency Telephone Fee | 6635 | 6658 |
| 5 | Montana Telecommunications Access Service (TDD) | 1327 | 1332 |
| 6 | Montana Corporate License Tax | 10 | 10 |
| 7 | Personal Property Tax | 21904 | 20567 |
| 8 | Real Property Tax | | |
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| 12 | Total | 30804 | 29401 |

Company Name:

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Universal Service Funds Received

Year:

| Line No. | Description (a) | Last Year (b) | This Year (c) |
|----------|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 13 | Funds received from Montana Sources | | |
| 14 | Funds received from Federal Sources | 31741 | 12402 |
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| 24 | Total | 31741 | 12402 |