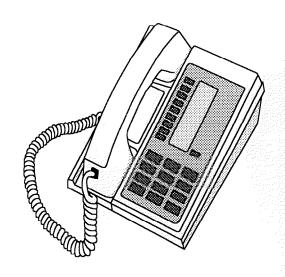
# ANNUAL REPORT

Southern Montana Telephone Company

**TELEPHONE UTILITY** 



TO THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF MONTANA
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Check No. 4530 Southern Montana Telephone Co

## Telephone Annual Report

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## **Telephone Annual Report**

### Instructions

### General

- 1. A Microsoft EXCEL 97 workbook of the annual report is being provided on computer disk for your convenience. The workbook contains the schedules of the annual report. Each schedule is on the worksheet named that schedule. For example, Schedule 1 is on the sheet titled "Schedule 1". By entering your company name in the cell named "Company" of the first worksheet, the spreadsheet will put your company name on all the worksheets in the workbook. The same is true for inputting the year of the report in the cell named "YEAR". You can "GOTO" the proper cell by using the F5 key and selecting the name of the cell.
- 2. The workbook contains input sections that are unprotected, and non-input sections that are protected. Cell protection can be disabled or enabled through "TOOLS PROTECTION UNPROTECT SHEET" on your toolbar. Formulas and checks are built into most of the templates.
- 3. Use of the disk is optional. The disk and the report cover shall be returned when the report is filed. There are macros built into the workbook to assist you with the report. An explanation of the macros is on the "Control" worksheet at the front of the workbook. The explanations start at cell A1.
- 4. All forms must be filled out in permanent ink and be legible. Note: Even if the computer disk is used, a printed version of the report shall be filed. The orientation and margins are set up on each individual worksheet and should print on one page. If you elect not to use the disk, please format your reports to fit on one 8.5" by 11" page with the left binding edge (top if landscaped) set at .85", the right edge (bottom if landscaped) set at .4", and the remaining two margins at .5". You may select specific schedules to print See the worksheet "CONTROL".
- 5. Unless otherwise indicated, all information required in these schedules shall be from the accounts prescribed in 47 C.F.R. Part 32 and the definitions and instructions therein will apply to this report wherever applicable.
- 6. Information on financial schedules may be rounded to thousands of dollars for companies with over 5,000 access lines. Companies submitting schedules rounded to thousands should so indicate at the top of the schedule.
- 7. Where more space is needed or more than one schedule is needed additional schedules may be attached and should be included directly behind the original schedule to which it pertains and be labeled accordingly (for example, Schedule 1A).
- 8. The information required with respect to any statement shall be furnished as a minimum requirement to which shall be added such further information as is necessary to make the required schedules not misleading.

9. The following schedules should be filled out with information on a total company basis:

Schedules 1 - 4 Schedule 10 Schedules 13 - 17 Schedule 19 Schedule 20, Page 1 of 2 Schedules 33 and 34

All other schedules should be filled out with Montana specific data. Financial schedules should include all amounts originating in Montana or allocated to Montana from other jurisdictions.

- 10. All companies owned by another company shall attach a corporate structure chart of the holding company.
- 11. The following schedules are not required to be filled out or submitted by companies with less than 5,000 access lines:

Schedule 6 Schedules 17 and 18 Schedule 21

- 12. Schedules that have no activity during the year or are not applicable to the respondent should be marked as not applicable and submitted with the report.
- 13. Companies with under 5,000 lines may use summary accounts and should leave lines for subaccounts blank. Summary accounts are noted with an asterisk and subaccounts that are not required are noted with a caret.
- 14. Companies with over 5,000 lines must complete schedules to all required subaccount detail.
- 15. FCC Form M sheets may not be substituted in lieu of completing annual report schedules.
- 16. Common sense must be used when filling out all schedules.

## **Specific Instructions**

Schedules 3 through 9

- 1. **Schedules 3, 4, and 9** should include all notes to the financial statements required by the FCC or included in the financial statements issued as audited financial statements. These notes should be included in the report directly behind the schedules and should be labeled appropriately (Schedule 3A, etc.).
- 2. Schedule 5 may be omitted for companies doing business only in Montana.
- 3. **Schedule 6** is not required for companies with under 5,000 lines.

- 4. **Schedule** 7 must be completed by all companies. For companies under 5,000 lines, this schedule may be completed on a total state basis. Any such company completing the form on a total state basis shall indicate this fact clearly on the form.
- 5. **Schedule 8 -** Companies with less than 5,000 lines are not required to fill out the intrastate portion. The regulated rate base must be separated from the deregulated rate base but this may be done on a total state basis. Any company so doing shall clearly indicate this on the form.
- 6. Only accounts designated on **Schedule 8** may be included in rate base. Only companies who have specifically been authorized in a Commission order to include cash working capital in rate base may fill out line 8 on Schedule 8. Cash working capital must be calculated using the methodology approved in the Commission order. The most recent Commission Order, and Docket, specifying cash working capital shall be noted on the schedule.
- 7. **Schedule 9** Instructions to complete are similar to those used for the Statement of Cash Flows in the FCC Form M.

### Schedule 10

1. For the purpose of this schedule, nonofficial companies shall include any company in which the respondent has an ownership interest which does not meet the definition of an affiliated company set out in 47 C.F.R. Section 32.9000. This schedule shall not include telecommunications accounts receivable from other customers.

### Schedule 11

1. All amounts listed in Column f that represent individual items for which the higher of cost or market value was in excess of \$50,000 for companies with under 5,000 lines and in excess of \$100,000 for companies with over 5,000 lines must be fully explained in notes to this schedule. The explanation must include the plant description and location, the original cost, the net book cost, the market value, the value at which it was transferred or the price at which it was sold, and the party to which it was transferred or sold.

## Schedule 12

- 1. Respondents shall list each item amounting individually to \$100,000 or more and report all others in the aggregate.
- 2. Amounts in Column f relating to individual items exceeding \$50,000 shall be fully explained.

#### Schedule 15

- 1. Line 1 must be completed by all companies for the most recent calendar year. The retention and price/earnings ratios shall be calculated on a year end basis. Enter the actual year end market price in the "Year Ended" row. If the computer disk is used, enter the year end market price in the "High" column.
- 2. Lines starting at 9 shall be completed for each of the twelve months of the report year for all companies with over 5,000 access lines. Earnings per share and dividends per share shall be reported on a quarterly basis and entries shall be made only to the months that end the respective quarters (for example, March, June, September, and December.)

#### Schedule 19

- 1. All companies are required to submit this form. Companies with more than one plan (for example, both a retirement plan and a deferred savings plan) shall complete a schedule for each plan.
- 2. Companies with defined benefit plans must complete the entire form using FASB 87 and 132 guidelines.
- 3. Interest rate percentages shall be listed to two decimal places.

### Schedule 20

- 1. All changes to the employee benefit plans shall be explained in a narrative on lines 15 and 16. All cost containment measures implemented in the reporting year shall be explained and quantified in a narrative on lines 15 & 16. All assumptions used in quantifying cost containment results shall be disclosed.
- 2. The schedule shall be filled out using FASB 106 and 132 guidelines.

### Schedule 21

1. Respondents shall disclose all payments made during the year where the aggregate payment to the recipient was \$25,000 or more. Payments must include fees, retainers, commissions, gifts, contributions, assessments, bonuses, subscriptions, allowances for expenses or any other form of payment for services or as a donation.

### Schedule 23

1. Respondents shall provide an attached sheet detailing the type and corresponding number of access lines for all entries in Column L (Other).

### Schedule 24

- 1. Column (b). For each wire center that has a configuration of "Remote", Column (b) shall also reflect the respective "Host".
- 2. Column (c). Examples of Types of Switches are: Digital, Step by Step, and Crossbar.

### Schedule 25

1. This schedule must be completed by all companies for the year following the reporting year.

#### Schedule 26

1. Respondents shall either report construction technicians and splicers as separate categories or footnote the appropriate categories and indicate the number of (1) construction technicians; and (2) splicers.

#### Schedule 27

- Include in column (d) ALL additional forms of compensation, including, but not limited to: deferred compensation, deferred savings plan, profit sharing, supplemental or non-qualified retirement plan, employee stock ownership plan, restricted stock, stock options, stock appreciation rights, performance share awards, dividend equivalent shares, mortgage payments, use of company cars or car lease payments, tax preparation consulting, financial consulting, home security systems, company-paid physicals, subscriptions to periodicals, memberships, association or club dues, tuition reimbursement, employee discounts, and spouse travel.
- 2. The above compensation items shall be listed separately. Where more space is needed additional schedules may be attached and shall be included directly behind the original schedule to which it pertains.
- 3. If respondent is claiming protected status of salary information both a proprietary and non-proprietary copy of this schedule shall be filed. On the non-proprietary copy respondent shall indicate which columns respondent maintains are proprietary. A note stating that such information is being provided separately shall be included on the schedule. In no case shall either Column (a) Name/Position, or Column (g) Percent Increase Total Compensation, be considered proprietary. Respondent shall provide all requested information on the proprietary copy.

### Schedule 28

- 1. Respondents shall provide all executive compensation information in conformance with that required by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) (Regulation S-K Item 402, Executive Compensation).
- 2. Include in column (d) ALL additional forms of compensation, including, but not limited to: deferred compensation, deferred savings plan, profit sharing, supplemental or non-qualified retirement plan, employee stock ownership plan, restricted stock, stock options, stock appreciation rights, performance share awards, dividend equivalent shares, mortgage payments, use of company cars or car lease payments, tax preparation consulting, financial consulting, home security systems, company-paid physicals, subscriptions to periodicals, memberships, association or club dues, tuition reimbursement, employee discounts, and spouse travel.
- 3. All items included in Column (d) Other Compensation shall be listed separately. Where more space is needed additional schedules may be attached and shall be included directly behind the original schedule.
- 4. In addition, respondents shall attach a copy of the executive compensation information provided to the SEC.

### Schedule 29

1. Information from this schedule is consolidated with information from other Utilities and reported to the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC). Your assistance in completing this schedule, even though information may be located in other areas of the annual report, expedites reporting to the NARUC and is appreciated.

#### Schedules 33 and 34

- 1. Respondents shall report all transactions with affiliated companies.
- 2. Column (c). Respondents shall indicate in column (c) the method used to determine the price. Respondents shall indicate if a contract is in place between the Affiliate and the Utility. If a contract is in place, respondents shall indicate the year the contract was initiated, the term of the contract and the method used to determine the contract price.
- 3. Column (c). If the method used to determine the price is different than the previous year, respondents shall provide an explanation, including the reason for the change.

### Schedule 35

- 1. Respondents shall provide an attached sheet detailing the account and the amount for all entries made to Lines 9 and 16.
- 2. Only companies who have specifically been authorized in a Commission Order to include cash working capital in rate base may include cash working capital in lines 9 or 16. Cash working capital must be calculated using the methodology approved in the Commission Order. The Commission Order specifying cash working capital shall be noted on the attached sheet.
- 3. Respondents shall indicate, for each adjustment on lines 30 through 42, if the amount is updated or if it is from the last rate case. All adjustments shall be calculated using Commission methodology.

### Schedule 36

1. Respondents shall list the amount of tax accrued or paid for the fiscal year attributable to Montana sources for each of the listed taxes

### Schedule 37

1. Respondents shall list the amount of Universal Service Funds received from Montana and from the federal government.

Year: 1999

## **General Information**

1. Legal Name of Respondent: Southern Montana Telephone Company

2. Name Under Which Respondent Does Business: Southern Montana Telephone Company

3. Date of Incorporation: 1944

4. Address to send Correspondence Concerning Report: PO Box 205, Wisdom, MT 59761

5. Person Responsible for This Report: Conrad Eklund, General Manager

5a. Telephone Number: 406-689-3333

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, Sta (a)	te)	Fees Paid During Year (b)
1	Robert G. Helming	Wisdom, MT 59761		6000
2	Michele Helming	Wisdom, MT 59761		6000
3	Conrad Eklund	Wisdom, MT 59761		6000
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18	Chairman of the Board:	Robert G. Helming		
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Line No.  Title of Officer (a)  President  All Departments  All Departments  Wisdom, MT 59761  Secretary  All Departments  All Departments  Conrad Eklund  Wisdom, MT 59761  Conrad Eklund  Wisdom, MT 59761  Conrad Eklund  Wisdom, MT 59761  Tonrad Eklund  Wisdom, MT 59761  Conrad Felming  Wisdom, MT 59761  Conrad Felming  Wisdom, MT 59761  Conrad Eklund  Wisdom, MT 59761	r: 1999
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## **Total Company Balance Sheet**

			<b>Total Company Balance Sheet</b>		Year: 1999
Line		Acct.		This	Last
No.		No.	Description	Year	Year
INU.		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1			CURRENT ASSETS:		
2		1120	Cash and Equivalents		
3		1180	Telecommunications Accounts Receivable - Net	(SEE ATTACHED A	AUDITED
4		1190	Other Accounts Receivable - Net	FINANCIALS)	
5		1200	Notes Receivable - Net		
6		1210	Interest and Dividends Receivable		
7		1220	Materials and Supplies		
8	*	1280	Prepayments		
9	^	1290	Prepaid Rents		
10	^	1300	Prepaid Taxes		
11	^	1310	Prepaid Insurance		
12	^	1320	Prepaid Directory Expenses		
13	^	1330	Other Prepayments		
14		1350	Other Current Assets		
15			Total Current Assets		
16			NONCURRENT ASSETS:		
17		1401	Investments in Affiliated Companies		
18		1402	Investments in Nonaffiliated Companies		
19		1406	Nonregulated Investments		
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		
27			PROPERTY, PLANT, & EQUIPMENT:		
28		2001	Telecommunications Plant in Service		
29		2002	Property Held for Future Telecommunications Use		
30		2003	Plant Under Construction - Short Term		
31		2004	Plant Under Construction - Long Term		
32		2005	Telecommunications Plant Adjustment		
33		2006	Nonoperating Plant		
34		2007	Goodwill		
35		3100	Accumulated Depreciation		
36		3200	Accumulated Depreciation - Held for Future Use		
37		3300	Accumulated Depreciation - Nonoperating		
38	L	3400	Accumulated Amortization		
39			Net Property, Plant, & Equipment		
40			TOTAL ASSETS		
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## **Total Company Balance Sheet**

		<b>Total Company Balance Sheet</b>		Year: 1999
Line	Acc	i.	This	Last
No.	No	Description	Year	Year
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41		CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
42	401	Accounts Payable		
43	402	Notes Payable	(SEE ATTACHED A	UDITED
44	403	Advance Billing and Payments	FINANCIALS)	
45	404	Customer Deposits	·	
46	405	Current Maturities - Long Term Debt		
47	406	Current Maturities - Capital Leases		
48	407	Income Taxes - Accrued		
49	408	Other Taxes - Accrued		
50	410	Net Current Deferred Operating Income Taxes		
51	411	Net Current Deferred Nonoperating Income Taxes		
52	412	1		
53	413			
54		Total Current Liabilities		
55		LONG-TERM DEBT:		
56	421	Funded Debt		
57	422	Premium on Long-Term Debt		
58	423	1		
59	424	1 ^		
60	425	_		
61	426	<u> </u>		
62	427			
63		Total Long-Term Debt		
64		OTHER LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED CREDITS:		
65	431	1		
66	432	-		
67	433	_		
68	434	*		
69	435	<u>.</u>		
70	436	1		
71	437			
72		Total Other Liabilities and Deferred Credits		
73		STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY:		
74	451			
75	452	· 1		
76	453	1		
77	454	*		
78	455			
79		Total Stockholders' Equity		
80		TOTAL LIAB. AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		

Year: 1999

**Total Company Income Statement** 

		Acct.		This	Last
Line		No.	Description	Year	Year
No.		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1	—т		REVENUES:		
2		5000	Basic Local Service Revenues	(SEE ATTACHED	AUDITED
3		5080	Network Access Revenues	FINANCIALS)	
1	*	5100	Long Distance Message Revenue		
4		5110	Unidirectional Long Distance Revenue		
5	^	5120	Long Distance Private Network Revenue		
6 7	^	5160	Other Long Distance Revenue		
1	^	5169	Other Long Distance Revenue Settlements		
8 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	$\vdash$	3300	Total Revenues (L.2+L.3+L.4+L.9-L.16)		
18	$\vdash$		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)		
41		7300	Nonoperating Income and Expense		
42		7400	Nonoperating Taxes		
43		7500	Interest and Related Items		
44		7600	Extraordinary Items		
45		7910	Effects of Juris. Ratemaking Diff Net		
46	_	7990	Nonregulated Net Income		
47			NET INCOME (L.40+L.41-L.42-L.43-L.44+L.45-L.46)		<u> </u>

<sup>^</sup> Subaccount of the account marked with a \*.



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 1999 AND 1998

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors Southern Montana Telephone Company Wisdom, Montana

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets of Southern Montana Telephone Company as of December 31, 1999 and 1998, and the related statements of income, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Southern Montana Telephone Company, as of December 31, 1999 and 1998, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated February 4, 2000, on our consideration of Southern Montana Telephone Company's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants.

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February 4, 2000

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## SOUTHERN MONTANA TELEPHONE COMPANY BALANCE SHEET

## LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

	December 31,		
	1999	1998	
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 175,402	\$ 108,127	
Advance billing and customer deposits	8,389	15,371	
Current maturities of long-term debt	292,958	125,896	
Other accrued taxes ·	64,397	65,286	
Other accrued liabilities	106,476	120,247	
Accrued interest payable	8,103	8,791	
Income taxes payable	57,690	-	
Total current liabilities	713,415	443,718	
LONG-TERM DEBT	2,702,398	2,422,235	
OTHER LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED CREDITS			
Deferred investment tax credits	75,549	85,223	
Deferred income taxes	951,370	907,630	
	1,026,919	992,853	
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Common stock, \$10 par value; authorized 5,000 shares			
2,907 shares issued	29,070	29,070	
Paid-in-capital	3,290	3,290	
Retained earnings	5,040,765	4,776,069	
	5,073,125	4,808,429	
Less treasury stock, 1840 shares at cost	(916,408)	(916,408)	
Unrealized gain on available for sale securities	40,737	13,229	
	4,197,454	3,905,250	
	\$ 8,640,186	\$ 7,764,056	

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## SOUTHERN MONTANA TELEPHONE COMPANY STATEMENT OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

	Total	Stockholder's Equity	Con	cumulated prehensive Income	nprehensive Income
Balance, December 31, 1997	\$ 3,610,683	\$ 3,590,406	\$	20,277	
Net income	326,615	326,615		-	\$ 326,615
Unrealized losses on available for sale securities, net of tax and reclassification adjustment	(7,048)	-		(7,048)	(7,048)
Dividends	(25,000)	(25,000)		-	
Comprehensive income					\$ 319,567
Balance, December 31, 1998	3,905,250	3,892,021		13,229	
Net income	264,696	264,696		-	\$ 264,696
Unrealized gains on available for sale securities, net of tax	27,508			27,508	 27,508
Comprehensive income					\$ 292,204
Balance, December 31, 1999	\$ 4,197,454	\$ 4,156,717		40,737	

## SOUTHERN MONTANA TELEPHONE COMPANY STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	Year Ended December 31,			mber 31,
		1999		1998
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES Proceeds of long-term debt Principal payments of long-term debt Dividends paid	\$	600,000 (152,775)	\$	(121,460) (25,000)
Net cash provided (used) by financing activities		447,225	-	(146,460)
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		461,051		(44,691)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<del></del>	470,959	************	515,650
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$	932,010	\$	470,959
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOWS INFORMATION Cash paid during the year for:				
Interest	\$	64,711	\$	53,025
Income taxes	_\$_	67,671	\$	74,332

## SOUTHERN MONTANA TELEPHONE COMPANY NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

## Property, plant, and equipment:

Property, plant, and equipment is stated at cost. The cost of additions and substantial betterments of property, plant, and equipment is capitalized. The cost of maintenance and repairs is charged to operating expenses.

Property, plant, and equipment is depreciated using straight-line methods in accordance with rates as approved by the Montana Public Service Commission, generally ranging from 3 to 29 years. In accordance with composite group depreciation methodology, when a portion of the Company's depreciable property, plant, and equipment is retired in the ordinary course of business, the gross book value is charged to accumulated depreciation.

### Investment securities:

The Company's policy for investment securities is as follows:

- \* Trading securities: Trading securities consist of debt and equity securities that are bought and held principally for the purpose of selling in the near term and are reported at fair value, with unrealized gains and losses included in earnings. The Company did not hold any trading securities during 1999 or 1998.
- \* Securities held to maturity: Debt securities for which the Company has the positive intent and ability to hold to maturity are classified as held to maturity. Held to maturity securities are stated at amortized cost.
- \* Securities available for sale: Securities not classified as held to maturity or trading are classified as available for sale. Available for sale securities are stated at fair value, with any unrealized gains and losses, net of deferred taxes, reported as a separate component of stockholders' equity.

## Valuation of accounts receivable:

An estimate of collectibility of accounts receivable is made annually. Specific accounts are charged to bad debt expense when it is determined that the account will not be collected. The result of this method does not materially differ from generally accepted accounting principles.

## Allowance for funds used during construction (AFUDC):

The Company records as income and capitalizes as a cost of construction the cost of financing large construction projects spanning a period greater than two months. The Company uses a weighted average interest rate based on total Company long-term debt. No such costs were capitalized in 1999 or 1998.

## SOUTHERN MONTANA TELEPHONE COMPANY NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## Note 2 - Property, Plant, and Equipment

Property, plant, and equipment balances together with accumulated depreciation and amortization consists of the following at December 31, 1999 and 1998:

	Plant Account	Accumulated Depreciation	1999 Net Balance	1998 Net Balance
Plant in service Plant under construction	\$ 7,493,897 13,782	\$ 2,927,927	\$ 4,565,970 13,782	\$ 3,784,209 4,261
TOTAL	\$ 7,507,679	\$ 2,927,927	\$ 4,579,752	\$ 3,788,470

Telecommunications plant in-service balances together with accumulated depreciation consists of the following at December 31, 1999 and 1998:

		Plant Account	Accumulated Depreciation		1999 Net Balance						1998 N Balanc	
General support assets:												
Land	\$	38,451	\$	-	\$	38,451	\$	38,451				
Motor vehicles		280,689		279,389		1,300		(8,000)				
Other work equipment		317,024		327,460		(10,436)		(1,436)				
Buildings		594,707		219,769		374,938		494,366				
Furniture and office equipment		8,365		8,365		-		-				
Furniture and office equipment												
( five-year assets)		15,139		12,394		2,745		3,659				
General purpose computer		59,816		12		59,804		62,660				
Official Stations		11,471		8,007		3,464		4,351				
Central office assets:												
Digital switching		1,185,079		197,833		987,246		881,790				
Transmission equipment		685,437		115,570		569,867		451,935				
Cable facilities:												
Buried cable		2,805,763		1,547,246		1,258,517		1,282,713				
Fiber optic cable	<u></u>	1,491,956		211,882		1,280,074		573,720				
	\$	7,493,897	\$	2,927,927	\$	4,565,970	\$	3,784,209				

## SOUTHERN MONTANA TELEPHONE COMPANY NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## Note 4 - Investment in Debt and Marketable Equity Securities (Continued)

The following is a summary of the Company's investment in securities held to maturity:

Held to Maturity  December 31, 1999	Gro Unrea Loss	lized	Estimated Fair Value	
Other interest-bearing securities	\$100,000	\$		\$100,000
December 31, 1998	•			
U.S. government agency obligations Other interest-bearing securities	\$ 15,000 100,000	\$	(3)	\$ 14,997 100,000
	\$115,000	\$	(3)	\$114,997
Maturities of securities held to maturity by contractual follows:	maturity as of	Decemb	per 31,	1999, are as
		Amor Co		Estimated Fair Value
Maturing in one to five years		\$100	0,000	\$100,000
An unrealized gain on investment securities during to 1998, was reported as a separate component of stofollowing:				
		1	1999	1998
Unrealized holding gains Deferred tax effect related to unrealized holding gains			52,178 (1,441)	\$19,422 (6,193)
		_\$4	10,737	\$13,229

## SOUTHERN MONTANA TELEPHONE COMPANY NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## Note 6 - Long-Term Debt (Continued)

Aggregate maturities or payments required on principal under long-term debt obligations for each of the succeeding five years are as follows:

2000	\$ 292,958
2001	301,965
2002	311,520
2003	321,792
2004	212,591
Later years	1,554,530
	\$2,995,356

### Note 7 - Retirement Plans

The Company participates in two multi-employer pension plans with the National Telephone Cooperative Association that cover substantially all of its employees.

The "retirement and security program" is a defined benefit plan. The Company's regular contribution to the retirement and security program and the amount charged to pension expense for the years ended December 31, 1999 and 1998, was \$50,393 and \$50,240, respectively.

The "savings plan" is a noncontributory defined contribution plan. The Company's contributions were \$18,148 and \$22,563 for the years ended December 31, 1999 and 1998, respectively.

## Note 8 - Income Taxes

Components of provision (benefit) for income tax expense:

	1999	1998
Current:		
Federal	\$129,164	\$113,847
State	27,526	24,301
Deferred:		
Federal	10,124	31,211
State	3,930	8,600
Prior year over accrual	(102)	(17,096)
	\$170,642	\$160,863

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## SOUTHERN MONTANA TELEPHONE COMPANY NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## Note 9 - Access Revenues

The Company's access revenues are determined by industry-regulated procedures for originating and terminating long-distance calls.

### Intrastate:

Revenues for intrastate access are based on the Company's tariffed rates. Rates are regulated by the Montana State Public Commission and billed to interexchange carriers.

### Interstate:

Revenues for interstate toll services are based on the Company's participation in the revenue pools administered by the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) which is regulated by the FCC. Revenues are determined by annually prepared separations and interstate access cost studies. Revenues for the current year are based on estimates prior to the submission of the cost study reporting actual results of operations and network traffic measurements. Additionally, the studies are subject to a 24-month pool adjustment period and a final review and acceptance by pool administrators. Management does not anticipate significant adjustments to recorded revenues for the years ended December 31, 1999 and 1998.

## Note 10 - Workers' Compensation

The Company is a member of the Montana Electric and Telephone Systems Self-Insured Workers' Compensation Pool (the Pool). The Pool covers potential liability for workers' compensation and occupational disease to employees and dependents of deceased employees of all members in the Pool. The Company is jointly and severally liable with the other members for the full amount of all known and unknown claims.

## Note 11 - Related Party Transactions

The Company leases its office building from Robert G. and Michele Helming, sole shareholders, officers, and directors of the Company. The lease calls for monthly payments of \$2,200 through December 31, 2001. Following is a summary of minimum rental payments under the current lease for the two years subsequent to December 31, 1999:

2000	\$26,400
2001	26,400
	\$52,800

## **Montana Total State Income Statement**

			<b>Montana Total State Income Statement</b>		Year: 1999
Line		Acct.		This	Last
No.		No.	Description	Year	Year
NO.		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1			REVENUES:		
2		5000	Basic Local Service Revenues	(NOT APPLICABL	E-DOING
3		5080	Network Access Revenues	BUSINESS IN MOI	NTANA ONLY)
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)	#REF!	
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)	#REF!	

<sup>^</sup> Subaccount of the account marked with a \*.

## Montana Intrastate Income Statement

Year: 1999

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Line		Acct.		This	Last
No.		No.	Description	Year	Year
1,0.		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1			REVENUES:		
2		5000	Basic Local Service Revenues	(NOT APPLICABL	E-DOING
3		5080	Network Access Revenues	BUSINESS IN MOI	NTANA ONLY)
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	Λ	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)		
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<sup>^</sup> Subaccount of the account marked with a \*.

Year: 1999

## **Montana Intrastate Regulated Income Statement**

П				This	Tost
Line		Acct.	Description		Last
No.		No.	Description	Year	Year
		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1	1		REVENUES:	A LOTT A DDI LOADI	E DODIG
2		5000	Basic Local Service Revenues	(NOT APPLICABLE-DOING	
3		5080	Network Access Revenues	BUSINESS IN MOI	NTANA ONLY)
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	<b>—</b>		Net Operating Income (L.17-L.37+L.38-L.39)		
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<sup>^</sup> Subaccount of the account marked with a \*.

## **Average Rate Base - Total State**

Average Rate Base - Total State				Year: 1999
Line	Acct.		This	Last
No.	No.	Description	Year	Year
INO.	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1	2001	Telecommunications Plant in Service	7478758	6733921
2	3100	Accumulated Depreciation	2915533	2953370
3	2002	Property Held for Future Telecommunications Use		
4	3200	Accumulated Depreciation - 2002		
5	1220	Materials and Supplies	41694	38011
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	4604919	3818562

(NOT APPLICABLE-UNDER 5000 ACCESS LINES)

## **Average Rate Base - Intrastate**

Line	Acct.		This	Last
No.	No.	Description	Year	Year
140.	(a)_	(b)	(c)	(d)
1	2001	Telecommunications Plant in Service		
2	3100	Accumulated Depreciation	1	
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	Acct.		This	Last
No.	No.	Description	Year	Year
NO.	(a)	(b)	(c)	(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: 1999		
Line	Item Description	Amount	Amount
No.	(a)	(b)	(c)
1	Increase/(decrease) in Cash & Cash Equivalents		
2	Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
3	Net Income		
4	Reconciliation Adjustments:	(SEE ATTACHED	STATEMENT OF
5	Depreciation & Amortization	CASH FLOWS)	
6	Provision for Accounts Receivable Losses		
7	Deferred Income Taxes - Net		
8	Unamortized Investment Tax Credits (ITCs) - Net		
9	Allowance for Funds Used During Construction (AFUDC)		
10	Change in Operating Receivables - Net		
11	Change in Materials, Supplies & Inventories - Net		
12	Change in Operating Payables & Accrued Liabilities - Net		
13	Change in Other Assets & Deferred Credits - Net		
14	Change in Other Liabilities & Deferred Credits - Net		
15	Other (explained on back of this page)		
16	Total Adjustments		
17	Net Cash Provided by/(Used in) Operating Activities		
18	Cash Inflows/Outflows From Investing Activities:		
19	Construction/Acquisition of Property, Plant & Equipment (net of		
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)		
25	Net Cash Provided by/(Used in) Investing Activities		
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	1	
32	Payment of Capital Lease Obligations		
33	Proceeds from Issuing Common Stock/Parent Co. Equity Investment		
34	Repurchase of Treasury Shares		
35	Dividends Paid  Other Figure in a Assisting (symlogened on book of this mage)		
36	Other Financing Activities (explained on back of this page)		
37	Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities  Effect of Exphange Pote Changes on Cash		
38	Effect of Exchange Rate Changes on Cash Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash & Cash Equivalents		
39	Cash & Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Period		
40	Cash & Cash Equivalents at End of Period		
41	Cash & Cash Equivalents at End of Feriou		

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			Rece	ivables and	Investment	Receivables and Investments-Affiliated & Nonaffiliated Companies	& Nonaffilia	ated Comp	anies		ar: 1999
		Account 1160	Account 1180	Account 1181	Account 1190	Account 1191	Account 1200	Account 1201	Account 1210	Account 1401	Account 1402
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Z Z	A 64313,	Transferents	Accounts Deceived	A Herecolli.	Accounts Description	Necelvable	Notes	Kecelvable	Dividends	ın Amıl.	m Nonattii.
	Attinate of Company (a)	(b)	receivable (c)	Allowalice (d)	(e)	Allow Ouner (f)	(g)	Allowance (h)	Kecelvable (i)	Companies (i)	Companies (k)
-	ATT				Ì						12566
7	Apple Computer										14414
3	Cisco										10145
4	Citigroup										103271
S	Computer Sciences										28594
9	Corning-Call Option										13537
7	Dell										20746
∞	Elan PLC										10459
6	Harmonic										13001
10	Household Intl				d de						19688
Ξ	KPNQuest										8314
12	Lucent										32114
13	Nasdaq Put										9218
14	New Plan Excel										32890
	Pilgrim P RT										37515
	Pfizer										8989
	Quest										19601
18	RTFC						***************************************				30000
19	Raytheon										13079
	Select Portfolios										113579
21	Main, Inc.										415000
_	Solectron										31315
	3 Com										5632
	Travelers (Now Citigroup)	<u> </u>									80150
25	Tyco Intl									***************************************	10940
26	USA Biomass										8489
	UltraMar										4608
	Ultilicorp										9215
	SMCC									1276	
30	Totals									1276	1114948

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## SCHEDULE 11

## **Net Plant in Service - Detail**

Year:1999

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				Beginning				End of Year	Year End	End of Year	
Line				of Year			Sales &	Account 2001	Accumulated	Net Plant	
No.	A	ccount	Description	Balance	Additions	Retirements	Transfers	Balance	Depreciation	Balance	
		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	check
1	*	2110	Land and Support Assets	1449469	92929	243347		1299051		1299051	477064
2	^	2111	Land	38451				38451		38451	
3	^	2112	Motor Vehicles	236421	70827	39377		267871	279389	-11518	
4	^	2113	Aircraft								
5	^	2114	Special Purpose Vehicles								
6	^	2115	Garage Work Equipment								
7	^	2116	Other Work Equipment	329842				329842	327460	2382	
8	^	2121	Buildings	756006	18456	179756		594706	206761	387945	
9	^	2122	Furniture								
10	^	2123	Office Equipment	23205		14840		8365	8365		
11	^	2124	General Purpose Computers	65544	3646	9374		59816	12	59804	
12		2211	Analog Electronic Switching								
13		2212	Digital Electronic Switching	1024504	175036	14461		1185079	197833	987246	
14		2215	Electro-Mechanical Switching								
15		2220	Operator Systems								
16		2231	Radio Systems			ĺ					
17		2232	Circuit Equipment	747532	168086	230180		685438	107407	578031	check
18	*	2310	Information Orig & Term Equip	11471				11471		11471	3464
19	^	2311	Station Apparatus	11471				11471	8007	3464	
20	^	2321	Customer Premises Wiring								
21	^	2341	Large Private Branch Exchanges								
22	^	2351	Public Telephone Term. Equip.								
23	^	2362	Other Terminal Equipment								
24		2411	Poles								check
25	*	2420	Cable and Wire Facilities	3500945	827613	30839		4297719	Ī	4297719	2538591
26	^	2421	Aerial Cable	33375				33375	8291	25084	
27	^	2422	Underground Cable								
28	^	2423	Buried Cable	3467570	827613	30839		4264344	1750837	2513507	
29	^	2424	Submarine Cable								
30	^	2425	Deep Sea Cable						]		
31	^	2426	Intrabuilding Network Cable								
32		2431	Aerial Wire		j						
33		2441	Conduit Systems								check
34			Totals	6733921	1263664	518827		7478758	2894362	4584396	4584396
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Year:1999	Book Cost of Property at End of Year (g)		
	Transfers and Adjustments Charges and (Credits) (f)		
	Retirements During the Year (e)		
Future Use	Additions During the Year (d)		
Analysis of Plant Held for Future Use	Book Cost of Property at Beginning of Year (c)		
Analysis	Date Included in Account 2002 (b)		
	Location and Description of Property (a)	NONE	Totals (Sum L.1 to L.29)
	Line No.		30

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Year:1999	Total Cost	% (D)	1.94%	1.58%
Yea	Amortization of Premium	or Discount (k)		
	Amual	Net Cost (j)	49344 variable	49344
	Yield to	Maturity (i)		
)t	Outstanding Per Balance	Sheet (h)	2548131	3119263
erm De	Net	Per \$100 (g)		
Average Cost of Long Term Debt	Net	Proceeds (f)		
erage Cost	Gross	Proceeds (e)		
Av	Principal	Amount (d)	4087000 600000	4687000
	Maturity	Date (c)	Aug-00 May-04	
	Issue	Date (b)	Aug-81 May-99	
		Description (a)	Rural Tel Finance Corp	Total
		Lime No.	1	30

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Description	Date of Issuance	Method of Offering	Call Redemption Price	Pa O	Cost of Preferred Stock  Gross Net  Gross Net  Proceeds Proceed  Fisue Amounts Amount	d Stock Net Proceeds Amounts	Net Proceeds Per \$100	Cost of Money	Principal Outstanding	Annual	Year:1999 Embedded Cost
	(q)	(c)		(e)	(t)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(1)
(Sum L.1 to L.29)											

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				Analys	Analysis of Common Stock	Stock			Year:1999
		Avg. Number	Book				Market	ket	Price/
Line		of Shares	Value	Earnings	Dividends	Retention	Price	,e	Earnings
No.		Outstanding	(per share)	(per share)	(per share)	Ratio	High	Low	Ratio
I	(a)	(p)	(3)	(p)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)
	Year Ended December 31:	1067	3933						
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3		*PRIVATELY HELD STOCK*-There is no market for this stock.	ELD STOCK*-TE	here is no market	for this stock.				
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∞	Month by Month Data:								
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Mumber Reaquisition Gain Of Principal or Retherment or Shares Amount Cost (Loss) I (d) (e) (f) (f) (f)			Capital Sto	ock and Funded I	<b>Debt Reacquired</b>	Capital Stock and Funded Debt Reacquired or Retired During the Year	g the Year	Year:1999
Date Shares Amount Cost (Loss)  (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f)  (d) (e) (f)  (d) (e) (f)			Call or Retirement	Number of	Principal	Reaquisition or Retirement	Gain	Retirement or
<u>s</u>		Description of Security (a)	Date (b)	Shares (c)	Amount (d)	Cost (e)	(Loss) (f)	Reaquisition (g)
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	Totals	1						

(NOT APPLICABLE-UNDER 5000 ACCESS LINES)

**SCHEDULE 17** 

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Total Company Expense Matrix Year:1999

				otai Company					
Line		Acct.		Salaries			Other		
No.		No.	Description	and Wages	Benefits	Rents	Expenses	Clearances	Total
No.		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(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				l		
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			ļ			
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			ľ			
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		ļ			l	
28	^	6422	Underground Cable Expense						
29	^	6423	Buried Cable Expense						
30	^	6424	Submarine Cable Expense	ľ	İ		<u> </u>	Ì	
31	^	6425	Deep Sea Cable Expense				]		
32	^	6426	Intrabuilding Network Cable Expense						
33	^	6431	Aerial Wire Expense						
34			Subtotals						

<sup>^</sup> Subaccount of the account marked with a \*.

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### **Total Company Expense Matrix**

Line		Acct.		Salaries			Other		
No.		No.	Description	and Wages	Benefits	Rents	Expenses	Clearances	Total
1,51		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(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				<u> </u>		
46		6563	Amortization Expense - Tangible					ļ	
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		1				
61		6724	Information Management						
62		6725	Legal						
63		6726	Procurement	)	1				
64		6727	Research and Development						
65		6728	Other General and Administrative			ļ			:
66		6790	Provision for Uncollectible Notes Receivable						
67			Totals						

<sup>^</sup> Subaccount of the account marked with a \*.

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	Anot			Salaries			Other		
Line	No.		Description	and Wages	Benefits	Rents	Expenses	Clearances	Total
 Š	(a)		(b)	(c)	(b)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
-	* 6110	┢	Network Support Expense						
2	^ 6112		Motor Vehicle Expense						
3		3 Aircraft Expense	kpense				***		
4	^ 6114		Special Purpose Vehicles Expense						
S			Garage Work Equipment Expense						
9			Other Work Equipment Expense						
7	* 6120	_	General Support Expense		-				
~	^ 6121		Land and Building Expense						
6	^ 6122	······································	Furniture and Artworks Expense						
10	^ 6123		Office Equipment Expense						
	^ 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			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	1 Poles Expense	ense						
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						
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Company Name: Southern Montana Telephone Company (NOT APPLICABLE-UNDER 5000 ACCESS LINES)

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				Total State Expense Matrix	xpense Matri	×			Year:1999
Line		Acct.		Salaries			Other		
Š.		No.	Description	and Wages	Benefits	Rents	Expenses	Clearances	Total
		(a)	(a)	(3)	(p)	(e)	(t)	(д)	(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						
99		6711	Executive						
57		6712	Planning						
28		6721	Accounting and Finance				41.2		
59		6722	External Relations						
9		6723	Human Relations						
[9]		6724	Information Management						
62		6725	Legal						
63		6726	Procurement						
64		6727	Research and Development						
65		6728	Other General and Administrative					7.6.20.00.00	111111
99		6790	Provision for Uncollectible Notes Receivable						
<i>L</i> 9			Totals						

Subaccount of the account marked with a \*.

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#### **Pension Costs**

Plan Name - NTCA Retirement & Security Plan Defined Contribution Plan? 2 Defined Benefit Plan? 3 Actuarial Cost Method? IRS Code: 4 Annual Contribution by Employer: \_\_\$50,393\_\_ Is the Plan Over Funded? \_\_\_ 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 33 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 Accumulated Pension Asset (Liability) at Year End 46 Number of Company Employees: 47 Covered by the Plan 6 6 48 Not Covered by the Plan 6 49 Active 6 50 Retired **Deferred Vested Terminated** 

## **Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEBS)**

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	Item	Current Year	Last Year	% Change
1	Regulatory Treatment:	Garrone your	Lust i cui	70 Grange
2	Commission authorized - most recent			
3	Docket number:			
1 .1	Order number:			
4	Amount recovered through rates			
1 1	Weighted-average Assumptions as of Year End			
1 1	Discount rate			
	Expected return on plan assets			
	Medical Cost Inflation Rate			
1 1	Actuarial Cost Method			
11	Rate of compensation increase			
	List each method used to fund OPEBs (ie: VEBA, 401(h	)) and if tax advantag	ged:	
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14				
15	Describe any Changes to the Benefit Plan:			
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17	TOTAL COMPANY			-
	Change in Benefit Obligation			
19	Benefit obligation at beginning of year			
20	Service cost			
21	Interest Cost			
22	Plan participants' contributions			
	Amendments			
1	Actuarial Gain			
	Acquisition			
	Benefits paid			
	Benefit obligation at end of year			
	Change in Plan Assets			
	Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year			
5	Actual return on plan assets			
	Acquisition			
	Employer contribution			
	Plan participants' contributions			
	Benefits paid			
	Fair value of plan assets at end of year			
	Funded Status			
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	Unrecognized prior service cost			
	Prepaid (accrued) benefit cost			
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	Interest cost			1
	Expected return on plan assets			
	Amortization of prior service cost			
	Recognized net actuarial loss			
	Net periodic benefit cost			
	Accumulated Post Retirement Benefit Obligation			
1	Amount Funded through VEBA			
49	Amount Funded through 401(h)			
50	Amount Funded through Other			
51	TOTAL			
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54				1
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Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEBS) Continued

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	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	<u> Montana</u>		-	
	Change in Benefit Obligation			
9	Benefit obligation at beginning of year			
10	Service cost			1
11	Interest Cost			
12	Plan participants' contributions			
	Amendments			
14	Actuarial Gain			
1 1	Acquisition			
	Benefits paid			
	Benefit obligation at end of year			
	Change in Plan Assets			
	Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year			
	Actual return on plan assets			
	Acquisition			
	Employer contribution			
	Plan participants' contributions			1
	Benefits paid			
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	Funded Status			
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	Unrecognized prior service cost			
	Prepaid (accrued) benefit cost			
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	Amortization of prior service cost			
	Recognized net actuarial loss			1
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44	Amount that was tax deductible - Other			
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46	Montana Intrastate Costs:			
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49	Accumulated Pension Asset (Liability) at Year End			
50	Number of Montana Employees:		-	
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# Payments for Services to Persons Other Than Employees

			Total	Total	
Line	Name of	Nature of	Company	State	Intrastate
	Recipient	Service	Cost	Cost	Cost
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	Subscribe	r Line Usage D	ata		ear: 1999
Line		This	% of	Last	% of
No.	Description	Year	Total	Year	Total
140.	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
1	Toll Usage:				
2	Interstate, InterLATA	3074715	44.37%	2885020	54.18%
3	Interstate, IntraLATA				
	,				
4	Total Interstate Usage	3074715	44.37%	2885020	54.18%
5	Intrastate, InterLATA	2363697	34.11%	519887	9.76%
6	Intrastate, IntraLATA	1491149	21.52%	1920107	36.06%
7	Total Intrastate Usage	3854846	55.63%	2439994	45.82%
8	Total Toll Usage	6929561	100.00%	5325014	100.00%
9	Centrex				
10	Local				
11	Total Minutes	6929561	100.00%	5325014	100.00%

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Type of Residential   ISDN   ADSL   Lifeline   LMS   Line   Lin	i- Customer Company Cowned Owned ess Coin Coin (j) (k) I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I	9% of Lines w/ Other T. Tone (1) (m) 93.3% 90.7% 88.7% 88.7%	Total Access Lines (n) 114 114 249 242 246
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### **Central Office and Switch Information**

Year: 1999

		trai Office and Sw					ir: 1999
		Office					
		Configuration		Switch		Switch	
Line		(Host, Remote,	Type of	Vendor/	Switch	Line	Year
No.	Wire Center	Stand alone)	Switch	Manufacturer	Model No.	Capacity	Deployed
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
1	406-267	REMOTE	DIGITAL	NTI	DMS-10	512	1992
2	406-832	REMOTE	DIGITAL	NTI	DMS-10	512	1983
3	406-689-S	REMOTE	DIGITAL	NTI	DMS-10	512	1983
4	406-689	HOST	DIGITAL	NTI	DMS-10	640	1983
5	406-834-J	REMOTE	DIGITAL	NTI	DMS-10	512	1983
6	406-834-T	REMOTE	DIGITAL	NTI	DMS-10	512	1983
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NOTE: Additional blank schedules are being provided for your convenience.

	Construction Budget - Montana	Year: 2000
Line		
No.	Description	2000
	(a)	(b)
1	Central Office Assets:	
3	Equipment Upgrade	80000
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27	Total Switching and Central Office Projects over \$500,000	
28	Miscellaneous Central Office Projects not over \$500,000	
29 30	Total Central Office Budget (Total of Line 27 & Line 28) Other Projects over \$500,000:	
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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)	

40 41 42

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Totals

(Sum of Lines 1 through 42)

	Montana Employee Counts	,	Year: 1999
Line		Beginning	End
	Category	of Year	of Year
No.	(a)	(b)	(c)
1	Executive	1	1
2	Office	3	3
3	Outside Plant/COE	2	2
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### **Montana Composite Statistics**

Year: 1999

Line   No.   Description   Amount   (b)	г	A +	Montana Composite Statistics	T
Company   Plant (Intrastate Only) (000 Omitted)	Line		D '.'	<b>A</b>
Plant (Intrastate Only) (000 Omitted)	No.	No.		1
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2003 - 2004   Construction Work in Progress   Plant Acquisition Adjustments   Plant Idel for Future Use   Materials & Supplies (Less):   (Less):   (Less):   (Less):   (Less):   (Construction & Amortization Reserves   Contributions in Aid of Construction   (NET BOOK COSTS   (Less):   (Description & Amortization Expenses   Contributions in Aid of Construction   (Description & Amortization Expenses   Contributions   (Description & Contribution & Contribution & Contr	1		Plant (Intrastate Only) (000 Omitted)	
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# **Depreciation - Montana Intrastate Regulated**

		Depreciation - Montana Intrastate	Regulated	Year: 1999
			Composite	Total
Line	Acct	Description	Rate	Expense
No.	No.	_	%	\$
NO.	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1	2112	Motor Vehicles	33.3%	44,027
2	2114	Special Purpose Vehicles		
3	2115	Garage Work Equipment		
4	2116	Other work Equipment	13.4%	
5	2121	Buildings	3.4%	24,877
6	2122	Furniture		
7	2123.1	Office Support Equipment	9.0%	
8	2123.2	Company Communications Equipment	7.7%	886
9	2124	General Purpose Computers	8.7%	5,828
10	2211	Analog Electronic Switching Equipment		·
11	2212	Digital Electronic Switching Equipment	6.6%	69,580
12	2215	Step By Step Switching Equipment		ŕ
13	2215	Crossbar Switching Equipment		
14	2220	Operator System		
15	2231	Radio Systems		
16	2232	Circuit DDS		
17	2232	Circuit Digital	6.6%	50,153
18	2232	Circuit Analog		,
19	2351	Public Telephone Terminating Equipment		
20	2362	Other Terminal Equipment		
21	2411	Poles		
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	4.0%	144,107
27	2423	Burjed Cable Nonmetallic		,
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	4.0%	1,348
33	2441	Conduit Systems	1.070	2,5 10
34	<b>∠</b> ⊤⊤1	Solidar of stollis		
35		COMPOSITE TOTAL		
36				
37		Have these rates been approved by the Commission	? _XYES No	0
38				
39		If yes: Docket Number	Order Number	er
40				

	Montana Regulatory Capital Structure & Costs				
Line No.	Description (a)	% Cap. Str. (b)	% Cost Rate	Weighted Cost (d)	
	Commission Accepted - Most Recent				
1	Docket Number				
1	Order Number				
3					
	Common Equity				
5	Preferred Stock				
6	Long Term Debt				
7	Other				
8	Total				
9					
10	Actual at Year End				
11					
12	Common Equity				
13	Preferred Stock				
14	Long Term Debt				
15	Other				
16	Total				

Company Name: Southern Mont

**SCHEDULE 32** 

	Network Access - Charges and Revenues		
Line No.	Description (a)	Access Charges Paid (b)	Access Revenues Received (c)
1	Montana - Total State		509459
3 4	Montana - Intrastate		509459
	Montana - Intrastate Regulated		509459
7 8			
9 10			
11 12 13			

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SCHEDULE 33

	Charges  Method to Determine Price to Utility	% Total Affil. Revenues	Charges to MT Utility
	(p)		M I Utility (f)
Computer Service Bureau Varies (Billing, Acctg & Plant Software Maintenance)	57,991	1	57,991
Consultants Hourly Rate	50,099	6,	50,099
(Cost Studies, Separations, Traffic Studies, Etc.)			
	\$108,090	0	\$108,090

Company Name: Southern Montana Telephone Company

SCHEDULE 34

Year: 1999	Charges to MT Utility (f)		
ity	% Total Affil. Revenues (e)		
ovided by Utili	Charges to Affiliate (d)		
Affiliate Transactions - Products & Services Provided by Utility	Method to Determine Price (c)		
Affiliate Transactions -	Products & Services (b)		
	Affiliate Name (a)	NONE	
	Line No.	1	

Year: 1999

\*NOT APPLICABLE\*-Would require hring of outside consultants to prepare separation cost study.

### Montana Intrastate Regulated Earned Rate of Return

	Description	This	Last	Percent
Line	Rate Base	Year	Year	Change
No.	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1				
2	2001 Plant in Service			
3	2002 Prop. Held for Future Telecommunications Use			
4	3100-3200 (Less) Accumulated Depreciation			
5	Plant in Service			
6				
7	Additions			
8	1220 Materials & Supplies			
9	1280 Prepayments			
10	Other Additions			
11	TOTAL Additions			
12				
13	Deductions			
14	4100 Current Deferred Operating Income Taxes			
15	4320 Unamortized Operating Investment Tax Credits			
16	4340 Noncurrent Deferred Operating Income Taxes			
17	Customer Advances for Construction			
18	Other Deductions			
19	TOTAL Deductions			
20	TOTAL Rate Base			
21				
22	Net Earnings			1
23				
24	Rate of Return on Average Rate Base			
25				
26	Rate of Return on Average Equity			
27			,	
28	Major Normalizing Adjustments & Commission			
29	Ratemaking adjustments to Utility Operations			
30				
31		! 		1
32				
33				
34				
35				
36				
37				
38				
39				
40				
41				
42				
43	Adjusted Rate of Return on Average Rate Base			
44				
45	Adjusted Rate of Return on Average Equity			

## **Other Taxes Paid**

	Other Taxes Paid		Year: 1999
Line	Description	Last Year	This Year
No.	(a)	(b)	(c)
1	Montana Telephone Company License Tax	1459	1632
2	Montana Public Service Commission Tax	864	1346
3	Montana Consumer Counsel Tax	717	510
4	911 Emergency Telephone Fee		
5	Montana Telecommunications Access Service (TDD)		
6	Montana Corporate License Tax	15	15
7	Personal Property Tax		
8	Real Property Tax		
9			
10			
11			
12	Total	3055	3503

Company Name: Southern Montana Telephone Company

#### **SCHEDULE 37**

### **Universal Service Funds Received**

	Universal Service Funds R	Received	Year: 1999
Line	Description	Last Year	This Year
No.	(a)	(b)	(c)
13	Funds received from Montana Sources		
14	Funds received from Federal Sources	281580	332600
15			
16			
17			
18			
19			
20			
21			
22			
23			
24	Total	281580	332600