

**CLAY COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS, LLC
SPENCER, IOWA**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
WITH INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
Years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Clay County Communications, LLC
Spencer, Iowa

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets of Clay County Communications, LLC (an Iowa limited liability company) as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the related statements of income, changes in members' equity and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment; including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant estimates made by management as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Clay County Communications, LLC as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Kiesling Associates LLP

West Des Moines, Iowa
March 5, 2015

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**BALANCE SHEETS
December 31, 2014 and 2013**

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 118,256	\$ 328,165
Accounts receivable:		
Members	244,189	164,119
Other	16,941	20,033
Inventory	26,720	21,343
Prepayments	<u>29,919</u>	<u>31,399</u>
	<u>436,025</u>	<u>565,059</u>
 OTHER NONCURRENT ASSETS		
Prepayments	<u>7,429</u>	<u>31,559</u>
 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
PCS plant in service	1,434,050	1,287,002
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>621,394</u>	<u>522,525</u>
	812,656	764,477
Plant under construction	<u>-</u>	<u>128,280</u>
	<u>812,656</u>	<u>892,757</u>
 TOTAL ASSETS	 <u>\$ 1,256,110</u>	 <u>\$ 1,489,375</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEETS
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	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY</u>		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable:		
Members	\$ 19,185	\$ 16,992
Other	58,364	75,720
Advance billing and payments	40,124	46,427
Customer deposits	3,640	4,395
Accrued taxes	4,278	5,069
	<u>125,591</u>	<u>148,603</u>
OTHER NONCURRENT LIABILITIES		
Asset retirement obligations	<u>24,085</u>	<u>23,510</u>
MEMBERS' EQUITY	<u>1,106,434</u>	<u>1,317,262</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY	<u>\$ 1,256,110</u>	<u>\$ 1,489,375</u>

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**STATEMENTS OF INCOME
Years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013**

	2014	2013
OPERATING REVENUES		
Access services	\$ 754,773	\$ 851,737
Phone and accessory sales	198,559	100,350
Roamer services	75,881	63,645
Universal service revenue	109,389	124,201
Miscellaneous revenue	4,624	15,485
Uncollectibles	(3,114)	(2,386)
	1,140,112	1,153,032
 OPERATING EXPENSES		
Cost of wireless services	391,977	396,951
Cost of phone and accessory sales	199,881	214,156
Network operations	157,679	171,361
Depreciation and accretion	99,444	96,317
Customer operations	162,326	160,903
Corporate operations	37,120	43,388
General taxes	3,880	5,075
	1,052,307	1,088,151
 OPERATING INCOME	87,805	64,881
 OTHER INCOME		
Interest income	1,566	1,723
Other	(199)	-
	1,367	1,723
 NET INCOME	\$ 89,172	\$ 66,604

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**STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS' EQUITY
Years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013**

	<u>Evertek, Inc.</u>	<u>Spencer Municipal Utilities</u>	<u>Total</u>
Ownership Percentage	<u>50 %</u>	<u>50 %</u>	<u>100 %</u>
Balance, December 31, 2012	\$ 625,329	\$ 625,329	\$ 1,250,658
Net income	<u>33,302</u>	<u>33,302</u>	<u>66,604</u>
Balance, December 31, 2013	658,631	658,631	1,317,262
Net income	44,586	44,586	89,172
Distributions	<u>(150,000)</u>	<u>(150,000)</u>	<u>(300,000)</u>
Balance, December 31, 2014	<u>\$ 553,217</u>	<u>\$ 553,217</u>	<u>\$ 1,106,434</u>

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**STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
Years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013**

	2014	2013
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net income	\$ 89,172	\$ 66,604
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and accretion	99,444	96,317
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) Decrease in:		
Accounts receivable	(76,978)	(17,001)
Inventory	(5,377)	(12,013)
Prepayments	25,610	24,396
Increase (Decrease) in:		
Accounts payable	(1,007)	10,334
Accrued taxes	(791)	17
Other	(7,058)	(5,660)
Net cash provided by operating activities	123,015	162,994
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Capital expenditures	(32,924)	(114,124)
Net cash used in investing activities	(32,924)	(114,124)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Distributions	(300,000)	-
Net cash used in financing activities	(300,000)	-
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(209,909)	48,870
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	328,165	279,295
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	\$ 118,256	\$ 328,165

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2014 and 2013**

NOTE 1. ORGANIZATION

Clay County Communications, LLC (an Iowa limited liability company, herein referred to as "the Company") was formed in 2006 to provide wireless telecommunications utilizing Personal Communications Services (PCS) spectrum in a service area located primarily in Clay County, Iowa. This service is provided by leasing licensed PCS spectrum from Evertek, Inc. Each member provides these services under their own name to the customer in their markets. Evertek, Inc. and Spencer Municipal Utilities (Communications Utility only) participate in this partnership, each with 50% interest under an agreement filed in accordance with Iowa Code Chapter 28E. The members are entitled to equally share all profits and will equally be responsible for all losses of Clay County Communications, LLC. This agreement shall terminate on May 1, 2016, but may be extended by mutual agreement for an additional five years.

NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The accounting policies of the Company conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing its financial statements. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Management has evaluated subsequent events through March 5, 2015, the date the financial statements were available for issue.

Cash Equivalents

All highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less at the time of purchase are considered cash equivalents.

Accounts Receivable

Receivables are reported at the amounts the Company expects to collect on balances outstanding at year end. The Company monitors outstanding balances and periodically writes off balances that are determined to be uncollectible. The Company has concluded that losses on balances outstanding at year end will be immaterial.

Inventory

Inventory is stated at the lower of cost or market with cost determined by the average cost method. Inventory consists of wireless mobile telephone equipment that is purchased by the Company primarily for sale to customers.

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NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment is capitalized at original cost including the capitalized cost of salaries and wages, materials, certain payroll taxes and employee benefits.

The Company provides for depreciation for financial reporting purposes on the straight-line method by the application of rates based on the estimated service lives of the various classes of depreciable property. These estimates are subject to change in the near term.

Renewals and betterments of units of property are charged to plant in service. When plant is retired, its cost is removed from the asset account and charged against accumulated depreciation less any salvage realized. No gains or losses are recognized in connection with routine retirements of depreciable property. Repairs and renewals of minor items of property are included in plant specific operations expense.

Asset Retirement Obligations

Generally accepted accounting principles require entities to record the fair value of a liability for legal obligations associated with an asset retirement in the period in which the obligations are incurred. When the liability is initially recorded, the entity capitalizes the cost of the asset retirement obligation by increasing the carrying amount of the related long-lived asset. Over time, the liability is accreted to its present value each period, and the capitalized cost is depreciated over the useful life of the related asset.

Long-Lived Assets

The Company would provide for impairment losses on long-lived assets when indicators of impairment are present and the undiscounted cash flows estimated to be generated by those assets are less than the assets' carrying amount. Based on current conditions, management does not believe any of its long-lived assets are impaired.

Income Taxes

Under provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, the members include their respective shares of Partnership income or loss on their individual tax returns. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes has been made in the accompanying financial statements. The Company's federal and state tax returns for years 2011 to present remain subject to examination.

The Company has evaluated its tax positions and determined that there are no uncertain income tax positions that need to be recorded or reported in the financial statements at December 31, 2014.

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NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Revenue Recognition

The Company earns wireless service revenues by providing access to its wireless network (access revenue) and for usage of its wireless system (airtime revenue). Access revenue from postpaid customers is billed either in advance or arrears and recognized ratably over the service period. Airtime revenue, including roaming revenue and long distance revenue, is billed in arrears based on minutes of use and is recognized when the service is rendered. Prepaid airtime sold to customers and revenue collected from pay-in-advance customers is recorded as deferred revenue prior to the commencement of services, and revenue is recognized when airtime is used or expires. Access and airtime services provided are billed throughout the month according to the bill cycle in which a particular subscriber is placed.

The Company offers enhanced services including caller ID, call waiting, call forwarding, three-way calling, no answer/busy transfer, text messaging and voice mail. Generally, these enhanced features generate additional service revenues through monthly subscription fees or increased wireless usage through utilization of the features. Other optional services may also be provided for a monthly fee. These enhanced features and optional services may be bundled with package rate plans or sold separately. Revenues for enhanced services and optional features are recognized as earned.

Revenues also include amounts received from the Federal Universal Service Fund as a result of the Company's designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC).

Equipment sales consist principally of revenues from the sale of wireless handsets and accessories to new and existing customers and to agents and other third-party distributors. The revenue and related expenses associated with the sale of wireless handsets and accessories through our indirect sales channels are recognized when the products are delivered and accepted by the agent or third-party distributor and probability of collection is likely. Shipping and handling costs for wireless handsets sold to agents and other third-party distributors are classified as costs of sales and services.

Advertising Costs

Advertising costs are expensed as incurred. Advertising expenses were \$6,852 and \$18,620 in 2014 and 2013, respectively.

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NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Fair Value Measurements

The Company determines the fair value of its financial assets and liabilities based on the fair value hierarchy, which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. The following three levels of inputs may be used to measure fair value:

- Level 1 Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Company has the ability to access at the measurement date.
- Level 2 Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.
- Level 3 Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities.

Reclassifications

Certain reclassifications have been made to the 2013 financial statements to conform with the 2014 presentation.

NOTE 3. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Property, plant and equipment includes the following:

	2014	2013
PCS plant in service:		
Furniture and fixtures	\$ 20,788	\$ -
Communications equipment	4,224	4,224
Buildings	47,694	47,694
Wireless equipment	805,287	714,468
Towers	556,057	520,616
Total property, plant and equipment	\$ 1,434,050	\$ 1,287,002

Depreciation on depreciable property resulted in composite rates of 7.27% and 7.59% for 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Depreciation expense was \$98,869 and \$97,407 for the years ending December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

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NOTE 4. ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATIONS

The Company has determined that asset retirement obligations exist as there is a legal obligation to remove wireless cellular equipment at the time the Company discontinues its use. The Company's cost to remove these assets is accrued over the life of the assets. These costs, measured at fair value, are valued at Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy. Under the Level 3 valuation, the Company estimated the cost of removal of the equipment and towers using current expected labor and overhead cost including a contractor's mark up for similar removal projects. These costs were adjusted for average inflation at 2.4% to arrive at the expected cash flows for removal. The changes in the carrying value of the Company's asset retirement obligations for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, are as follows:

	2014	2013
Beginning balance as of January 1,	\$ 23,510	\$ 19,005
Additions in estimated cash flows	-	5,595
Accretion expense	575	(1,090)
Balance as of December 31,	\$ 24,085	\$ 23,510

NOTE 5. SPECTRUM LEASE

The Company leases licensed PCS spectrum from Evertek, Inc. The Company paid \$50,000 to lease this spectrum from August 2006 through June 2015. During 2012, the Company entered into a new lease agreement with Evertek, Inc. for AWS spectrum. The Company paid \$65,416 to lease this spectrum from November 2012 through May 2016. The Company amortizes this to expense monthly as the lease expires. The total amount expensed for leasing this spectrum was \$24,415 in the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013.

Estimated lease expense for the next two years is:

Year Ending December 31,	Amount
2015	\$ 21,604
2016	6,902

NOTE 6. CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT RISK

The Company maintains its cash in bank deposit accounts which, at times, may exceed federally insured limits. The Company has not experienced any losses in such accounts. The Company believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risk on cash and cash equivalents.

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NOTE 7. REGULATORY MATTERS

The Company received 10% of its 2014 revenues from access revenues and assistance provided by the Federal Universal Service Fund (USF). As a result of the National Broadband Plan the manner in which access revenues and Universal Service Funds are determined has been modified by the Federal Communications Commission in an order effective December 29, 2011. Among other things, this order provides for the establishment of a Mobility Fund to replace current USF mechanisms with a cap on the total fund. Wireless carrier USF support payments are being phased out over a five-year period beginning July 1, 2012. During 2014, the Mobility Fund did not become operational. This resulted in the phase-down being suspended and support funds continuing at current levels until further notice.

The order calls for further guidelines to be adopted on implementation and other topics. Portions of this order applicable to the Company are being challenged. Accordingly, neither the outcome of these proceedings nor their potential impact on the Company can be predicted at this time.

NOTE 8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the course of normal operations, the Company had transacted business with its members. These transactions include equipment and management services purchased from Everttek, Inc. and Spencer Municipal Utilities as well as spectrum leased from Everttek, Inc. A summary of the related party activity is as follows:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Equipment and Management Services Purchased:		
Everttek, Inc.	\$ 136,143	\$ 159,886
Spencer Municipal Utilities	<u>177,682</u>	<u>172,959</u>
	<u>\$ 313,825</u>	<u>\$ 332,845</u>

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NOTE 8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

The Company had the following amounts included in accounts receivable for equipment and services purchased:

	2014	2013
Evertek, Inc.	\$ 73,772	\$ 22,976
Spencer Municipal Utilities	<u>170,417</u>	<u>141,143</u>
	<u>\$ 244,189</u>	<u>\$ 164,119</u>

The Company had the following amounts included in accounts payable for equipment and services purchased:

	2014	2013
Evertek, Inc.	\$ 9,227	\$ 6,210
Spencer Municipal Utilities	<u>9,958</u>	<u>10,782</u>
	<u>\$ 19,185</u>	<u>\$ 16,992</u>

NOTE 9. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Company has entered into a purchase commitment for certain phone inventory over a period of three years. The Company is required to purchase a minimum of 596 phones scheduled to be 180 in year 1, 198 in year 2 and 218 in year three. The Company has purchased 130 of the phones by December 31, 2014. The unit cost of the various models of phone ranges from \$550 to \$650 per phone.

NOTE 10. NONCASH INVESTING ACTIVITIES

Noncash investing activities included \$14,156 during the year ended December 31, 2013, relating to plant and equipment additions placed in service or under construction during 2013, which is reflected in accounts payable at year end.