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2024 ANNUAL REPORT





Jim Rennard

GENERAL MANAGER

In 2024, we continued our commitment to expand fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) to as many of you as possible. With your continued support, we applied for and received another ReConnect grant. This smaller grant will help bring Fiber to a section along the Coast and up Tenmile Road in Lane County.

We continue to seek and apply for additional grants to help bring high-speed fiber to even more of our members. Expanding our fiber network is a top priority, and grant funding plays a crucial role in helping us reach more underserved and rural areas.

One of the most frustrating aspects of our job is the painstakingly slow pace of progress on grant-funded projects. Everyone at Pioneer shares your frustration - we're eager to start building, but the bureaucratic processes are cumbersome. While this dampens the excitement of receiving the funding, we take solace in knowing that reliable, future-proof fiber optic high-speed Internet is on its way to these communities.

To date, we have received four grants from the Rural Utilities Service. Our first application was submitted in December 2020, but the official award didn't come through until February 2022. While there were further delays, we're excited to report that, by the time you read this, all 48 locations funded by this grant should now be connected to fiber. After years of anticipation, these members can finally enjoy the benefits of high-speed Internet.

Some more good news...construction is well underway on the first of our two \$25 million ReConnect grant projects. This project will bring fiber service to 1,528 members in the northern part of our Philomath exchange, as well as Blodgett, Summitt, Chitwood, Harlan, Alsea and Lobster Valley. We began converting customers on April 1 and will continue doing so on a rolling basis as construction progresses through the end of the year.

Our second \$25 million grant is still undergoing environmental review. We're hopeful this process will be completed by summer, allowing construction to begin in the fall. This project funds the construction of FTTH to 1,625 members in the Triangle Lake, Horton, and Tidewater areas and parts of the Waldport, Yachats and Bellfountain exchanges.

We know that it may seem like nothing is happening on these projects - believe me, we feel it too. Our teams feel the frustration firsthand every day, and we are eager to start construction as soon as we can. Dealing with the governmental bureaucracy is painfully slow, but the result will be worth it. For the communities included in these grant projects, we'll continue to share updates as progress is made, including notifications about local activity. Additionally, you can always check our website for the latest updates.

At Pioneer, we stay at the forefront of technology to continually enhance the services we offer our members. In 2024, we began offering Pioneer members cell phone service starting at just \$15 per month. We also launched cutting-edge wireless internet solutions in areas where extending fiber connectivity isn't yet feasible. This allows us to reach more communities with high-quality connectivity.

We continue to maintain a solid financial footing and are reinvesting to upgrade our network to fiber. This is key and allows us to deliver the Internet speeds you want at competitive prices – backed by real people who care about your service experience

This marks my final report as General Manager, as I am retiring on May 31. I want to thank you all for your support during my time here. Serving as your General Manager has been the most rewarding role of my career, and I'm incredibly proud of what our dedicated employees have accomplished over the past five years.

I'm also pleased to "introduce" James Byerley as Pioneer's new General Manager. With over 25 years of industry leadership, a deep commitment to team development, and an understanding of what it means to be a cooperative, James is exceptionally well-suited to lead Pioneer into the future. I'm excited to watch the next chapter unfold under James's leadership.

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Consolidated **Statement** of Operations

YEAR ENDED DEC. 31, 2024

3,928,821

Operating Revenues

Net Margin

Local Network Network Access Other Operating Revenue	\$ 2,083,197 11,194,854 6,193,400
Total Operating Revenues	19,471,451
Operating Expenses	
Plant Specific	3,873,347
Plant Non-Specific	2,327,173
Customer	1,711,268
Corporate	2,223,756
Depreciation	1,957,837
Other Taxes	365,081
Other Operating Expense	3,570,434
Total Operating Expenses	16,028,896
Operating Margin	3,442,555
Other Income	486,266

Consolidated Balance Sheet	YEAR ENDED DEC. 31, 2024
Assets Current Assets Cash and Cash Equivalents Receivables Materials and Supplies Prepaid Expenses	\$ 14,637,113 960,937 4,934,790 305,650
Total Current Assets	20,838,490
Other Assets and Investments	1,993,789
Property, Plant, and Equipment In Service Under Construction Less Accumulated Depreciation Net Property, Plant, and Equipment	
	\$ 50,275,833 ===================================
Liabilities and Members' Equit <i>Current Liabilities</i> Accounts Payable Accrued Expenses	\$ 3,289,087 1,574,210
Total Current Liabilities	4,863,297
Deferred Revenue	513,744
Members' Equity Memberships Patronage Capital Other Equity Total Members' Equity	8,830 36,207,821 8,682,141 44,898,792 \$ 50,275,833