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**From:** Topp, Jason [mailto:Jason.Topp@qwest.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 19, 2007 2:17 PM  
**To:** Best, Harlan; Sevold, Colleen  
**Cc:** Cremer, Karen; Barthel, Dianne  
**Subject:** RE: Certification of Federal Universal Service Support, TC07-059

Mr. Best:

Here are responses to your 2<sup>nd</sup> set of questions. I'll have this forwarded to the Commissioners as well. I am also working to get you a response on your negative number question.

1. The majority of Piedmont is served out of Black Hawk. A small portion is served out of Warwick.
2. Qwest's involvement in the DOT road projects entailed relocating Qwest facilities for the projects.
3. For the year 2006, approximately seventy percent of the OSP was for the Rapid city exchange, approximately thirty percent was for the Black Hawk exchange.  
For the year 2007, approximately seventy percent of the OSP is for the Black Hawk exchange, thirty percent for the Rapid City exchange.

Jason Topp

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**From:** Harlan.Best@state.sd.us [mailto:Harlan.Best@state.sd.us]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 12, 2007 2:10 PM  
**To:** Topp, Jason; Sevold, Colleen  
**Cc:** Karen.Cremer@state.sd.us  
**Subject:** RE: Certification of Federal Universal Service Support, TC07-059

Mr. Topp:

The following is to clarify your response. Please provide your response to the Commission as well as to staff. If any part of the response is confidential please file it separate from the non-confidential response.

1. Black Hawk, Piedmont, and Warwick are included as being part of the Rapid City exchange. These three respective areas are identified on the Rapid City Locality Special Rate Area Map by the designation Base Rate Area Boundary. Black Hawk, Warwick, and Rapid City are identified as wire centers on the USAC HC15 - High Cost Model Support Projected by Wire Center. Piedmont is not listed. Which wire center includes Piedmont?

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2. As I understand the SDDOT highway projects there are three projects in the Black Hawk/Piedmont area. One is to relocate I-90 exit 51 at Black Hawk, a second project is a new I-90 exit 52, and the third project is to upgrade the Piedmont Service Road between Piedmont and Black Hawk . Please explain what Qwest's involvement is with each of these three projects. If there are other SDDOT projects from the three that I have identified, please identify the other projects and state what Qwest's involvement is with each of the other projects.

3. If the OSP facility is both inside and outside of the Black Hawk Base Rate Area:

- a. How much of the cost of the OSP assigned to the Black Hawk wire center?
- b. Is the remainder assigned to the Rapid City wire center? If no, to which wire center is the OSP cost assigned?

Should you have any questions regarding the above requests please contact me.

Harlan Best

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**From:** Topp, Jason [mailto:Jason.Topp@qwest.com]

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**To:** Best, Harlan; Sevold, Colleen

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Blackhawk expenditures have to do with the impacts of the SD State Department of Transportation Highway jobs in the Blackhawk wire center. Equivalent expenditures will continue until the SD state highway project is complete.

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**From:** Harlan.Best@state.sd.us [mailto:Harlan.Best@state.sd.us]

**Sent:** Friday, June 08, 2007 1:16 PM

**To:** Sevold, Colleen; Topp, Jason

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**Subject:** Certification of Federal Universal Service Support, TC07-059

Mr. Topp and Ms. Sevold:

Could you please explain the Black Hawk OSP expenditures for 2006 and for 2007. Confidential Exhibit B references the Land Development Agreement Investments of approximately \$1,577,000 which includes Black Hawk and a number of other exchanges. The Black Hawk OSP for the two years totals \$1,225,443.

Please explain why the OSP expenditure for Tea (\$336,412) is so much lower than Black Hawk (\$1,225,443). After all Tea is one of the fastest growing areas in the nation.

Please contact me should you have any question on the above.

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