

TC10-040-DR1- Beresford Municipal Tele Co Certification of USF
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Responses to Questions from Tim Binder, SD PUC

1. "Generic Switch upgrades" and "Cable and Wire installations" have been included in several past and future estimates for expenditures, however these expenditures have not been made, and again in 2009, as in 2008, it appears the expenditures were not deemed necessary. Please explain the nature and inclusion of these potential expenditures in the 2011 and 2012 estimated capital expenditures.

Amounts included for 2011 and 2012 capital expenditures are budgetary dollars set aside for anticipated upgrade and maintenance of the Beresford Municipal Telephone Company plant. There have been many discussions over the past years about how to bring new business to Beresford as part of an ongoing commitment to economic development in the area. Those discussions will become reality when a new business, needing updated Beresford Municipal facilities, will locate in Beresford during 2010.

2. Please briefly explain the nature of the "Ciena equipment" installed in 2009 including any benefits accrued to services supported by Universal Service Funding.

The investment amount listed for the "Ciena equipment" was included in the narrative as a means to explain some of the capital expenditures Beresford incurred during 2009. However, Universal Service Fund dollars were not used for this particular expenditure.