

**Beresford Municipal Telephone Company**  
**Docket TC13-082 ETC Certification**  
**Response to Staff Data Request 1-1**

With an e-mail dated Friday, October 11, 2013, SDPUC Staff provided us with Data Request 1-1, asking Beresford Municipal Telephone to provide its “broadband plan.”

*In response, The Public Notice (DA 13-1707) released by the FCC on August 6, 2013 setting the filing deadline for the Form 481 specifies only service associated with “voice telephony service” in calendar year 2012 should be filed. USAC training confirmed that Lines 320, 330, 440, 450, 700, 710 and 1000 were not to be completed for FCC Form 481 reporting due October 15, 2013. Beresford Municipal Telephone Company has not yet developed a “broadband plan” for purposes of FCC compliance, because such plan is not yet required by the FCC, for the current/relevant reporting period.*

*However, generally, in regards to the provisioning of broadband services, Beresford Municipal Telephone offers broadband service to all customer locations within its exchange at speeds exceeding the FCC’s prescribed 4 mbps/ 1 mbps (download and upload) standards. The typical broadband service offered to residential and single-line business customers is 5 mbps download and 1 mbps upload and the typical service offered to multi-line business customers is 8 mbps download and 3 mbps upload. The services are provided over copper loops running directly out of the central office which serves the Beresford exchange. This manner of provisioning works well for the Beresford exchange because of the shorter loop lengths needed to reach customers. Copper continues to be deployed to serve new customers and to upgrade any older loops which need to be replaced.*

*Beresford Municipal Telephone, at the beginning of last year, upgraded its DSL platform and with these upgrades was able to offer the current speeds. These upgrades also give us the ability to offer even greater broadband speeds, and it can be expected that as further upgrades to our DSL equipment become available they will be considered and installed, as needed, to meet the data service demands of customers in our exchange area.*