

**BEFORE THE  
SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST OF</b>	)	<b>TC13-085</b>
<b>NORTHERN VALLEY</b>	)	
<b>COMMUNICATIONS, L.L.C. FOR</b>	)	<b>NORTHERN VALLEY</b>
<b>CERTIFICATION REGARDING ITS USE</b>	)	<b>COMMUNICATIONS, L.L.C.'S</b>
<b>OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE</b>	)	<b>RESPONSES TO 1ST DATA REQUEST</b>
<b>SUPPORT.</b>	)	

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Northern Valley Communications, L.L.C., for its responses to the 1st Data Request from Staff, states as follows:

**Data Request No. 1-1: Please confirm that all wire centers served by the Company are included in the list of Proposed Network Improvements in Exhibit B. If a wire center is not included, please explain.**

Response:

Yes, all wire centers are included.

**Data Request No. 1-2: Please confirm the Company sends written notice of the Lifeline program to new customers within 30 days of their receiving services. Please provide a copy of the written notice.**

Response:

Yes, the Company provides a Lifeline application immediately in the welcome packet of every new customer. A copy of the application is included.

**Data Request No. 1-3: Please describe the Company's current broadband offerings, including technologies used and speeds advertised, and any plans the Company has to expand those offerings.**

Response:

NVC currently offers broadband speeds of up to 50Mb download and 5Mb upload. Speeds were upgraded in the past year from 14Mb download and 1Mb upload. Broadband service is predominantly provided using VDSL technology over copper wires. However, many customers are served with fiber to the home. All new customer areas are connected using fiber to the home. The Company does not expect to increase speeds in the next year.

Dated this 26th day of July 2013.

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