

Docket Number: TC14-066
Subject Matter: Staff's Data Request 1
Request to: Valley Telephone Company
Request from: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff
Date of Request: 7/16/14
Responses Due: 7/30/14

- 1.1. Explain the discrepancies between Exhibit A and USAC's reported funds. Looking mainly at Interstate Access Support (IAS) and Local Switching Support (LSS). (See Attachment)

The amounts reported are prorated by subscribers between Minnesota and South Dakota.

- 1.2. It appears that the end of Exhibit A contains default script. Please provide the appropriate information in this section.

On Exhibit A, the additions for 2013 of \$48,801 for cable and wire (Acct 2410) contain are for both Minnesota and South Dakota. The South Dakota portion of this is \$6,121 which consists of \$3,641 for cable composite drop additions (\$3,000 was the estimated in 2012 filing). The remaining \$2,479 was to replace batteries in subscriber cabinets. The estimated 2014 capital expenditures of \$5,000 in subscriber carrier equipment and \$45,000 fiber (filed in the 2013 filing) are still in our plan. However it is dependent on contractor availability and weather permitting.

- 1.3. Was Lifeline and Link-Up advertised in any local newspapers? If so, please provide name(s) and date(s) of publication.

Inadvertently the Lifeline and Link-Up advertisements were missed in our local newspaper this past year. We have reviewed company procedures and made changes to better insure that this information is published going forward.

- 1.4. Please confirm that pursuant to ARSD 20:10:30:55, customers receive written notification of Lifeline availability within 30 days of receiving service.

Our welcome packets contain the notification of Lifeline availability which is handed or mailed to customers when receiving service.