

**BEFORE THE
SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY CLARITY TELECOM, LLC DBA VAST BROADBAND FOR APPROVAL OF REVISION TO ITS ACCESS SERVICE TARIFF NO. 3)	RESPONSE TO STAFF'S DATA REQUEST (FIRST SET)
)	TC15-066

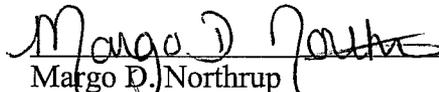
Clarity Telecom, LLC dba Vast Broadband ("Vast Broadband" or the "Company"), by and through its attorney, responds to Staff's Data Request (First Set) as follows:

1-1) Please explain why the tandem switching rates are removed from Tariff No. 3.

Vast Broadband is removing the tandem switching rate from CLEC Tariff No. 3 because the ILEC switch performs the tandem switching for the CLEC customers. The CLEC traffic is pointed at the ILEC tandem in the LERG so removing the rate from the CLEC tariff could also prevent CABS billing questions from the carriers on this issue. In the past the ILEC tandem switching rate was used in CLEC Tariff No. 3 because the switch is operated by the ILEC. The removal of the tandem switching rate from the CLEC tariff will not have an impact on the billing to the carriers since the ILEC will continue to bill at its own rate as it should.

Dated this 1 day of October, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,



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