

**BEFORE THE  
SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST OF )</b>	<b>TC16-018</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. (NVC), for its responses to the 1st Data Request from Staff, states as follows:

**Data Request No. 1-1: The Lifeline attachment on the form 481 appears to not provide the details on the number of minutes a Lifeline customer receives, the additional charges for toll calls, or the rates for the plan. Please provide.**

Response:

The Lifeline plan includes unlimited local minutes and toll calls for 9.9 cents per minute, if the customer chooses to use long distance. The rate of the plan is a \$9.25 monthly credit toward the cost of the customer's local dial tone rate.

**Data Request No. 1-2: The deployment data appears to have incomplete census block code information. Please provide.**

Response:

The census block codes were altered, when the file that was sent to you was saved. We are resending a new and correct copy of that file, as a confidential response.

**Data Request No. 1-3: Please confirm that pursuant to ARSD 20:10:32:55, customers received written notifications of Lifeline availability within 30 days of receiving service.**

Response:

Confirmed.

Dated this 10th day of August, 2016.

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