

**BEFORE THE
SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST)	
OF VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS)	RESPONSES TO STAFF'S DATA
COOPERATIVE STUDY AREA: VENTURE)	REQUESTS
COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE -391680)	(SECOND SET)
AND WESTERN TELEPHONE CO. -391688)	
FOR CERTIFICATION REGARDING ITS USE)	TC17-052
OF FEDERAL SERVICE SUPPORT)	

Venture Communications Cooperative (“Venture” or the “ Company”), by and through its attorney, responds to Staff’s Data Requests (Second Set) as follows:

2-1 In regard to response to 1-2, as Lifeline rules indicate that a customer needs to provide one program to qualify for Lifeline, Staff would request the company edit the form to correspond with federal Lifeline requirements.

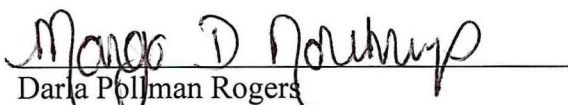
Response: The Company will edit the form to meet federal Lifeline requirements.

2-2 In Attachment 1-3 – Exhibit A – Lifeline Advertisement, the 135% of federal poverty guidelines appear to be incorrect. Especially, the income requirement for a household of 7 appears to be for a household of 8. Please confirm that the future advertisements will have a corrected federal poverty guideline chart.

Response: The Company will ensure future advertisements will have the correct federal poverty guideline amounts.

Dated this 6 day of September, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,



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