

Docket Number: TC21-007
Subject Matter: First Data Request
Request to: RC Technologies
Request from: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff
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Responses Due: March 22, 2021

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All of the above persons provided input on responses.

- 1-1. RC Technologies states in its application that it will install its own state of the art fiber-based facilities in the Exhibit A areas to provide any requested services. What speeds and pricing options do existing customers in the Milbank exchange currently have available to them? What speeds and pricing options will the customers in the Exhibit A areas have available to them upon completion of the RDOF buildout?

Response: Through the research we found, supported by presubscription forms returned to RC Technologies, many people in the Milbank exchange are getting less than 25 Mbps broadband internet and paying in the range of \$45 - \$75 for broadband internet.

Upon completion of the RDOF buildout, Fiber Internet speed options would be:

1 Gig /500 Mb

500 Mb/500 Mb

250 Mb/250 Mb

100 Mb/100 Mb

50 Mb/50Mb

See Confidential Attachment 1-1 for anticipated pricing for these speed options.

- 1-2. Is RC Technologies limited to running fiber to locations currently unserved within the RDOF-awarded census blocks? Or, can RC Technologies provide service to any location within each RDOF-awarded census block? Explain.

Response: RC Technologies has an obligation under the RDOF Program to offer voice and broadband with at least 1 Gbps/500 Mbps capability to all locations in the support-eligible census blocks in its winning bid areas. The FCC's Connect America Model estimates that there are 118 locations in the eligible census blocks within RC Technologies' winning bid areas to which service

must be offered. However, that location count will be updated by the FCC based on more accurate data by the end of the 6th year of the support term and that updated count will serve as RC Technologies' final deployment obligation. In addition, RC Technologies has an obligation to offer service on reasonable request to any locations that are built subsequent to that updated count through the 8th year of the support term.

- 1-3. Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:32:43(3), provide a detailed map identifying the service area for which ETC designation is sought. Such map should identify the census blocks awarded.

Response: See Attachment 1-3.

- 1-4. Provide a plan to provide the proposed service in South Dakota, including a timeline.

Response: See Confidential Attachment 1-4.

- 1-5. Provide all RDOF applications RC Technologies made to the FCC regarding the census blocks identified in Exhibit A.

Response: See Attachment 1-5(a), Attachment 1-5(b), Confidential Attachment 1-5(c), Attachment 1-5(d), Confidential Attachment 1-5(e), and Confidential Attachment 1-5(f).

- 1-6. Were the 46 census blocks awarded to RC Technologies through RDOF Phase 1 part of the area granted ETC designation to RC Communications dba RC Services in docket TC06-052? Thus, does RC Technologies already have ETC designation for these 46 census blocks?

Response: All of the 46 census blocks awarded to RC Technologies through the RDOF Phase 1 auction are located in the Milbank exchange, so the ETC designation granted to RC Services in docket TC06-052 would include the new census blocks. In its 2006 Petition as amended on June 2, 2006, RC Services stated that it currently "provides telecommunications service in the community of Corona, a part of Milbank, a Qwest Exchange". The purpose of applying for an amended ETC Designation in the current docket is two-fold.

1. To clarify that the name of the provider of services in the Milbank exchange is RC Technologies, not RC Services. In the RDOF Phase 1 action, the 46 census blocks were awarded to RC Technologies.
2. To clarify that RC Technologies will be providing services in these 46 census blocks, not just in the community of Corona.

- 1-7. How specifically is the amended ETC requested in this docket different from the ETC granted in docket TC06-052?

Response: See Response to 1-6. 1) The name of the ETC designated carrier is RC Technologies; and 2) service will be provided in the 46 census blocks, not just in the community of Corona. In addition, the amended ETC designation will reflect current carrier requirements, to the extent they may have been modified since 2006.

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