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June 11, 2025

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capital Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

RE: Annual Reporting Requirement for Section 54.304 Report 2025

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

This letter and the attachments are being filed to certify that Santel Communications Cooperative (“Company”) has met the reporting requirements of 47 C.F.R. §54.304 and other FCC rules (including, but not limited to 47 C.F.R §51.917) and related requirements in the Federal Communications Commission’s (“FCC”), November 18, 2011, USF-ICC Reform/Transformation Order (“USF-ICC”).

The Company certifies in this filing that it is eligible to receive and has elected to receive CAF/ICC Recovery; however, the Company is not seeking duplicative recovery. The Company has already, via NECA, certified its eligibility and election decision to the FCC and USAC, however it is submitting this letter and the attachments to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (SDPUC) in compliance with the FCC Requirements.

Attached are copies of the certifications regarding CAF that have been filed with the proper authorities and are being submitted to the SDPUC for our compliance file regarding the Company.

The Company also is providing confidential information that NECA filed on the Company’s behalf to the proper agencies. The Company requests confidential treatment of this documentation which has been labeled accordingly. The page contains proprietary and confidential information of the Company and should be treated as such. The Company considers the information contained in Confidential NECA CAF Filing to be highly proprietary and confidential. Accordingly, pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:39 (4) and SDCL 37-29-1 (4), the Company requests that Confidential NECA CAF Filing be treated as confidential for as long as the information is held by the Commission.

The Company will provide additional information, if requested, by the SDPUC. If there are any questions or additional information needed regarding this filing, please contact me at (605) 796-4411.

Sincerely,

Ryan Thompson
General Manager/CEO
Santel Communications Cooperative

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Access Recovery Charges



Test Period 2025-2026 Pre-True-up View

Test Period 2025-2026 Post-True-Up (Filing) View

Test Period 2025-2026 Post-True-Up (Filing) View

Exchange/Zone Name	Residential Lines excluding Lifelines	Residential ARC	Residential ARC Revenue	SLB Lines	SLB ARC	SLB ARC Revenue	MLB Lines	MLB ARC	MLB ARC Revenue	Total ARC Revenue



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Intrastate Revenues (FCC TRP exhibit)

Intrastate Revenues

Test Year 2025-2026 Expected Maximum Intrastate Revenue: **\$0.00**

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Rate Element Description	Unit of Demand	7/1/2025 Intrastate Rate	Test Year 2024- 2025 Current Intrastate Rate	7/1/2025 Proposed Intrastate Rate	FY 2011 Intrastate Units: Terminating for Non-Dedicated or Originating and Terminating for Dedicated Elements	Intrastate Price-out with 7/1/2025 proposed intrastate rate and FY2011 Demand	FY 2024 Intrastate Units: Terminating for Non-Dedicated and total for Dedicated Elements	Test Year 2025- 2026 Forecasted Intrastate Units	Intrastate Units Growth Rate %	TY 2025-26 Forecasted Intrastate Revenue
Terminating End Office Access Service Terminating End Office, Premium, per access minute	MOU									
Terminating End Office Access Service Terminating End Office, Non-Premium, per access minute	MOU									
Entrance Facility, Per Termination Voice Grade Two Wire	Termination									
Entrance Facility, Per Termination Voice Grade Four Wire	Termination									
Entrance Facility, Per Termination High Capacity DS1	Termination									
Entrance Facility, Per Termination High Capacity DS3	Termination									
Entrance Facility, Per Termination Synchronous Optical Channel OC3	Termination									
Entrance Facility, Per Termination Synchronous Optical Channel OC12	Termination									
Entrance Facility, Per Termination ESALT 2 Mbps	Circuit									
Entrance Facility, Per Termination ESALT 10 Mbps	Circuit									
Entrance Facility, Per Termination ESALT 50 Mbps	Circuit									
Direct Trunked Transport Facility/ Mile Voice Grade - Two Wire & Four Wire	Mile									
Direct Trunked Transport Facility/ Mile High Capacity DS1	Mile									
Direct Trunked Transport Facility/ Mile High Capacity DS3	Mile									
Direct Trunked Transport Facility/ Mile Synchronous Optical Channel OC3	Mile									
Direct Trunked Transport Facility/ Mile Synchronous Optical Channel OC12	Mile									
Direct Trunked Transport Facility/ Mile ESALT 2 Mbps DTF-E1	Circuit Miles									
Direct Trunked Transport Facility/ Mile ESALT 2 Mbps DTF-E2	Circuit Miles									
Direct Trunked Transport Facility/ Mile ESALT 2 Mbps DTF-E3	Circuit Miles									
Direct Trunked Transport Facility/ Mile ESALT 2 Mbps DTF-E4	Circuit Miles									
Direct Trunked Transport Facility/ Mile ESALT 10 Mbps DTF-E1	Circuit Miles									
Direct Trunked Transport Facility/ Mile ESALT 10 Mbps DTF-E2	Circuit Miles									
Direct Trunked Transport Facility/ Mile ESALT 10 Mbps DTF-E3	Circuit Miles									
Direct Trunked Transport Facility/ Mile ESALT 10 Mbps DTF-E4	Circuit Miles									
Direct Trunked Transport Facility/ Mile ESALT 50 Mbps DTF-E1	Circuit Miles									
Direct Trunked Transport Facility/ Mile ESALT 50 Mbps DTF-E2	Circuit Miles									
Direct Trunked Transport Facility/ Mile ESALT 50 Mbps DTF-E3	Circuit Miles									
Direct Trunked Transport Facility/ Mile ESALT 50 Mbps DTF-E4	Circuit Miles									
Direct Trunked Transport Facility/Termination Voice Grade - Two Wire & Four Wire	Termination									
Direct Trunked Transport Facility/Termination High Capacity DS1	Termination									
Direct Trunked Transport Facility/Termination High Capacity DS3	Termination									
Direct Trunked Transport Facility/Termination Synchronous Optical Channel OC3	Termination									
Direct Trunked Transport Facility/Termination Synchronous Optical Channel OC12	Termination									
Direct Trunked Transport Facility/Termination ESALT 2 Mbps	Circuit terms									
Direct Trunked Transport Facility/Termination ESALT 10 Mbps	Circuit terms									
Direct Trunked Transport Facility/Termination ESALT 50 Mbps	Circuit terms									
Multiplexing, Per Arrangement DS3 to DS1	Termination									
Multiplexing, Per Arrangement DS1 to Voice	Termination									
Customer Node Per Node OC3 155.52 Mbps	Port									
Customer Node Per Node OC12 622.08 Mbps	Port									
Customer Premises Port, Per Port OC3 155.52 Mbps	Port									
Customer Premises Port, Per Port STS-1 51.84 Mbps	Port									
Customer Premises Port, Per Port DS3 44.736 Mbps	Port									
Customer Premises Port, Per Port DS1 1.544 Mbps	Port									
Add/Drop Multiplexing Central Office Port, Per Port DS1 1.544 Mbps	Port									
Add/Drop Multiplexing Central Office Port, Per Port OC3 155.52 Mbps	Port									
Add/Drop Multiplexing Central Office Port, Per Port DS3 44.736 Mbps	Port									
Network Blocking, Per Blocked Call Network Blocking, Per Blocked Call, Applies to FGD only	Call									
ESALT Real Time CoS/QoS, Per ESALT DTF-E1 Facility ESALT 2 Mbps	Facility									
ESALT Real Time CoS/QoS, Per ESALT DTF-E1 Facility ESALT 10 Mbps	Facility									
ESALT Real Time CoS/QoS, Per ESALT DTF-E1 Facility ESALT 50 Mbps	Facility									
ESALT Entrance Facility Protection, Per ESALT Entrance Facility ESALT 2 Mbps	Circuit									
ESALT Entrance Facility Protection, Per ESALT Entrance Facility ESALT 10 Mbps	Circuit									
ESALT Entrance Facility Protection, Per ESALT Entrance Facility ESALT 50 Mbps	Circuit									
Common Channel Signaling Network Connection Signaling Mileage Facility, Per Mile	Mile									
Common Channel Signaling Network Connection Signaling Mileage Termination, Per Termination	Termination									
Common Channel Signaling Network Connection Signaling Entrance Facility, Per Facility	Facility									
Common Channel Signaling Network Connection STP Port, Per Port	Port									
Terminating Tandem Switched Transport Terminating Tandem Switched Transport Facility	Minutes / Mile									
Terminating Tandem Switched Transport Terminating Tandem Switched Termination	Minutes									

Terminating Tandem Switched Transport Terminating Tandem Switching	Minutes
Nonrecurring Charges Voice Grade Two Wire	Facility
Nonrecurring Charges Voice Grade Four Wire	Facility
Nonrecurring Charges High Capacity DS1	Facility
Nonrecurring Charges High Capacity DS3	Facility
Nonrecurring Charges Synchronous Optical Channel OC3	Facility
Nonrecurring Charges Synchronous Optical Channel OC12	Facility
Nonrecurring Charges Interim NXX Translation, Per Order	Order
Nonrecurring Charges FGC and FGD Conversion of Multifrequency Address Signaling to SS7 Signaling or SS7 Signaling to Multifrequency Address Signaling, per 24 trunks converted or fraction thereof on a per order basis	Order
Nonrecurring Charges Trunk Activation, per 24 trunks activated or fraction thereof on a per order basis	Order
Nonrecurring Charges Flexible Automatic Number Identification (Flex ANI), per End Office, per CIC	End Office
Nonrecurring Charges ESALT 2 Mbps	Facility
Nonrecurring Charges ESALT 10 Mbps	Facility
Nonrecurring Charges ESALT 50 Mbps	Facility
Nonrecurring Charges ESALT Direct Trunked Termination, per ESALT Direct Trunked Termination Installed	Order
Nonrecurring Charges ESALT Entrance Facility Protection, per ESALT Entrance Facility	Facility



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Exchange Level Residential Lines & Rates

Residential Lines & Rates Summary

Study Area Test Period Lines

Residential Lines and Local Rates Data - Output

Average Number of Lines for Test Period 2025/2026 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026)

Local Rates as of January 1, 2025

*Notes: The Proposed Residential ARC rates are scaled down if the total Eligible Recovery is less than the ARC revenues at the maximum allowable ARC rates.

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Exchange/Zone Name	Residential Access Lines	Life Lines	Residential Lines excluding Life Lines	Total Residential Charges on January 1, 2025	January 1, 2025 Amount(above) / below \$30.00 Rate Ceiling	Year of maximum total local rates	Maximum total local rates	Maximum total local rates above/below rate ceiling	Current Residential ARC Rates	Proposed Residential ARC Rate *
Alpena										
Artesian										
Ethan										
Forestburg										
Letcher										
Mount Vernon										
Parkston										
Tripp										
Wolsey										
Woonsocket										



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2025 USAC Data Report (Test Period 2025-2026) ▼

Settlement Type: Cost

CONNECT AMERICA FUND
[Data to be provided to USAC/FCC in June 2025 for CAF ICC Purposes]

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Test Period 7/1/25-6/30/26 Post True-up (Filing) View

Rate-of-Return (ROR) Carrier Revenue Requirement	
1	2011 Interstate Switched Access Revenue Requirement
2	FY 2011 Intrastate Terminating Switched Access Revenues
3	FY 2011 Net Reciprocal Compensation Revenues
4	2011 ROR Carrier Base Period Revenue (Line 1 + Line 2 + Line 3)
5	ROR Carrier Baseline Adjustment Factor (0.95^{14})
6	ROR Carrier Revenue Requirement (Line 4 x Line 5)
7	Pool Administration Expenses
8	Total ROR Carrier Revenue Requirement (Line 6 + Line 7)
Revenues from Reformed Inter-carrier Compensation (ICC) Rates	
9	Interstate Switched Access Revenues
10	Interstate Allocated Switched Access Revenues#
11	Transitional Intrastate Access Service Revenues
12	Net Transitional Reciprocal Compensation Revenues
13	Total ICC Revenue (Line 10 + Line 11 + Line 12)
Eligible Recovery	
14	TRS Increment
15	Regulatory Fees Increment
16	NANPA Increment
17	Interstate Local Switching Support for Price Cap Affiliates or Estimated Duplicate LSS Costs in CAF II
18	Adjustment for Double Recovery or Corrections
19	Test Period 23/24 Trueup - Net Impact on Total Eligible Recovery
20	Eligible Recovery (Line 8 - Line 13) + (Line 14 + Line 15 + Line 16 + Line 18 + Line 19) - (Line 17)
Revenues from Access Recovery Charges (ARC)	
21	Residential ARC Revenues
22	Single Line Business ARC Revenues
23	Multi-Line Business ARC Revenues
24	Total ARC Revenues (Line 21 + Line 22 + Line 23)
Connect America Fund (CAF) ICC Support**	
25	Connect America Fund (CAF) ICC Support (Line 20 - Line 24)
Revised CAF ICC Support with Imputed ARC Revenues for Broadband-Only Loops	
26	Imputed ARC revenue for broadband-only loops
27	Adjusted Test Period 2025-2026 CAFICC Support (Line 25 - Line 26)