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June 16, 2026

Ms. Leah Mohr
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capital Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

RE: Annual Reporting Requirement for Section 54.304 Report 2026

Dear Ms. Mohr:

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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Holding Company: SANBORN TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE (ID: 200001676)

Access Recovery Charges



Test Period 2026-2027 Pre-True-up View **Test Period 2026-2027 Post-True-Up (Filing) View**

Test Period 2026-2027 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 |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------|---------|-----------------|-----------|---------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Alpena | | | | | | | | | | |
| Artesian | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ethan | | | | | | | | | | |
| Forestburg | | | | | | | | | | |
| Leicher | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mount Vernon | | | | | | | | | | |
| Parkston | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tripp | | | | | | | | | | |
| Walsey | | | | | | | | | | |
| Woonsocket | | | | | | | | | | |
| Study Area Summary | | | | | | | | | | |

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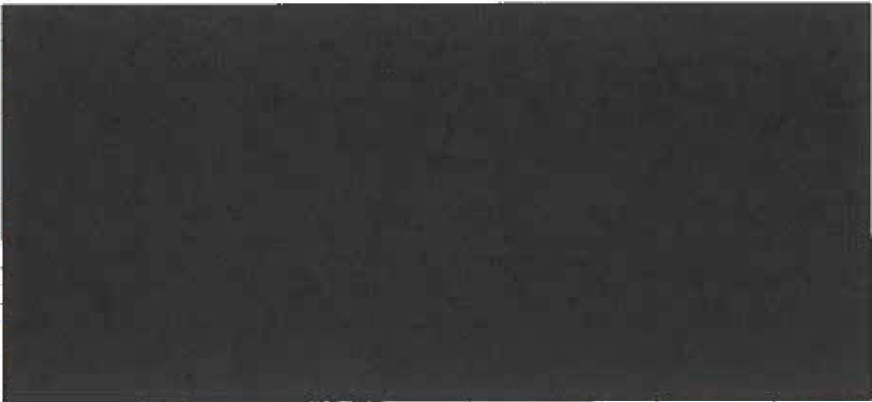
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Intrastate Revenues (FCC TRP exhibit)
Intrastate Revenues

Test Year 2026-2027 Expected Maximum Intrastate Revenue: \$0.00

[View TRP report in Excel](#)

| Col D Rate Element Description | Col E Unit of Demand | Col F 7/1/2026 Intrastate Rate | Col G Test Year 2025- 2026 Current Intrastate Rate | Col H 7/1/2026 Proposed Intrastate Rate | Col I FY 2011 Intrastate Units: Terminating for Non-Dedicated or Originating and Terminating for Dedicated Elements | Col J N/A Intrastate Price-out with 7/1/2026 proposed intrastate rate and FY2011 Demand | Col K FY 2025 Intrastate Units: Terminating for Non-Dedicated and total for Dedicated Elements | Col L Test Year 2026- 2027 Forecasted Intrastate Units | Col M [(L/K)*(12/21)-1]*100 Intrastate Units Growth Rate % | Col N M * L TY 2026-27 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 | | | | | | | | | |

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| 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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Input Test-Period Broadband-only Lines (BroadbandLines.aspx)

Study Area - Exchange Level Residential Lines and Local Rates for ARC Calculation

Upload Residential Lines & Rates (JavaScript:popWin=window.open('Upload.aspx', '_blank', 'width=650,height=400,location=no,toolbar=no,menubar=no,status=yes,scrollbars=yes,resizable=no');popWin.focus()); Download Current Residential Lines and Local Rates Data

- Exchange Level Residential Lines & Rates
- Residential Lines & Rates Summary
- Study Area Test Period Lines

Residential Lines and Local Rates Data
 Average Number of Lines for Test Period (2026-2027)

Note: Company needs to update the local rates as of January 1, 2026. We use the maximum total local charges between January 1, 2012 and January 1, 2026 to compare to rate ceiling of \$30.

| Exchange/Zone Name | Residential Access Lines | Life Lines | Current Residential Flat Rate | Additional Basic Local Rate Charges | Mandatory Expanded Calling | Fed Subscriber Line Charge | State Subscriber Line Charge | State USF Surcharge | County E-911 Surcharge | State E-911 (e.g. fire & police) | TRS & other hearing impaired Surcharges | Total Local Rates as of January 1, 2026 | Year of maximum total local rates | Maximum total local rates | Delete Exchange? |
|--------------------|--------------------------|------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|---|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| Alpena | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Arlesian | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ethan | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Forestburg | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Letcher | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mount Vernon | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Parkston | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tripp | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Woisey | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Woonsocket | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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Study Area USAC Reports

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 (Data to be provided to USAC/FCC in June 2026 for CAF ICC Purposes)

Test Period 7/1/26-6/30/27 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 ^ 15) |
| 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 24/25 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 2026-2027 CAFICC Support (Line 25 - Line 26) |