

**BEFORE THE
SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST OF)	TC13-083
JAMES VALLEY COOPERATIVE)	
TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR)	JAMES VALLEY COOPERATIVE
CERTIFICATION REGARDING ITS USE)	TELEPHONE COMPANY'S
OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE)	RESPONSES TO 1ST DATA REQUEST
SUPPORT.)	

James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company (JVT), for its responses to the 1st Data Request from Staff, states as follows:

Data Request No. 1-1: Please break out Switching (Acct 2210) and Cable and Wire (Acct 2410) expenditures provided in Exhibit A by wire center to the extent possible. Please break the expenditures out further by providing an explanation of which expenditures went toward broadband services.

Response:

FILED AS A CONFIDENTIAL RESPONSE.

Data Request No. 1-2: Please confirm that all wire centers served by the Company are included in the list of Proposed Network Improvements in Exhibit B. If a wire center is not included, please explain.

Response:

Yes, all wire centers are included.

Data Request No. 1-3: Please confirm the Company sends written notice of the Lifeline program to new customers within 30 days of their receiving services. Please provide a copy of the written notice.

Response:

Yes, the Company provides a Lifeline application immediately in the welcome packet of every new customer. A copy of the application is included.

Data Request No. 1-4: Please describe in detail the Company's attempts to advertise the availability of Lifeline services in media of general distribution throughout its service area. Please include a description of the types of media and frequency of advertising.

Response:

James Valley advertises in the following newspapers once per year: Groton Independent, Redfield Press, Conde News/Doland Times Report, and Aberdeen American News.

Additionally, the Company advertises Lifeline availability on its own community channel for two weeks.

Data Request No. 1-5: Please describe the Company's current broadband offerings. Does the Company believe these services will meet the broadband obligations imposed by the FCC? Please explain.

Response:

JVT currently offers speeds of as much as 25Mb download and 3Mb upload using VDSL technology. Speeds are not as high outside of towns and farther from fiber nodes, but do generally meet the current FCC broadband obligations.

Data Request No. 1-6: Please describe the Company's plans for future deployment of broadband services.

Response:

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Data Request No. 1-7: Please describe how the Company responds to customer requests for increased broadband services. Please also describe the criteria the Company will use to determine whether a request for broadband is reasonable and how the Company will decide which areas are feasible to extend broadband to.

Response:

As the provider of last resort, JVT considers all requests for the Company's regular broadband offerings to be reasonable. In some extreme cases, the Company asks for aid to construction. The request is very rare, but in those instances where it is necessary, the Company uses its line extension policy to calculate the proposed aid-to-construction amount.

Balance of response *FILED AS A CONFIDENTIAL RESPONSE.*

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