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1-1) Please provide a breakdown of expenditures in the Switching and the Cable and Wire accounts from 2012 at the wire center level and also break out how money was spent on broadband in the last 12 months on a wire center level.

The expenditures primarily consisted of lease costs, back-haul, T-1 expenses and maintenance/repair costs. We have 35 towers that Long Lines Wireless maintains in South Dakota. These towers are primarily located in Sioux Falls, Vermillion, Yankton, Jefferson, Dakota Dunes and Elk Point. These expenditures for provision and maintenance are partially supported by the funding we receive from USAC.

1-2) Please describe the company's current broadband services, and how it plans to improve its broadband services going forward. Does the company believe these services will meet the requirements of the FCC? Please explain.

Long Lines Wireless currently offers up to 2G broadband for our customers. Currently, this meets the requirements of the FCC since Long Lines Wireless is a competitive ETC whose support is being phased down.

1-3) Please describe how the company responds to any customer requests to offer broadband services.

We currently offer Edge Data services and unlimited data packages for customers with GSM wireless handsets. Due to the limited upload and download capabilities of this technology, we do not offer any mobile broadband devices (mobile hotspots). We recommend our data service to customers that are looking for access to email and essential web information on the go. If customers are interested in more robust web offerings (video streaming, gaming, etc.) we would recommend one to the Tier 1 providers with 4G LTE service.