

Docket Number: TC16-001
Subject Matter: Fifth Data Request
Request to: IM Telecom, LLC d/b/a Infiniti Mobile
Request from: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff
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Responses Due: January 9, 2017

- 5.3 FCC data indicates voice support for Lifeline for voice will be reduced beginning on December 1, 2019. As it appears that a majority of the company's income is from the Lifeline subsidy, how does IM Telecom plan to budget for this?

Response to 5-3: Pursuant to the FCC's *Lifeline Modernization Order*, support for standalone voice service will be phased out beginning December 1, 2019, through an initial reduction in the available Lifeline subsidy from \$9.25 to \$7.25 per month. Given Infiniti Mobile derives much income from said subsidy, Infiniti Mobile intends—on or before December 1, 2019—to offer mobile, broadband internet access service (“BIAS”) in compliance with then-current minimum service standards with all Lifeline service offerings. Therefore, said reduction in support for standalone voice service will not affect Infiniti Mobile's capacity to offer quality telecommunications services and customer care as of December 1, 2019. Given that Infiniti Mobile does not have facilities of its own, Infiniti Mobile would seek to work with its underlying carrier(s) to implement the steps identified above, and/or pursue an agreement to resell services from an additional underlying carrier.