

**BEFORE THE
SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST OF)	TC16-017
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: Why is the 8 Mbps down/1 Mbps up speed not listed on line 710 of the Broadband Price Offerings Data Collection Form?

Response:

The Form 481 instructions for Section 710 say that "Incumbent ETCs must report the broadband service price offerings for the provision of retail broadband Internet access to end-user customers." JVT has two price offerings, and does not charge a different price for 8 Mbps down/1 Mbps up. Customers with speeds of 8 Mbps down/1 Mbps up are included in the \$43.95 price offering line.

Data Request No. 1-2: Last year's broadband subscription data included the speed of 14 Mbps down/1Mbps up. Why is that speed not subscribed to this year?

Response:

The 477 version from last year, to which you are comparing, is no longer current. In March and April of this year, JVT revised and refiled its last four 477 filings, including December 2015, June 2015, December 2014, and June 2014. The revisions were made to more accurately reflect *actual*, rather than *advertised*, speeds. In all cases, the 14 Mbps down/1 Mbps up subscription level was removed.

Data Request No. 1-3: The Lifeline attachment on the form 481 appears to not provide the details on the number of minutes a Lifeline customer receives, the additional charges for toll calls, or the rates for the plan. Please provide.

Response:

The Lifeline plan includes unlimited local minutes and toll calls for 9.9 cents per minute, if the customer chooses to use long distance. The rate of the plan is a \$9.25 monthly credit toward the cost of the customer's local dial tone rate.

Data Request No. 1-4: What are the population estimates for Appendix A?

Response:

Doland	189
Stratford	73
Frederick	200
Bristol	329
Mellette	220
Hecla	224
Groton	1,487

Data Request No. 1-5: The deployment data appears to have incomplete census block code information. Please provide.

Response:

The census block codes were altered, when the file that was sent to you was saved. We are resending a new and correct copy of the file, as a confidential response.

Data Request No. 1-6: If RUS loans are not approved, what is the status of the improvement plans?

Response:

At this time, JVT has no reason to believe that its RUS loan application will not be approved. JVT does not have an alternate plan prepared at this time. If the RUS loan is not approved, then JVT will most likely have to scale back its improvement plans.

Data Request No. 1-7: Please confirm that pursuant to ARSD 20:10:32:55, customers received written notifications of Lifeline availability within 30 days of receiving service.

Response:

Confirmed.

Dated this 10th day of August, 2016.

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