

**Docket Number:** TC16-034  
**Subject Matter:** First Data Request  
**Request to:** Santel Communications Cooperative  
**Request from:** South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff  
**Date of Request:** 7/20/16  
**Responses Due:** 8/3/16

**NON-CONFIDENTIAL RESPONSE TO DATA REQUEST**

- 1-1. Refer to page 6 of the Form 481 attachments. Explain why some projects were pushed out 5-8 years from the previous update. Are the customers who will be affected by these lengthy project extensions currently receiving the 10 Mbps down 1 Mbps up standard?  
**See confidential response attachment**
- 1-2. Were any broadband or voice service requests unfulfilled in 2015? If so, how many of each type of service were unfulfilled?  
**No**
- 1-3. Confirm that new customers receive notice of the Lifeline/Link-Up program within 30 days of receiving service.  
**Yes**
- 1-4. Submit a revised "Attachment 1 – Form 477 Confidential" so that the numbers in the first 5 pages of the attachment are more easily able to be read.  
**Resubmitted this attachment under confidential response.**
- 1-5. Refer to the Form 477 Fiber Subscription Report. Explain how there are customers subscribed to a 50 Mbps download and 25 Mbps upload plan when in the deployment report, for technology code 50, the max advertised download/upload is 25/10 Mbps.  
**Error on our part. Max advertised speed should be consistent with what subscribers are currently receiving.**
- 1-6. Refer to the Form 477 Subscription Report for integer 70, terrestrial fixed wireless. Explain how there are customers subscribed to 2 Mbps upload plan when in the deployment report, for technology code 70, the max advertised upload is 1 Mbps.  
**Error on our part. Max advertised speed should be consistent with what subscribers are currently receiving.**
- 1-7. Explain what effect, if any, the sale of Mitchell Telecom will have on Santel's business as it relates to universal service funding.  
**The subsidiary, Sancom, Inc. dba Mitchell Telecom ("MT") operations have always been financially separate from the Santel network. While MT is a CLEC, it is not a CETC and does not participate in the Universal Service programs. Santel maintains a separate study area for participating in the NECA pool as well as USAC supported Universal Service programs and usage of Connect America Fund. The sale of Mitchell Telecom will**

not have an effect on Santel's business as it relates to universal service programs and funding.