

Docket Number: TC18-032  
Subject Matter: Staff's Data Request 1  
Request to: Northern Valley Communications, LLC (Northern Valley or Company)  
Request from: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff  
Date of Request: 7/19/18  
Responses Due: 8/02/18

**1.1. Confirm new customers received information about the availability of the Lifeline program within 30 days of receiving service.**

Confirmed.

**1.2. Were any network improvement targets for 2017 not met?**

No.

**1.3. Refer to Exhibit A.**

**a. Identify the capital additions in 2017 separately between copper and fiber.**

We track our capital additions through work orders. The work orders are not broken down by fiber and copper so we do not have the information to completely respond to this request. However, some of our work orders are strictly fiber projects or copper projects, and we can report that those work orders total [REDACTED] for fiber and [REDACTED] for copper.

**b. Identify separately the capital additions for the specific census blocks for which Rural Broadband Experiment support is received (SA 396340).**

We aren't able to provide this information. We don't track capital additions based on census blocks. The RBE census blocks are interspersed throughout our service area and are generally but not always served by wireless towers. Wireless capital additions are included in the Switching category on Exhibit A and would support RBE and non-RBE census blocks.

**1.4. Refer to Exhibit B. Separately identify the planned capital additions and/or improvements for the specific census blocks for which Rural Broadband Experiment support is received (SA 396340).**

We aren't able to provide this information. We don't track capital additions based on census blocks. The RBE census blocks are interspersed throughout our service area and are generally but not always served by wireless towers. Wireless capital additions are included in Electronics on Exhibit B and will support RBE and non-RBE census blocks.