

**Docket Number:** TC19-038  
**Subject Matter:** First Data Request  
**Request to:** Santel Communications Cooperative, Inc. (Company)  
**Request from:** South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff (Staff)  
**Date of Request:** July 16, 2019  
**Responses Due:** July 30, 2019

- 1-1. Refer to paragraph 6 of the document labeled “Annual ETC Certification Filing”: Confirm that the Company is requesting that the Commission issue an appropriate certification to the FCC and USAC indicating that the Company is in compliance with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e) and should receive all federal high cost universal service support determined for distribution to the Company in 2020.

*Correct. It appears that indeed was intended and should have read **2020** instead of 2019.*

- 1-2. In regard to Exhibit A – Progress Report, provide maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets.

*Copy of internal progress map included. Attached file marked and submitted as Confidential.*

- 1-3. Refer to Exhibit C: Related to the outage, provide the steps taken to prevent a similar situation in the future.

*After assessing outage cause, we changed the route of the transport path so we didn't have a single physical fiber failure resulting in an outage. This was one of a small handful of segments that had the In and Out fiber strands in the same sheath. We corrected on this an all instances on our network.*