

Docket Number: TC21-017
Subject Matter: Staff's Data Request 1
Request to: Fiber Ring Revenue-Pooling Association
Request from: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff
Date of Request: 6/1/21
Responses Due: 6/15/21

1.1. Provide a narrative/description/purpose of why the revised rates contained on Attachment 1 are being proposed.

Response: The proposed rates will reduce the cost of operations for the Ring User LECs (RULs). The current Ethernet Circuit Pricing of the PNS rates have been in place since 2011, and the Internet rates have been in place since 2017. If approved by the PUC, the reduction in rates to RULs will allow the RULs to invest in updated equipment and/or keep charges associated with services for RUL subscribers competitive.

1.2. Provide workpapers and any other supporting documentation that supports the calculation of the revised rates being proposed.

Response: At a high level, the FRRPA Administrator prepared an estimate of the expenses anticipated by FRRPA, subtracted the estimated contribution from SDN for all unsold capacity, and allocated the remaining estimate across the traffic classes to determine the revised rates.

Please see attached CONFIDENTIAL workpaper.

1.3. What affect will the proposed rates have on the revenue from each of the services?

Response: The proposed changes represent a reduction in revenues for the traffic classes with revised rates.