

Docket Number: TC21-053
Subject Matter: Staff's Data Request 1
Request to: Northern Valley Communications (Northern Valley or Company)
Request from: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff
Date of Request: 6/30/2021
Responses Due: 7/14/2021

1.1. Refer to the General Overview of Lifeline/Link Up Advertising/Outreach. Northern Valley states that new customers receive this information in their install packet and/or cell phone bag. Confirm new customers received information about the availability of the Lifeline program within 30 days of receiving service.

Confirmed.

1.2. Confirm the difference between the High Cost Loop Support amount on Exhibit A and the Frozen High Cost Support amount as reported on the USAC website is due to reporting the amount on a cash received basis instead of the accrual basis used by USAC.

Confirmed.

1.3. Regarding the broadband grant funding Northern Valley received from the Governor's Office of Economic Development in 2020 and 2021:

a. Did receiving this funding change Northern Valley's previously submitted capital additions/improvement plans in scope, timing, or location? Explain.

[REDACTED]

b. Provide details regarding how the Company plans to use (or has already used) the grant funding and how this is related to or different than projects the Company will utilize (or has utilized) federal universal service support for during the same time period.

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- c. When does the Company plan to complete construction on the projects funded by the broadband grant?**

