

Docket Number: TC21-060  
Subject Matter: First Data Request  
Request to: Venture Communications Cooperative (Venture or Company)  
Request from: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff  
Date of Request: July 2, 2021  
Responses Due: July 16, 2021

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1-1. Refer to Exhibit A – Progress Report.

a. [REDACTED]

Response: [REDACTED]

b. [REDACTED]

Response: [REDACTED]

1-2. Refer to Exhibit B – Two Year Plan. [REDACTED]

Response: [REDACTED]

1-3. Refer to Exhibit C. [REDACTED]

Response: [REDACTED]

1-4. Refer to Exhibit D – Affidavit. Provide an updated copy that clearly shows the notary stamp.

Response: See Attachment 1.

1-5. Refer to the Lifeline/Tribal Link Up Advertising/Outreach Annual Report. Provide the current letter to existing and new customers that has the current (2021) Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Response: See Attachment 2.

1-6. Explain in detail how Venture used/plans to use the grant funding it received from the Governor's Office of Economic Development. Differentiate this from how Venture used/plans to use the grant funding Venture Vision received from the Governor's Office of Economic Development.

**Response:** All of the GOED projects have been (or will be) awarded to Venture Vision. Please refer to the response to 1-7 as to Venture Vision's use of funds.

- 1-7. Did receiving the state grants for broadband change Venture's previously submitted plans for capital additions and/or improvements? Are the areas Venture used/plans to use the grant funding different from the areas Venture uses the Federal Universal Service support? Explain.

**Response:** The grant funding was/is used for capital investment and facilities in Venture Vision areas so this does not change the plans that were submitted for Venture Communications in this and prior filings. All Venture Communications areas were fully constructed with FTTH technology before any of the state grant funds were received for the Venture Vision areas. All normal ILEC area maintenance activity, such as repairs and new service requests, is addressed on a regular basis and as quickly as possible with separate and dedicated resources. Our expansion efforts in Venture Vision areas have not impacted this process.