

Docket Number: TC22-042
Subject Matter: First Data Request
Request to: Midcontinent Communications
Request from: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff
Date of Request: 6/30/22
Responses Due: 7/15/22

1-1. Explain what areas Midco received RDOF funding for South Dakota as listed on the USAC disbursement website and provide a map of the areas.

Midco received funding for projects in and around the communities of Sioux Falls, Harrisburg/Tea, Watertown and Rapid City. Maps are attached.

1-2. Confirm Midco is authorized as an ETC in all the RDOF areas.

Midco received ETC approval, in Docket No. TC04-003, for the Sioux Falls, Harrisburg Rapid City and Watertown rate centers.

1-3. Refer to Exhibit A. Midco states \$732,509 in CAF II funding and \$216,599 in RDOF funding was received. The USAC disbursement website says Midco received \$488,061 in CAF II, \$9,484 in frozen support, and \$2,469.94 in RDOF support. Explain why Exhibit A and the USAC website don't match for any funding category.

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1-4. Did Midco have any projects expected to be completed in 2021 that were delayed to 2022? If yes, provide what caused the delay and if the project will be completed in 2022.

The Huron area tower construction was moved from 2020 to late 2021 due to licensing and supply chain delays. The project ultimately completed the first part of 2022.

1-5. Refer to Exhibit B. Provide the 2024 plans for projected capital expenditures.

Please see attached revised Exhibit B.

1-6. Confirm that all new customers are given information about Lifeline/Link Up within 30 days of receiving service.

New customers subscribing to voice services receive a Quick Start Guide within 30 days. Included in the documentation, the Assistance Programs section outlines the Lifeline benefit availability. A copy of the Quick Start Guide was included in Exhibit D of the original filing.

1-7. Explain, in detail, the projects completed in 2021 using the GOED fund money and the specific projects planned for the 2022 GOED money.

March 2021 Connect SD

- Rural Tea/Harrisburg - Midco was awarded CARES funds to build FTTH service to 205 passings in rural Lincoln County. This project was completed the end of 2021.
- Rural Vermillion – Midco was awarded CARES funds to build FTTH service to 211 passings in rural Clay County. This project was completed the end of 2021.

June 2021 Connect SD

- Hermosa – Midco was awarded ARPA funds to build FTTH service to 525 passings in and around Hermosa. This project will complete by end of 2023.
- Mission Hill/NW Yankton – Midco was awarded ARPA funds to build FTTH service to 551 passings in and around Mission Hill, as well as west of Yankton. This project will complete by the end of 2023.
- Ellis – Midco was awarded ARPA funds to build FTTH service to 73 passings in and around Ellis. This project will complete by the end of 2023.
- SW & SE Sioux Falls – Midco was awarded ARPA funds to build FTTH service to 149 passings in rural areas around Sioux Falls. This project will complete by the end of 2023.

June 2022 Connect SD

- Johnson Siding/Hisega – Midco was awarded ARPA funds to build FTTH service to 745 passings in the Johnson Siding and Hisega areas of Pennington County. This project will complete by the end of 2024.
- West Madison – Midco was awarded ARPA funds to build FTTH service to 56 passings in Lake County, west of Madison. This project will complete by the end of 2023.

Additional reference for public records located on the GOED website:

<https://sdgoed.com/public-records/connectsd/>

Alternatively, pages 118-119 of this report contains information GOED provided to the Joint Committee on Appropriations:

<https://mylrc.sdlegislature.gov/api/Documents/223989.pdf>