

Docket Number: TC22-045  
Subject Matter: Staff's Data Request 1  
Request to: Clarity Telecom, LLC dba Bluepeak Fiber (Clarity)  
Request from: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff  
Date of Request: 7/13/22  
Responses Due: 7/27/22

- 1.1. Explain how Clarity spent the South Dakota Broadband grant money in 2021 and how Clarity plans to spend the money awarded for 2022.

The grant funds in 2021 were utilized for fiber construction, drops and electronics in the Flyger, Mountain Plains, Rolling Hills and Crook City Road buildouts. The grants in 2022 will offset expenditures for the Hurley Exchange and the start of the Parker Exchange. This will also be for fiber construction, drops and electronics and will support roughly 400 homes/businesses.

- 1.2. In Clarity's filed 5-year plan Clarity indicates the Alsen wire center FTTH project getting started in 2026 when this was not listed in last years filing for 2026. Does this represent an Acceleration in deployment or a revision to previous 5 year plan?

This is a revision to the 5-year plan as another company is building in this area (Leap Communications). They received a SD Broadband Grant to build fiber to the home in the Parker area where we were previously planning to build-out in 2024 and 2025. We revised our plans as a result to build elsewhere in our ILEC territory.

- 1.3. Clarity's filed 5-year plan in Exhibit B indicates a Project List for 2022-2026, yet no expenditures are listed for 2027. Provide an update to the plan indicating the planned expenditures for year 5 of the plan in 2027.

See Confidential Attachment 1-3.