

Docket Number: TC24-038
Subject Matter: First Data Request
Request to: West River Cooperative Telephone Company (WRCTC or Company)
Request from: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff
Date of Request: July 16, 2024
Responses Due: July 30, 2024

- 1-1. Refer to Exhibit A in this filing and Exhibit B in TC22-039. The notes on the bottom of Exhibit A in this filing state that additions made in 2023 exceed the estimates in the 2022 filing; however, Exhibit A in this filing shows \$1,523,094.70 in additions, and Exhibit B in TC22-039 shows an estimate of \$1,998,000. Explain. Also provide an explanation of each network improvement target that was not fulfilled.
 - a) The notes on the bottom of Exhibit A in this filing should have stated that estimates in the 2022 filing exceeded the additions made in 2023.
 - b) Exhibit B in TC22-039 showed an Ethernet Transport Platform Upgrade for \$1,300,000. This Project was not completed until 2024 due to installation backlogs (on the vendor side) causing the project to be delayed.
 - c) Exhibit B in TC22-039 also showed Installation of fiber to new customers for \$525,000, this estimate was short as we had higher than estimated fiber projects (\$1,426,982) including a large fiber move project along Highway #12 for the State of SD that was 12 miles long and finished in 2023.

- 1-2. Does WRCTC advertise the availability of Lifeline/Link Up in local newspapers? If so, provide copies of advertisements placed in 2023.
 - a) See Attached Documents labeled TC24-038 First Data Request 1-2 Bison 9-7 Courier Lifeline Ad