

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING OF TELRITE
CORPORATION d/b/a LIFE WIRELESS' PETITION
FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER IN THE STATE
OF SOUTH DAKOTA FOR THE LIMITED PURPOSE
OF PROVIDING LIFELINE SERVICE TO
QUALIFYING CUSTOMERS**

Docket No. TC25-002

**RESPONSES OF TELRITE CORPORATION D/B/A LIFE WIRELESS TO
STAFF'S SECOND SET OF DATA REQUESTS**

Telrite Corporation d/b/a Life Wireless (“**Telrite**”) provides the following response to the second set of data requests of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff issued on July 31, 2026 (“**Second Staff Data Request**”).

RESPONSE TO SECOND STAFF DATA REQUEST

2-1. In the stipulation between SDTA and Telrite, the Company revises its request for ETC designation to include only non-rural service areas. Pursuant to South Dakota Administrative Rule (ARSD) 20:10:32:43(3), provide a detailed map of the listed zip codes over the new requested ETC designation in non-rural areas.

Respondent: Brian Rathman

Response:

Pursuant to the Stipulation between Telrite and the South Dakota Telecommunications Association (“SDTA”), executed March 12, 2026 (the “Stipulation”), and filed with the Commission on March 13, 2026, Telrite’s requested ETC designation is limited to the South Dakota Qwest Corporation-SD study areas, as updated and maintained by the FCC at <https://www.fcc.gov/reports-research/maps/study-area-boundaries/>.

Exhibit A to the Stipulation identifies, by rate center, the ZIP codes that fall within the Qwest Corporation-SD study areas. That list is reproduced below in Attachment 1.

Telrite will ensure that it is not serving customers outside of the Qwest wire centers by excluding Lifeline applicants residing in zip codes that are not associated with those wire centers. If a Lifeline applicant's address is located in a zip code associated with a Qwest wire center, then Telrite will check that the street address is within its designated service area by using location software or checking the interactive coverage area map on the Commission's website available at Commission's website:

<https://sdbit.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=73648b1b111b4d81b71e71fdfb49c295>.

2-2. What processes does the company have in place to verify a customer would reside in that of a non-rural service area? Provide a detailed description of the company's process to verify new lifeline subscribers do not reside in a rural service area.

Respondent: Brian Rathman

Response:

Telrite verifies that a prospective Lifeline subscriber does not reside in a rural service area through a two-step process. First, Telrite excludes from enrollment under its South Dakota ETC designation any applicant whose residential ZIP code is not identified in Exhibit A to the Stipulation as falling within a Qwest Corporation-SD (non-rural) study area. Second, because ZIP code boundaries do not align precisely with study area boundaries, Telrite confirms the applicant's full street address against the approved service area using [location/geocoding software] and/or the interactive coverage area map maintained on the Commission's website. If an applicant's address cannot be confirmed as within the approved non-rural area, Telrite will not enroll the applicant under its South Dakota ETC designation.

Attachment 1

Rate Center	ZIP Codes (Qwest Corporation-SD Study Area)
Aberdeen	57401, 57402, 57427, 57451, 57460, 57479, 57481
Arlington	57212, 57214
Belle Fourche	57717
Big Stone City	57216
Canton	57013, 57027
Cavour	57324, 57386
Chamberlain	57325, 57326, 57365
De Smet	57231
Elk Point	57025
Flandreau	57017, 57024, 57028
Harrisburg / Tea	57032, 57064, 57108
Hill City	57702, 57745
Huron	57322, 57350, 57399
Iroquois	57353
Lake Preston	57233, 57249
Madison	57042
McIntosh	57634, 57641, 57645
Milbank	57227, 57252, 57269
Miller	57362, 57373, 57381
Mitchell	57301, 57340
North Sioux City	57049
Pierre	57501, 57532
Rapid City	57701, 57702, 57703, 57706, 57709, 57718, 57719, 57769
Redfield	57424, 57438, 57440, 57469, 57470
Sioux Falls	57005, 57020, 57055, 57101, 57103, 57104, 57105, 57106, 57107, 57108, 57109, 57110, 57117, 57118, 57186, 57193, 57197, 57198
Spearfish	57732, 57745, 57754, 57759, 57779, 57783, 57793, 57799
Sturgis	57741, 57769, 57785
Timber Lake	57630, 57656
Vermillion	57010, 57069
Volga	57071, 57220
Watertown	57201, 57245
Yankton	57046, 57067, 57078

Respectfully submitted,



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