

Docket Number: TC20-028
Subject Matter: Second Data Requests from Hearing
Request to: Clarity Telecom, LLC dba Vast Broadband
Request from: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff
Date of Request: September 1, 2020

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- 2-1 During the hearing held on September 1, 2020, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission requested deployment details on the remaining 388 locations. Please provide the deployment dates for all remaining unserved/underserved.

Response: As we map the remaining isolated homes, we are finding those homes are in very low density areas. Our intention is, and always has been, to make a conscious effort to extend broadband services to cover more homes (providing more services) rather than cover fewer homes (providing less services). Our future plans are to get broadband to those remaining isolated residences. However, deployment in remote areas is extremely cost intensive, so we are continuously seeking additional funding mechanisms, such as broadband grants, to help subsidize those costs.

Please note that 91% of the unserved/underserved homes are schedule for deployment as indicated in our 5 Year Plan.

Confidential Attachment.

- 2-2 Please provide updated 5 Year Plan adding back the Parker exchange in year 2022.

Confidential Attachment.

- 2-3 Please provide additional information on the outages described in Confidential Exhibit C.

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