

TC12-053-Data Request 1 - Beresford Municipal Tele Co Certification of USF Responses to Questions from Patrick Steffensen, SD PUC

1-1) At the top of the second page of the filing, it states “company will use federal universal service amounts received in 2013 to offset a portion of these 2013 expenditures”; however, the Estimated Year 2013 Federal Universal Service Receipts table in Exhibit B is blank. Was this left blank by mistake? If so, what do you expect 2013 receipts to be?

**Response: Beresford Municipal does not expect to receive Federal Universal Service Receipts in 2013. Beresford received minimal dollars from the High Cost Loop Fund and no support for Safety Net Additive or Safety Valve Loop Cost in 2011. Beresford is not expecting to receive High Cost Loop dollars in 2013 and there will no longer be provisions for LSS support in 2013, both as a result of the FCC Order.**

1-2) With the understanding that next year companies will be faced with more ETC Certification requirements, what is Beresford Municipal Telephone Company currently doing to prepare for these new standards?

**Response: Beresford Municipal has been working with their consultant since the Order was released last fall to establish procedures for collecting and reporting the additional information required by the FCC.**

1-3) Specifically, what are Beresford Municipal Telephone Company’s future broadband plans?

**Response: During 2011, Beresford spent significant time and resources upgrading the broadband platform to meet the demands of its subscribers and to comply with rules and service requirements outlined in the FCC Order. Currently, residential subscribers can receive 5mg/1mg service and business subscribers can receive 8mg/2mg service. In 2012 and beyond, efforts will be expended towards maintaining and provisioning existing services.**