

2-1) According to Valley's Form 481 Line No. 610, Description of Functionality in Emergency Situations, Valley maintains a minimum of four hours of battery service in each central office. According to ARSD 20:10:33:19, "each local central office, toll switching office, or tandem switching office of a local exchange company shall contain a minimum of 8 hours, plus or minus 15 percent, of battery reserve rated for peak traffic load requirements". Please explain if, how, and when Valley Telephone Company plans to comply with this rule.

New batteries have been installed resulting in 8-12 hours of run time.

2-2) Please provide an estimation of the Interstate Common Line Support (ICLS) and Connect America Fund (CAF) support Valley Telephone Company expects to receive in 2014.

The estimate are \$33,261 for CAF, and \$55,560 for ICLS.