

Docket Number: TC14-083
Subject Matter: Staff's Data Request 1
Request to: Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association
Request from: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff
Date of Request: 10/28/14
Responses Due: 11/11/14

1.1. What, if any, affect will the merger have on the companies' ETC status and annual ETC filings?

Response of Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association and RC Communications, Inc.:

Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association ("Roberts County") and RC Communications, Inc. d/b/a RC Services ("RC Communications") both currently have received ETC status for their respective study areas from the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission based on their respective annual certification filings. Following the merger of RC Communications into Roberts County, Roberts County, as the survivor in the merger, will continue to request certification from the South Dakota PUC for the two study areas, ILEC and CLEC, since the ILEC is currently receiving high cost loop support and the CLEC does not receive such support. Thus, except for the filing entity (Roberts County replacing RC Communications), for the CLEC request, the merger is not expected to result in any change in ETC status and annual ETC filings.