

Docket Number: TC16-009
Subject Matter: Staff's Data Request 1
Request to: Clarity Telecom, LLC dba Vast Broadband (Clarity)
Request from: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff
Date of Request: 7/21/16
Responses Due: 8/4/16

**Before the
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
Pierre, South Dakota 57501**

In the Matter of)
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Application of Clarity Telecom, LLC) TC16 - 009
d/b/a Vast Broadband for an Amended)
Certificate of Authority to Provide Local)
Exchange Telecommunications Services in the)
Brookings Rural Service Area)

**CLARITY TELECOM, LLC
RESPONSES TO STAFF DATA REQUEST 1**

Clarity Telecom, LLC d/b/a Vast Broadband ("Clarity") hereby submits the following Responses to Data Request Set 1 from the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff:

- 1.1. What is the status update of Clarity' s Interconnection Request negotiations? Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:32:03(13)(c), provide copies of any interconnection requests made by Clarity.**

Response: As of August 1, 2016, Clarity has not submitted a bona fide request for interconnection to Swiftel. Clarity anticipates making such a request shortly and will update this Response upon doing so.

- 1.2. Does Clarity have any intention of seeking designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier for the purpose of eligibility to receive high-cost support within the Brookings Exchange?**

Response: Not at the current time.

- 1.3. Pursuant ARSD 20:10:32:03(14), what is Clarity' s target market? Does the Company plan on targeting businesses, residential service, or a combination.**

Response: Our current plans are to focus marketing efforts on multi location businesses which are presently Vast/Clarity customers elsewhere. We have no other marketing plans for this exchange at present.

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1.4. Does Clarity intend to serve throughout the geographic area of the rural local exchange company? If so, how does Clarity plan to deploy its own facilities to provision local exchange service? Please provide any plans, details, and timeline for expected completion.

Response: No. Clarity does not intend to serve the entire Swiftel exchange.

1.5. Clarity indicates it will be marketing its services through its website and by radio, television, and print. Provide any applicable company brochures that will be used to assist in sale of the services and provide Clarity's website.

Response: Services will be marketed primarily through Clarity's cable broadband affiliate's website: <https://www.vastbroadband.com/>. Other marketing materials are attached hereto as Exhibits 1-5.

1.6. Pursuant to 20:10:32:03(16), has Clarity ever been denied registration or certification in any state? Is Clarity in good standing with all the states and regulatory agencies in which they are certified?

Response: No, Clarity has never been denied registration or certification in any state. Clarity is in good standing with all the states and regulatory agencies in which it is certified (South Dakota, Minnesota, and Iowa).

1.7. Provide a chart showing the organizational structure of the Company with an explanation of how the service areas Clarity does business in, are separated.

Response: An organizational chart is attached as Exhibit 6. As it indicates, Clarity Telecom, LLC (the applicant here) is 100 percent owned by Clarity Telecom Holdings, LLC. There are no other operating affiliates or subsidiaries. Clarity Telecom offers the Vast Broadband cable broadband, Internet access, cable television, and telecommunications services under a single unified entity.

1.8. In provisioning service in Brookings, will Clarity be following a tariff on file with the Commission? If so, which one?

Response: Clarity will provide service in accordance with its tariffs currently on file with the commission:

<https://puc.sd.gov/commission/Tariffs/telecommunications/clarityfkaknologyofbh.pdf>

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1.9. In response to Clarity' s request for a waiver of ARSD 20:10:32:03(12), Staff requests the Company file its financial statements so Staff can complete a compressive review of Clarity' s application. Mark and file anything confidential as necessary.

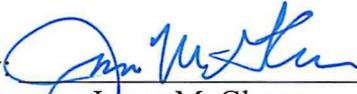
Response: Audited financial statements are being filed under seal.

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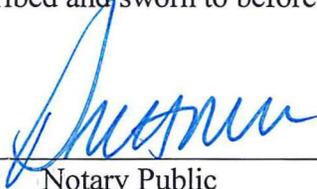
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)
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COUNTY OF HUGHES)

James M. Gleason, Chief Executive Officer of Clarity Telecom, LLC, being first duly sworn states that he has read Clarity's Responses to Staff Data Request No. 1 and states that the answers are true and complete to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

CLARITY TELECOM, LLC

By: 
James M. Gleason
It's Chief Executive Officer

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2 day of August, 2016.


Notary Public
Brett Koenscke
My Commission Expires
August 7, 2021
My commission expires: _____