

Docket Number: TC26-019
Subject Matter: First Data Request
Request to: Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC (CenturyLink or Company)
Request from: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff
Date of Request: 7/10/26
Responses Due: 7/24/26

- 1-1. Confirm that new customers received information on Lifeline and Link-Up services within 30 days of starting services.

Response: Yes. Customers receive information concerning Lifeline and Link-up within 30 days of starting service.

- 1-2. Refer to Attachment B page 1. Compared to the projection in last year's USF filing explain the following:

- a) \$100,00 increase in Chamberlain.
- b) \$95,000 decrease in Canton.
- c) \$82,000 increase in Deadwood.
- d) \$60,000 decrease in De Smet.
- e) \$64,000 decrease in Flandreau.
- f) \$246,000 increase in Hill City.
- g) \$71,000 decrease in Harrisburg.
- h) \$61,000 increase in Lead.
- i) \$348,000 decrease in Miller.
- j) \$228,000 increase in Morristown.
- k) \$57,000 decrease in Mitchell.
- l) \$276,000 increase in Pierre.
- m) \$1,016,000 increase in Rapid City.
- n) \$136,000 decrease in Spearfish.
- o) \$92,000 decrease in Sturgis.
- p) \$2,461,000 increase in Sioux Falls.
- q) \$70,000 increase in Whitewood.
- r) \$80,000 decrease in Yankton.

Response: Please see Confidential filing response filed

- 1-3. For Attachment D, explain what caused each outage.

Response: Please see Confidential filing response filed

- 1-4. Other than what was provided for in last year's USF filing, has or will CenturyLink be relinquishing any further funding other than what was known at the time of the filing of last year's docket (July 1, 2025)?

Response: All RDOF funding was relinquished in 2024. The company does not currently receive any High-cost funding for South Dakota.