

April 19th, 2021

Will Seuffert
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 Seventh Place, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: In the Matter of the Minnesota Public Utilities Information Request sent to all Rural
Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) Grant Winners

Dear Mr. Seuffert:

Attached please find Garden Valley Telephone Cooperative's response for Section 6 of the
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission Information Request filed in Docket No. P409/AM-21-84.

Please contact the undersigned if further information is needed at 651-621-8306.

Sincerely,

/s/ **Mary T. Buley**

Mary T. Buley
Consultant for Garden Valley Cooperative Telephone

Attachment 1- Response to Section 6 of MN PUC Information Request
From Garden Valley Telephone Cooperative
481 Filing in 2020

SAC: 361395

State: MN

Garden Valley Tel Co

Form 481 Line No. 610 Description of Functionality in Emergency Situations

Garden Valley Tel Co pursuant to MN Rule "7810.390 Emergency Operations" has:

- Established reasonable provisions to meet emergencies resulting from failures of lighting or power service, sudden and prolonged increases in traffic, illness of operators or from fire, storm, or acts of God including provisions for emergency power that meet or exceed the rule requirement to provide:
 - A minimum of four hours of battery service in each central office.
 - A permanently installed power unit in exchanges exceeding 5000 lines.
 - Mobile power units that can be delivered on short notice and which can be readily connected in offices without installed emergency power facilities.

- Has informed employees as to the procedures to be followed, including reasonable rerouting of traffic around damaged facilities and the deployment of emergency power, in the event of emergency in order to prevent or mitigate interruption or impairment of telecommunications service.