

**Kolbo, Delaine**

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**To:** Kolbo, Delaine; Zebroski, Carol; Douglas, Tina (PUC); Forney, Heather; Van Gerpen, Patty  
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Dear Ms. Van Gerpen,

In regard to Harlan Best's request for additional information associated with the petition for Annual ETC Certification recently filed for Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative and Dickey Rural Communications, Inc. study area, we provide the attached response for the following: ARSD 20:10:32:43.04; ARSD 20:10:33:31; 20:10:34.09; 20:10:34:10; and 20:10:33.

Also attached is Exhibit C - this document was inadvertently left out of our original submission. Exhibit C is Confidential. The dollar amounts reflected in Exhibit C are company totals and not specific to SD.

Hard copies of the attached documents will be sent via certified mail.

<<DRTSDAFFIDAVIT06.doc>> <<DRCSDAFFIDAVIT06.doc>> <<Copy of Exhibit C06\_2005.xls>>

Regarding 20:10:32:54. Certification requirements.

- 2) Zero outages for Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative in 2005 and zero outages for Dickey Rural Communications, Inc. in 2005.
- 3) Zero requests unfulfilled service requests for Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative in 2005 and zero unfulfilled service requests for Dickey Rural Communications, Inc. in 2005.
- 4) Zero complaints received from consumers for Dickey Rural Telephone

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Cooperative in 2005 and zero complaints received from consumers for Dickey Rural Communications, Inc. in 2005.

5) Refer to attached Affidavits

6, 7, 8) Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative and Dickey Rural Communications, Inc. are in compliance with applicable service quality and consumer protection rules; are able to function in emergency situations; and provides equal access to long distance carriers. (ARSD 43.01, 43.03, & 43.06)

The Two Year Plan is not attached, but will be submitted by Friday, September 22, 2006.

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact our office. Please provide confirmation of receipt of this email

Thank you~

Sonja

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September 15, 2006

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Mr. Harland Best, Utility Analyst  
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AFFIDAVIT

In regard to your request for additional information associated with the petition for Annual ETC Certification recently filed for Dickey Rural Communications, Inc. study area, we provide the following response:

- 1) Dickey Rural Communications, Inc. estimates that we will receive \$845,000 in ICLS in 2007. We estimate that the company will receive \$424,000 in Local Switching Support, thus receiving an estimated \$1,269,000 in total 2007 Federal Universal Service Receipts.
- 2) ARSD 20:10:32:43.04 required the Company to demonstrate how it satisfies consumer protection (see also ARSD 20:10:33:31, 20:10:34:09, and 20:10:34:10) and service quality standards (see ARSD 20:10:33).

20:10:33:31. Failure to pay for services other than local exchange services not grounds to terminate local exchange service. **The Company applies payment to local exchange services first. If the Company were not to receive full payment by disconnect time, local service would continue, but the customer would lose those services, such as Internet and toll, for which payment had not been received.**

20:10:34:09. Billing requirements. **The Company provides an itemized bill to each subscriber on a monthly basis. The bill identifies the Company and furnishes an address and toll-free telephone number where the subscriber may call with billing questions.**

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20:10:34:10. Notification of increase in rates. **The Company uses all available avenues to notify the consumer of any rate increase. Written notification is given by Company Newsletter, bill inserts, notice in the bill, newspaper announcements or separate letters.**

20:10:33. Service Standards. **The Company designs and maintains its network consistent with the service standards in ARSD 20:10:33. the Company certifies that it is complying with the service quality standards set forth in ARSD 20:10:33.**

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Troy M. Schilling, Chief Financial Officer

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18<sup>th</sup> date of September 2006.

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