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Patty Van Gerpen
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

Re: In the Matter of Venture Communications Cooperative for Certification regarding its use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Dear Patty:

Please find enclosed herein for filing Amended Exhibit A of the Annual ETC Certification Filing submitted pursuant to ARSD §§ 20:10:32:52 *et seq.*, on behalf of Venture Communications Cooperative (“Venture”). Venture hereby requests confidential treatment of Exhibit A, which is submitted as confidential pursuant to the requirements of ARSD § 20:10:01:41. This Exhibit contains company specific financial data and strategy, and disclosure of the information contained therein could jeopardize Venture’s financial and competitive position. Venture requests that such information be maintained as confidential by the Commission in perpetuity.

Please contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



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Enclosures

cc: Randy W. Houdek