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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMISSION

Ms. Pam Bonrud  
Public Utilities Commission  
500 E. Capitol  
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: Supplemental Annual ETC Certification Filings

Dear Pam:

Herewith hand delivered to you please find original and four filings for each of the following companies:

RT Communications	06-155
CRST	06-138
West River Mobridge	06-113
West River McLaughlin	06-137
Valley	06-114
Vivian	06-122
Bridgewater Canistota	06-124
Sioux Valley	06-120
Union	06-121
Armour	06-123
Kadoka	06-119
Golden West	06-118
Roberts County/RC Comm	06-117
Tri-county	06-115
Venture	06-112
McCook	06-106
Western	06-105

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

RITER, ROGERS, WATTIER & BROWN, LLP

By: *Margo D Northrup*

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Enclosures

BEFORE THE  
SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST OF ) TC 06-112  
VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS )  
COOPERATIVE FOR ) SUPPLEMENTAL ANNUAL ETC  
CERTIFICATION REGARDING ITS USE ) CERTIFICATION FILING AND  
OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE ) SUBMITTAL PURSUANT TO  
SUPPORT. ) ARSD §20:10:32:53

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COMES NOW, Venture Communications Cooperative (“Venture” or the “Company”) by and through its attorney of record and supplements as additional support for its annual ETC Certification Petition filed in the above-referenced docket as follows:

1. The Estimated 2007 Federal Universal Service Receipts, itemized by support category is as follows:

See Confidential Response Q1

2. Venture 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) as follows:

**Consumer Protection**

- **ARSD 20:10:33:31 – Failure to pay for services other than local exchanges services-**

Customers can set up payment arrangements with our company. If we do not have payment arrangements in place or payment arrangements are not kept, Venture will disconnect service at that time. If a customer makes a partial payment, it is first applied to telephone charges, then to toll/video/internet services so that phone services are maintained while the other services may be disconnected.

- **ARSD 20:10:34.09 – Billing requirements-**

Venture provides an itemized billing to each customer. Each bill identifies that Venture is the telecommunications company requesting billing and each bill contains a toll-free telephone number (1-800-824-7282) where the subscriber may call with billing questions.

- **ARSD 20:10:34:10 – Notification of increase in rates-**

Venture will notify customers of any rate changes through bill messages, newsletter articles, and, occasionally, individual mailings.

**Service Quality Standards**

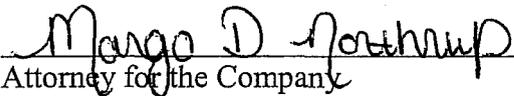
- **ARSD 20:10:33 – Service Quality Standards-**

Venture has reviewed the standards set forth in ARSD 20:10:33, and meets or exceeds these service quality standards. Venture borrows from RUS and complies with RUS service quality standards. In addition, Venture is fully staffed from 8 AM-5 PM Monday through Friday; however, we have technical people on-call on weekends and customers have 24-hour access to report phone trouble or outages. All central office alarms are monitored 24 hours a day. We maintain batteries in our central office and all offices have a standby generator. Venture has portable stand-by generators for remote cabinets in case of a power outage. All central office switches do line testing at night to check for grounds and shorts on active lines.

3. The estimated 2005 switching improvements of \$2,500,000 did not take place. An explanation of why the switching improvements were not fulfilled is as follows:

DATED this 8 day of September, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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