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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, please see the attached Exhibits D and Exhibit E.

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

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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EXHIBIT D - AFFIDAVIT

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

- 1) As is required by the provisions of ARSD § 20:10:32:43.01, Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative certifies its commitment to provide service throughout its existing rural service area, or study area, to all customers making a reasonable request for service. The Company also certifies its commitment to provide service to potential customers within the Company's service area but outside its existing network coverage, within a reasonable period of time, if the service does not impose excessive or unreasonable cost, by:
  - (a) modifying or replacing the requesting customer's equipment;
  - (b) Extending facilities, such as constructing or extending and access line, deploying a roof-mounted antenna, or installing other equipment;
  - (c) adjusting network or customer facilities;
  - (d) Reselling services from another carrier's facilities to provide service;
  - (e) Employing, leasing, or constructing additional network facilities such as an access line, a cell site, cell extender, repeater, or other similar equipment.
  
- 2) Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative certifies that it has the ability to remain functional in emergency situations as required by the provisions of ARSD § 20:10:43.03. The Company is currently in

compliance with this Commission's "auxiliary and battery power requirements" set forth in ARSD 20:10:33:19.

- 3) Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative certifies that it provides equal access to all long distance carriers according to the provisions set forth in ARSD 20:10:32:43.06.
- 4) Progress Report: In the 2005 filing, switching additions for Dickey Rural Telephone Coop. were estimated to be \$108,000, while only \$50,745 took place. The difference exists due to a software upgrade not taking place, as well as the need for few user licenses for end user vertical serves that expected. Also, in the 2005 filing, cable and wire facilities additions were estimated to be \$195,000, while only \$95,934, took place. This difference is due to fewer cable and wire problems than anticipated. We didn't need to replace or repair as much facility due to things out of our control, such as weather, cable cuts, and normal deterioration of cable and wire facilities.
- 5) Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative certifies that it is in compliance with applicable Federal and State consumer protection rules.
- 6) Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative certifies its ability to function in emergency situations as set forth in 20:10:32:43.03.
- 7) Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative certifies that it will provide equal access to long distance carriers in the event that no other eligible telecommunications carrier is providing equal access within the service area.

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Troy M. Schilling, Chief Financial Officer

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September 2006.

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EXHIBIT E – 2 Year Plan  
ARSD 20:10:32:43.02

The strategic plan we develop annually covers both Dickey Rural Telephone Coop and Dickey Rural Communications, Inc. In regards to system upgrades and network management, they are essentially operated as one "network". We are, at this time, planning to move forward with a fiber-to-the-home project in 2007 and 2008. Between January 2007 and December 2007, we estimate that we will place fiber facilities to the premises of approximately 1,000 subscribers. Between January 2008 and December 2008, we again estimate that we will place fiber facilities to the premises of approximately 1,000 subscribers. In each year the 1,000 subscribers represent both Dickey Rural Telephone Coop and Dickey Rural Communications, Inc. subscribers, but specifically how many in each company will vary depending on variables such as the amount of cable deterioration and inclement weather.

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Troy M. Schilling, Chief Financial Officer

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