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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
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Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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By: *Margo D Northrup*

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BEFORE THE  
SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST OF )	TC06-155
RT COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR )	SUPPLEMENTAL
CERTIFICATION REGARDING ITS USE )	ANNUAL ETC CERTIFICATION
OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE )	FILING AND SUBMITTAL
SUPPORT. )	PURSUANT TO ARSD § 20:10:32:53

COMES NOW, RT Communications, Inc. ("RT") 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) Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:32:43.03, RT is committed to providing service during emergency situations. These procedures are documented in the company's Safety Plan and other internal procedures. The following are the aspects of this capability:
  - a. There is an ability of each central office to remain functional for up to 8 hours by use of emergency generators if the external power is lost. In addition, there is battery backup that will provide power. The generators and batteries are checked weekly as part of a normal maintenance schedule.
  - b. RT will provide local calling during loss of transport facilities. This service will provide access to local emergency services. The repair procedures of transport facilities are part of the company's fiber restoration plan. Any outages will be restored in less than four hours.
  - c. The Nortel switches provide normal traffic management software that monitors any traffic spikes and maintains a buffer as needed. This

constant monitoring is also aided by additional software from an external vendor. Traffic monitoring is reviewed daily by the plant supervisors.

- 2) The estimated 2007 federal universal service receipts by the following support categories are as follows:

See Confidential Response Q2.

- 3) In 2004 an estimated investment for switching was given in the amount of \$500,000. The actual switching expense in 2005 was lower. This is due to the following reasons:

See Confidential Response Q3.

Dated this 8 day of Sept 2006.

Respectfully submitted,



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