

Via Electronic Filing

June 29, 2009

Patricia Van Gerpen South Dakota Public Utilities Commission State Capitol 500 East Capitol Avenue Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Re: In the Matter of the Request of Farmers Mutual Telephone Company for Certification Regarding Its Use of Federal Universal Service Support Docket No.: TC09-064

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

In response to Staff's data requests of June 24, Farmers Mutual Telephone Company ("Farmers") provides the following by e-filing:

1-1) Enclosed please find the amended Exhibit C - Affidavit to Farmers Mutual Telephone Company's Request for Certification Regarding Its Use of Federal Universal Service Support. The Affidavit has been amended to remove the incorrect references to South Dakota Administrative Rules in paragraph 5.

1-2) Farmers states that the West Marietta construction project is well underway. All of the fiber and conduit has been buried. The fusion splicing contractor is working to splice all main line, attach all boxes to sides of buildings and splice pigtails in each box. Farmers is on schedule to have everyone cut over on to the new fiber network by year end.

Please contact us if we can provide any further information.

Very truly yours,

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RJJ/jjh Enclosures cc: Kevin Beyer 1415028v1

EXHIBIT C - AFFIDAVIT

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STATE OF MINNESOTA

1. I am the Corporate Executive Officer of Farmers Mutual Telephone Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is provided to support the Company's Request for Certification to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314.

2. As an authorized representative of the Company, I hereby affirm familiarity with and an understanding of the requirements of the Federal Communications Act of 1934, as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, with respect to the receipt of any federal universal service funds received as high-cost loop support, local switching support, safety net additive support and/or safety valve support.

3. During 2008, the Company received federal universal service support as shown on Exhibit A to this affidavit and had investment and expenses relating to the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support was intended as also shown on Exhibit A. During 2008, the Company used the federal universal service support it received only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support was intended consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e).

4. The Company certifies that it will use the federal universal service support it receives during 2010 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e).

5. The Company certifies that it (i) is in compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules; (ii) is able to function in emergency situations; (iii) provides a flat-rated local exchange service free of per minute charges; and (iv) provides equal access to long distance carriers.

CEO 🖉 Kevin Beyer

Subscribed and sworn to before me this $\sqrt{29\%}$ day of $\frac{1}{2009}$



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