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Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen SD Public Utilities Commission 500 E. Capitol Ave. Pierre, SD 57501

> Re: In the Matter of the Request of Western Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Attached for electronic filing, please find Western Telephone Company's Annual ETC Certification Filing with Confidential Exhibits A & B, and Exhibit C and Western's Lifeline/Link Up Annual Report, in the above matter.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

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