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South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
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RE: Annual Reporting Requirements for High-Cost Recipients Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §51.917(d)(vii) and 47 C.F.R. §54.304(d)(1)

Dear Commissioners and Staff:

The Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") November 18, 2011 USF/ICC Transformation Order, FCC 11-161 (WC Docket No. 10-90) ("Order") requires carriers seeking to obtain recovery through the federal mechanisms established in that Order to make certain certifications to the FCC and to state commissions regarding their eligibility for, and their compliance with the rules applicable to, such recovery.

Specifically, 47 C.F.R. §51.917(d)(vii) and 47 C.F.R. §51.917(e) requires Rate of Return Carriers to certify annually to the FCC and to relevant state commissions that the carrier is not seeking duplicative recovery in the state jurisdiction for any Eligible Recovery subject to the federal recovery mechanisms. In compliance with that requirement, on behalf of the attached list of companies ("Companies") hereby submit a copy of the certification that was filed with the Federal Communications Commission on June 18, 2012 by the National Exchange Carriers Association. Please refer to Attachment "A".

47 C.F.R. §51.917(f)(3) requires Rate of Return Carriers to certify that the company has complied with 47 C.F.R. §51.917(d)(vii) and 47 C.F.R. §51.917(e) and is eligible to receive the CAF/ICC support. In compliance with that requirement, on behalf of the attached list of companies ("Companies") hereby submit a copy of the certification that was filed with the Federal Communications Commission on June 18, 2012 by the National Exchange Carriers Association. Please refer to Attachment "B".

The Order also requires Rate of Return Carriers seeking CAF/ICC support to file data establishing the amount of the rate of return carriers eligible CAF/ICC funding per 47 C.F.R. §54.304(d)(1). Please refer to Attachment "C" for the attached list of company's estimated CAF/ICC support and Access Recovery Charge Revenue amounts submitted with its Annual 2012 Access Tariff Filing.

Included in the Federal Communications Commission on June 18, 2012 by the National Exchange Carriers Association, the companies certified to the accuracy of the data collected. In compliance with that requirement, on behalf of the attached list of companies ("Companies") hereby submit a copy of the certification that was filed with the

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Federal Communications Commission on June 18, 2012 by the National Exchange Carriers Association. Please refer to Attachment "D".

Should you have any questions, please contact me via email at donnathiel@rrt.net or by phone at (701) 553-9065.

Sincerely,

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