

## Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative

### Description of Tribal Engagement

#### For Form 481 Line 920 thru Line 929

The Company (together with four other companies that provide services to the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate ("SWO") Tribe requested a joint meeting with the SWO Tribe to exchange information and discuss issues related to the deployment and provisioning of communications services on Tribal lands. The initial request was made by letter sent via certified mail to the Tribal Chairman on November 2, 2012, with follow-up emails on November 9 and November 14, 2012. Company did not receive a response until after the first of the year of 2013.

In accordance with provisions in the FCC's USF and ICC Transformation Order, paragraphs 636 and 637, and 47 CFR 54.313(a)(9), at the meeting with the Tribal Authority, the Company will, with tribal input, develop a needs assessment to assist with future service deployments on Tribal lands. In particular, the Company and the Tribal Authority discussions relating to needs and service deployment will be focused on community anchor institutions. The feasibility and sustainability of communications services on tribal lands will be discussed and the Company will, with assistance from the Tribal Authority, attempt to identify additional steps that can be taken to make essential communications services deployed on Tribal lands both feasible and sustainable. The Company and Tribal Authority will also discuss and explore ways in which they can coordinate or partner to ensure that services are marketed on tribal lands in a manner that will relate to the community and resonate with consumers, with the aim of increasing service adoption. At such meeting, the Company will also be prepared to discuss the relevant rights-of-way and other permitting and review processes, as well as any challenges associated with these processes. And finally, the Company will come to any such meeting prepared to discuss and engage the Tribal Authority on any relevant and applicable Tribal business and licensing requirements.