

Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.

Description of Tribal Engagement

Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. (hereinafter “the Company”), study area 391686, provides services to areas of the Lower Brule Sioux Reservation, Rosebud Sioux Reservation, and Yankton Sioux Reservation.

On November 28, 2012, by letter sent via certified mail to the Tribal Chairman, the Company requested a joint meeting with the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe to exchange information and discuss issues related to the deployment and provisioning of communications services on Tribal lands. The Company did not receive a response to the first letter; therefore, a follow up letter was sent via certified mail to the Tribal Chairman on December 7, 2012. The Company received a call from the Tribal Chairman to discuss the request. Following the conversation, the Company sent a letter to the Tribal Chairman on December 21, 2012 offering several dates that would work for a meeting. The Company did not receive a response to the December 21, 2012 letter.

On November 28, 2012, by letter sent via certified mail to the Tribal President, the Company requested a joint meeting with the Rosebud Sioux Tribe to exchange information and discuss issues related to the deployment and provisioning of communications services on Tribal lands. A copy of this letter was also sent via email to the director of the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Utilities Commission. The Company did not receive a response to the first letter; therefore, a follow up letter was sent via certified mail to the Tribal President on December 7, 2012. No response was received from the follow up letter.

On November 7, 2012, by letter sent via certified mail to the Tribal Chairman, the Company requested a joint meeting with the Yankton Sioux Tribe to exchange information and discuss issues related to the deployment and provisioning of communications services on Tribal lands. The Company did not receive a response to the first letter; therefore, a follow up letter was sent via certified mail to the Tribal Chairman on December 7, 2012. No response was received from the follow up letter.

In accordance with provisions in the FCC’s USF and ICC Transformation Order, paragraphs 636 and 637, and 47 CFR 54.313(a)(9), Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. will again attempt to organize joint meetings with the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, and Yankton Sioux Tribe in 2013. If successful 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 Authorities, 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 Authorities will also discuss and explore ways in which they can coordinate 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 meetings, 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 meetings prepared to discuss and engage the Tribal Authorities on any relevant and applicable Tribal business and licensing requirements.