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June 13, 2016

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
500 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: Venture Communications Cooperative (Venture) 47 C.F.R. 54.313(h)  
Study Area 391680 (Venture)  
Study Area 391688 (Western)

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen,

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. 54.313(i), attached for electronic informational filing with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission is Venture's 2016 Local Rate Floor Data Collection required by 47 C.F.R. 54.313(h) for Venture (Study Area 391680) and Western (Study Area 391688).

The Exchange Level Data for the Local Rate Floor and associated certifications are being filed by NECA with USAC for use in determining adjustments to high cost loop support. The Exchange Level Data is considered confidential and has been provided under confidential cover.

If you have any questions in reference to this filing please contact me.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

RITER, ROGERS, WATTIER &  
NORTHRUP, LLP

By:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Margo D Northrup'.

Margo D. Northrup

MDN:rj  
Enclosures

Cc: Venture Communications Cooperative

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**CERTIFICATIONS TO AUTHORIZE  
AGENT TO FILE RATE FLOOR  
DATA**

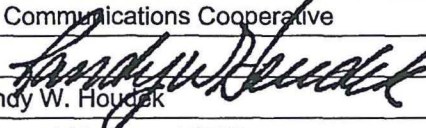
Rate Floor Data

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Name of Authorized Agent <u>National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA)</u>			
Name of Reporting Carrier <u>Venture Communications Cooperative (Western)</u>			
Signature of authorized officer 			Date <u>6/10/2016</u>
Printed name of authorized officer <u>Randy W. Houdek</u>			
Title or position of authorized officer <u>General Manager / CEO</u>			
Telephone number of authorized officer: <u>(605) 852-2224</u> , ext.			
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier	<u>391688</u>	Filing Due Date for this form (mm/dd/yyyy)	<u>07/01/2016</u>

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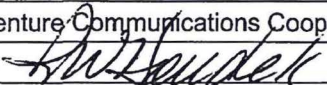
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**CERTIFICATIONS AS TO  
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