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August 17, 2016

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen South Dakota Public Utilities Commission State Capitol 500 East Capitol Avenue Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Re: In the Matter of the Request of Fort Randall Telephone Company for Certification Regarding Its Use of Federal Universal Service Support Docket No.: TC16-014

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed by e-filing please find Fort Randall Telephone Company's Response to Staff Data Request 1 of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

The Company requests Confidential treatment of Responses to Request 1, which are submitted as separate Confidential document, pursuant to the requirements of ARSD § 20:10:01:41. This documentation contains financial information with independent economic value which is not generally known to, and not readily ascertainable to, competitors of the Company which could obtain economic value from disclosure. The Company maintains the information as secret. The Company requests that such information be maintained as Confidential by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission in perpetuity.

Very truly yours,

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