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Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen
SD Public Utilities Commission
500 E. Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: TC16-027 - In the Matter of the Request of Venture Communications Cooperative
- 391680 and Western Telephone Co. - 391688 for Certification Regarding Its Use
of Federal Universal Service Support

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

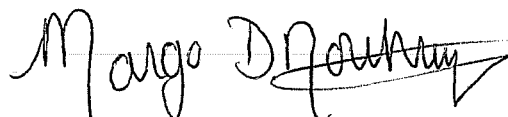
Attached for electronic filing, please find Venture Communications Cooperative
Confidential Responses to Staff's Data Requests (First Set) with non-confidential exhibit.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

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