

investment information earlier provided to this Commission (as part of the two-year “service quality improvement plan” filed in 2014) the differences are noted in Exhibit A. Estimates of the expenditures to be made by the Company for calendar year 2017, related to the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services supported by federal universal service, are provided on Exhibit B hereto as part of the Company’s current Two-Year Plan associated with §§20:10:32:54(1). Consistent with federal universal service principles, the Company will use federal universal service amounts received in 2017 to offset a portion of these 2017 expenditures. This use of federal universal service support will enable the Company to: (1) maintain rates for its supported services that are affordable and reasonable comparable to rate being charged for the same services in urban areas; and (2) to upgrade its telecommunications facilities and equipment as necessary to meet evolving service requirements, including those related to broadband services and maintain high quality service. The use of federal universal service support for these purposes is clearly consistent with the federal universal service provision.

3. In addition to the information included in Exhibits A & B, attached as Exhibit C to this Application is a copy of Brookings Municipal Utilities d/b/a Swiftel Communications’ FCC Form 481 filing. The information in this Exhibit, specifically as set forth on lines 220, 300-330 and 400-450, meets the state requirements established by ARSD §§ 20:10:32:54(3), 20:10:32:54(4) and 20:10:32:54(5).

4. Lastly, also attached is Exhibit D a document containing those certifications required under the provisions of ARSD §§ 20:10:32:54(6) and 20:10:32:54(7). The remaining ETC certification rule provisions found in ARSD §§ 20:10:32:54(8) and 20:10:32:54(9) have by Order been waived by this Commission.

5. Based on all of the foregoing information, including all information provided within Exhibits A, B, C and D (attached hereto), the Company requests that this Commission issue an appropriate certification to the FCC and USAC indicating that Brookings Municipal Utilities d/b/a Swiftel Communications is in compliance with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e) and should receive all federal universal service support determined for distribution to the Company in 2017. In order to ensure that this certification is issued to the FCC prior to October 1, 2016, the Company would further ask the Commission to expedite the process, to the extent needed to meet such deadline.

Dated this 29 day of June 2016.

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