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Ms. Patty Van Gerpen
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South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol Bldg., 1st Floor
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: Application for Certificate of Authority

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Premier Communications, Inc., (the "Applicant") submits to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission the attached *Application for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services to the Customers of its Affiliated ILECs Within the State of South Dakota* ("Application"). A check in the amount of \$250.00 for the filing fee is being forwarded along with this letter via overnight delivery.

Exhibit D to the Application contains a copy of the proprietary financial statements and statement of cash flow. The Applicant requests that the Commission treat Exhibit D as confidential trade secret information pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:41, to be reviewed by Commission staff only in the performance of their governmental duties, and not released to the public. Documents in Exhibit D are stamped "Confidential," and filed separately accordingly.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or if we can be of other assistance. You can reach me on my direct line at 271-4938.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures