



Via Electronic Filing

6/8/17

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

RE: Annual Reporting Requirement - Pursuant to 47 CFR Section 54.304

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

This letter and the attachments are being filed to certify that Santel Communications Cooperative ("Company") has met the reporting requirements of 47 C.F.R. §54.304 and other FCC rules (including, but not limited to 47 C.F.R §51.917) and related requirements in the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC"), November 18, 2011, USF-ICC Reform/Transformation Order ("USF-ICC").

The Company certifies in this filing that it is eligible to receive and has elected to receive CAF/ICC Recovery; however, the Company is not seeking duplicative recovery. The Company has already, via NECA, certified its eligibility and election decision to the FCC and USAC, however it is submitting this letter and the attachments to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (SDPUC) in compliance with the FCC Requirements.

Attached are copies of the certifications regarding CAF that have been filed with the proper authorities and are being submitted to the SDPUC for our compliance file regarding the Company.

The Company also is providing confidential information that NECA filed on the Company's behalf to the proper agencies. The Company requests confidential treatment of this documentation which has been labeled accordingly. The page contains proprietary and confidential information of the Company and should be treated as such. The Company considers the information contained in Confidential NECA CAF Filing to be highly proprietary and confidential. Accordingly, pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:39 (4) and SDCL 37-29-1 (4), the Company requests that Confidential NECA CAF Filing be treated as confidential for as long as the information is held by the Commission.

The Company will provide additional information, if requested, by the SDPUC. If there are any questions or additional information needed regarding this filing, please contact me at (605) 796-4411.

Sincerely,

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General Manager/CEO

Enclosures

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