

August 8, 2017

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
Capital Building – 1st Floor
500 East Capital Avenue
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070

Re: TC17-032 Data Request 1

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

In response to staff questions regarding the Annual Reports for 2016 Docket TC17-032 by Citizens Telecommunications Company of Minnesota, LLC (“CTC-Minnesota”), we offer the following responses:

- 1-1. Were there any complaints related to voice or broadband services that were reported from the Company’s South Dakota customers?

Answer) No.

- 1-2. What is the Company’s build out plan for the Jasper exchange census blocks that are covered by CAF II funding and what is the timeline for the build out?

Answer) There are 15 CAF II Eligible census blocks in the South Dakota portion of the Jasper exchange, encompassing 33 households. At this time, it is anticipated that construction would be necessary at four separate sites to address these households. No construction schedule has yet been created or approved for those four sites. At the earliest, work may start in 2019.

- 1-3. What is the progress of the CAF II project in regard to Pipestone County, MN? It is staff’s understanding that the South Dakota locations would be included in this area.

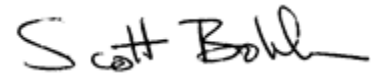
Answer) The Company has not done any CAF II upgrades in Pipestone County as of yet. 2019 would likely be the earliest start.

- 1-4. Does the Company expect to complete its CAF II Obligation of 40% in the state of Minnesota (in which certain South Dakota blocks are included) by the end of 2017?

Answer) We do intend to hit the 40% mark in Minnesota but will not need to do the South Dakota sites to reach this milestone.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (952) 491-5534, or by email at Scott.Bohler@ftr.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Bohler". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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