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

> Re: TC17-052 - In the Matter of the Request of Venture Communications Cooperative Study Area: Venture Communications Cooperative - 391680 and Western Telephone Co. - 391688 for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Service Support.

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Attached for filing in the above matter please find Confidential Responses to Staff's Data Requests (First Set) and a redacted version for public filing.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

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