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RE: NextGen Communications, Inc.
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Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Attached for filing pursuant ARSD 20:10:32:38 please find a copy of the ARSD 20:10:32:37 Bona Fide request for interconnection that NextGen Communications, Inc. sent to Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Association.

Sincerely,

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Re: Bona Fide Request of NextGen Communications, Inc. for Interconnection with Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Association Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §251 and SDLRC 20:10:32:37

Dear Mr. Symens and Ms. Rogers:

This letter will serve as the formal Bona Fide request by NextGen Communications, Inc. ("NextGen") to initiate negotiations for an interconnection agreement with Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Association ("Valley" or "RLEC"), pursuant to Section 251 of the Communications Act (47 U.S.C. § 251) and South Dakota Administrative Code Section 20:10:32:37 (SDLRC 20:10:32:37). NextGen has been designated by the South Dakota 9-1-1 Coordination Board (and/or other relevant governing authorities) to serve as the Designated 9-1-1/E9-1-1 Service Provider in areas of South Dakota excluding four (4) tribal Public Safety Answering Points, which may be serviced by NextGen in the future if the South Dakota 9-1-1 Coordination Board requests this of NextGen. NextGen seeks this agreement in order to interconnect to Valley's network in order to support the routing of and transporting of 9-1-1 Traffic from the RLEC's network to NextGen's network.

Pursuant to SDLRC 20:10:32:37, NextGen provides the following estimates with respect to its requested interconnection:

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1. If interconnection is requested at the following points: line-side interconnection; trunk-side interconnection; tandem trunk interconnection; central office cross connects; out-of-band signaling transfer points, including call-related databases; points of access to unbundled network elements; or at interconnection facilities with specifications different from the incumbent local exchange carrier's facilities

NextGen seeks to physically connect with Valley's network at points of interconnection (POI(s)) so as to enable transport of Valley's 9-1-1 Traffic from RLEC's network to NextGen's network to deliver 9-1-1 calls to the appropriate Public Safety Answering Point.

2. If any of the following types of unbundled elements are requested: local loops; subloops; network interface devices; local or tandem switching; interoffice transmission facilities; signaling networks and call-related databases, including service management systems; operations support systems; operator services; or directory assistance;

NextGen does not anticipate requesting unbundled elements from the RLEC. To the extent such unbundled elements are requested, they would only be requested for the support of routing and transporting 9-1-1 Traffic from the RLEC's network to NextGen's network.

3. If any of the following types of collocation are requested: physical collocation, including transmission equipment or equipment used to terminate transmission equipment; virtual collocation; or meet point collocation;

NextGen will seek Meet Point connections with the RLEC at the following locations:

Address: 2900 W 10th St. Sioux Falls SD 57104; and
3850 Skyline Dr. Rapid City SD 5570

4. If any of the following types of wholesale services are requested: residential; business; unbranded or rebranded call completion; unbranded or rebranded operator assistance; and unbranded or rebranded directory assistance;

NextGen does not anticipate requesting any of the listed wholesale services.

5. If number portability is requested, and, if requested, the type of number portability;

NextGen does not anticipate requesting number portability.

6. Any requested access to 911 or enhanced 911, and any required dialing parity capability; and

The purpose of NextGen's request for interconnection is to physically connect its network to the RLEC network at POIs so as to enable Valley's transport of 9-1-1 Traffic from RLEC's network to NextGen's network.

7. A list of the requesting provider's contact person for the negotiation process.

NextGen designates the following contact persons for the negotiation process:

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NextGen requests that the parties schedule a conference call within two weeks from the date of this request in order to discuss the framework for establishing interconnection between the two parties.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding this Bona Fide request for interconnection.

Sincerely,

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