



March 9, 2021
Via Electronic Filing

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

Re: Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. Application for Expanded Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

On behalf of Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. (ITC) we have attached for filing the Application for Expanded Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and SDPUC requirements. ITC seeks expanded ETC designation in the State of South Dakota in the census blocks identified in Exhibit A of the attached application where it has been awarded Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) Phase I support as a winner in the FCC's RDOF Phase I Auction (Action 904).

ITC satisfies all the statutory and regulatory requirements for expanded designation as an ETC in the requested designated service area. As explained in the attached application, the public interest would be served by granting this petition. ITC request that the Commission review and approve this application for expanded ETC designation no later than June 1 so that ITC can file it by the FCC deadline of June 7, 2021.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure(s)

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