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Via Electronic Filing

Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
Capitol Building, 1st Floor
500 E. Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

**Re: Boomerang Wireless LLC d/b/a enTouch Wireless (“Boomerang Wireless”)
Notice of Possible Service Interruption and Customer Contact Information
Docket No. TC13-035**

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

This notice is being provided to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") and staff contacts regarding a potential interruption in service for a limited number of certain Lifeline customers of Boomerang Wireless d/b/a enTouch Wireless ("enTouch") using the Verizon Wireless 3G CDMA network that is being decommissioned by the end of this year. enTouch continues to attempt to contact these customers regarding transitioning to the network of another enTouch underlying carrier at no expense to the customers before any interruption in service occurs.

enTouch was originally designated as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the State of South Dakota by Order of the Commission in this Docket dated April 28, 2017. enTouch's service area was designated to the extent of its coverage through its underlying carriers, including at the time the coverage area of Verizon Wireless. At the time of its designation and continuing through the date of this Notice, the Verizon Wireless network includes 3G CDMA cellular coverage, but the 3G network is being decommissioned by Verizon Wireless effective December 31, 2022.¹ In South Dakota, the decommissioning of the Verizon Wireless 3G CDMA network is expected to impact certain customers of enTouch whose devices do not have the capability of connecting to other mobile networks.

Since the announced decommissioning of the Verizon Wireless 3G network, enTouch has been working diligently to avoid an interruption of service to these affected customers in a way that complies with the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC's) one-per-household Lifeline rule. To date, enTouch has attempted to contact the affected customers by text message

¹ <https://www.verizon.com/support/knowledge-base-218813/>

with appropriate instructions. enTouch has also requested the Universal Service Administrative Company to assist in a possible bulk migration of these customers to a new network platform served by another of enTouch's underlying carriers. At this time there is no full resolution of these issues. As a result, due to no fault of the Commission, enTouch or Verizon Wireless there remain approximately 27 enTouch customers in your state on the 3G CDMA network who are expected to experience an interruption in service of their Lifeline service effective December 31, 2022 unless other arrangements can be made with the customers prior to that date. To assist with this issue, enTouch has established a dedicated toll-free Customer Service telephone number for instructions on re-enrolling with enTouch service supported by another network.

The enTouch company representative with full authority to handle these issues can be reached directly at 833-856-1945 or by email at support@entouchwireless.com with "Vzn3G Decom" in the subject line of the email. Please feel free to share this information and these contacts with any affected 3G network customers who may contact your office. In the meantime, please know that enTouch is continuing to work toward these transition solutions prior to December 31, 2022. In the future, enTouch expects to file an application to amend its ETC designation service area with the Commission based on the removal of the Verizon Wireless network and the addition of other areas from another approved underlying carrier.

Please contact me or my legal assistant, Sherry Boyd at sherry@jagipsonadvisors.com or 601-954-2286 should you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

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