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Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
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RE: Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification Requirements for 2017

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

In Docket TC13-027, the commission issued two orders clarifying eligible telecommunications carriers certification requirements, dated April 26, 2013 and May 20, 2015.

The April 26, 2013 "Order Waiving and Clarifying Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Certifications Requirements" clarified certain requirements and waived other requirements relating to ETCs. The May 20, 2015 "Order Clarifying Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Certification Requirements" required that carriers include their most recent FCC 477 submission date in electronic spreadsheet format when carriers file their annual requests for ETC designation.

Docket No. AA16-002 was opened in 2016 in order to clarify requirements for 2016 filings. In that docket, the Commission extended the previous requirements to the filings for 2016.

Staff requests the Commission open an administrative docket to determine whether the waivers and requirement that the companies file their most recent FCC 477 remain in effect for 2017.

Sincerely,

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