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**BEFORE THE
SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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**IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST OF
FARMERS MUTUAL TELEPHONE COMPANY
FOR CERTIFICATION REGARDING IT USE OF
FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

DOCKET NO. TC06-143

AMENDMENT TO REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATIONS

The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (the Commission”) ordered carriers seeking annual certification for universal service support to comply with the annual filing requirements adopted by the FCC in CC Docket 96—45, FCC 05-46 with modifications that a report on a two-year service quality improvement plan is to be used instead of a five year plan. The following information is provided in compliance with this requirement.

Exhibit A provides details as to the expenditures that were incurred by Farmers Mutual Telephone Company (“Farmers”) in 2005 and estimates of the expenditures for 2007 for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services supported by federal universal service. Consistent with the universal service principles set forth in the federal law and also the FCC orders. Farmers will use federal universal support amounts received in 2006 to offset a portion of 2006 expenditures incurred. This use of federal universal service support will enable Farmers to: (1) maintain rates for its local exchange services that are affordable and reasonably comparable to rates being charged for the same services in urban areas; and (2) to continue to upgrade its telecommunications facilities and equipment as necessary to meet evolving service requirements and maintain high quality service. Specific projects are listed on Attachment 1. The use of federal universal service support for these purposes is clearly consistent with the federal universal service principles. Farmers has not provided maps as no changes to our service areas have been made during the current year.

During the year 2005 there were no outages that required reporting to the FCC.

Farmers was able to provide service to all potential customers that requested service during 2005 and at December 31, 2005 we had no unfulfilled requests for service.

Farmers had no complaints for 2005.

Farmers service quality improvement plan is to continue to upgrade its telecommunications facilities and equipment as necessary to meet evolving service requirements and maintain high quality service throughout Farmers' service area. As an incumbent local carrier Farmers upgrades and replaces facilities and equipment as necessary.

Farmers has a back-up generator in its central office and remote offices. Farmers has portable generators to recharge batteries for its different remote sites. Farmers belongs to a Fiber Network in which traffic can be re-routed if the transport route is damaged.

Farmers provides equal access to long distance carriers.

Based on the foregoing information, the enclosed Exhibit A and the enclosed Affidavit, Farmers Mutual Telephone Company requests that this Commission issue an appropriate certification to the FCC and USAC indicating that Farmers Mutual Telephone Company is in compliance with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e) and should receive all federal universal service support determined for distribution to the Company in 2007.

Dated this 29th day of August, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,



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AFFIDAVIT

1. My name is Kevin Beyer. I am employed by Farmers Mutual Telephone Company as its General Manager. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is provided to support the request of the Company for certification by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314.

2. During the year 2005, the Company received federal universal service support as shown on Exhibit A to this Affidavit and had investments and expense relating to the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support was intended as also shown on Exhibit A. During the year 2005, the Company used the federal universal service support it received only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

3. The Company hereby also certifies that it will only use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2007 for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

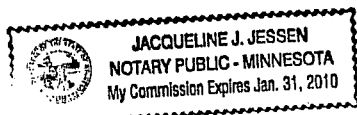
4. The Company also certifies that: (i) it is compliance with applicable rules on service quality; (ii) it is able to function in emergency situations as set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 54.201(a)(2); and (iii) it provides equal access to long distance carriers.

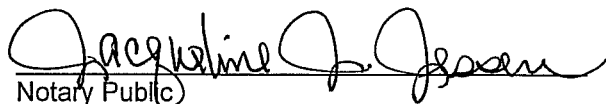
FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.



Kevin Beyer, General Manager

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of August.





Notary Public
Commission expires Jan 31, 2010