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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC  
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Ms. Pam Bonrud  
Public Utilities Commission  
500 E. Capitol  
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Re: Supplemental Annual ETC Certification Filings

Dear Pam:

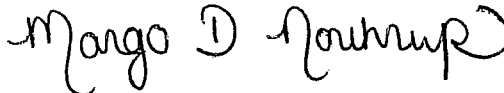
Herewith hand delivered to you please find original and four filings for each of the following companies:

RT Communications	06-155
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Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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BEFORE THE  
SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST OF	) TC 06-105
WESTERN TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR	) SUPPLEMENTAL ANNUAL ETC
CERTIFICATION REGARDING ITS USE	) CERTIFICATION FILING AND
OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE	) SUBMITTAL PURSUANT TO
SUPPORT.	) ARSD §20:10:32:53

COMES NOW, Western Telephone Company ("Western" or the "Company") by and through its attorney of record and supplements as additional support for its annual ETC Certification Petition filed in the above-referenced docket as follows:

1. The Estimated 2007 Federal Universal Service Receipts, itemized by support category is as follows:

See Confidential Response Q1.

2. Western satisfies consumer protection (see also ARSD 20:10:33:31, 20:10:34:09, and 20:10:34:01) and service quality standards (see ARSD 20:10:30) in the following way:

A. Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:33:31 the Company applies payment to local exchange services first. If the Company does not receive full payment by disconnect time, local service would continue, but the customer would lose those services, such as video, Internet and toll, for which payment had not been received.

B. Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:34:09, the Company provides an itemized bill to each subscriber on a monthly basis. The bill identifies the Company and furnishes an address and toll-free telephone number where the subscriber may call with billing questions.

C. Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:34:10, the Company provides written notice of rate increases to subscribers who have presubscribed to the Company for toll or local exchange service by bill inserts, bill statements or separate letters. For those customers not presubscribed to the Company, notice of rate increases are made through newspaper announcements.

D. Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:33, the Company designs and maintains its network consistent with the service standards

in ARSD 20:10:33. The Company certifies that it is complying with the service quality standards set forth in ARSD 20:10:33.

3. In Western's 2004 filing for 2005 certification, Western estimated \$2,500 for switch upgrades. The present filing has actual 2005 switch upgrades of a higher amount. The explanation of what happened to cause such a large difference is as follows:

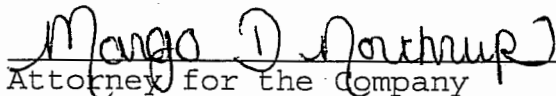
See Confidential Response Q3.

4. In Western's 2004 filing for 2005 certification, Cable and Wire was estimated at \$125,000. A lesser amount was actually spent. The explanation of what occurred to cause the difference is as follows:

See Confidential Response Q4

DATED this 8 day of September, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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