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VIA E-MAIL

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol Building
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Re: ETC Certification – Splitrock Properties, Inc.

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed please find the August 3, 2006, response of Splitrock Properties, Inc. to the data request issued by Public Utilities Commission staff on August 2, 2006. Please consider this filing to be part of the record of Splitrock Properties, Inc. in its annual ETC certification proceeding.

If you have any questions regarding this filing or require any further documentation, please feel free to contact me at your convenience at (605) 335-4989. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

cc: Don Snyders



August 3, 2006

Mr. Harlen Best
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

RE: Splitrock Properties, Inc.

Dear Mr. Best:

This letter is in response to your correspondence dated August 1, 2006. It is intended to answer the questions addressed in that correspondence.

- 1.) Please provide and Estimated 2007 Federal Universal Service Receipts, itemized by support category.

Estimated 2007 universal service support payments received for study area 391657 and allocated to Splitrock Properties, Inc. are as follows:

High Cost Loop Support	\$89,697
Safety Net Additive Support	\$30,024
Local Switching Support	\$264,086

- 2.) ARSD 20:10:32:43.04 requires Splitrock to demonstrate how it satisfies consumer protection (see also ARSD 20:10:33:31, 20:10:34:09, and 20:10:34:10) and service quality standards (see ARSD 20:10:33).

20:10:33:31-Failure to pay for services other than local exchange services-Splitrock Properties, Inc. gives customers the option to have any partial payment applied to specific services. If full payment is not received at the time of disconnect, local service would continue and the additional services such as CATV, internet and toll would be discontinued until the customer pays the bill in full. Collections policies state that special arrangements will be made on a customer by customer basis.

20:10:34:09 Billing Requirements-Splitrock Properties, Inc. provides a monthly detailed bill to all customers under their dba Alliance Communications. The bill clearly identifies the Alliance Communications address and local phone number to the billing office for questions and/or service changes.

Speak and you'll be heard.

20:10:34:10 Notification of increase in rates-Splitrock Properties under their dba Alliance Communications uses letters to the customers effected as the means of notification of any increase in rates that take place.

20:10:33 Service Quality Standards-In reviewing the standards set forth in ARSD 20:10:33, Splitrock Properties, Inc. meets or exceeds these service quality standards.

- 3) Please explain what 2005 estimated switching improvements were not fulfilled by Splitrock during 2005. Splitrock estimated \$400,000 in switching improvements buy only \$73,842 was made 2005.

Next Level Electronics \$130,000-Improvement dollars reported on the annual certification form reported to the SD PUC for 2005 included only amounts charges to 2212 accounts as requested. Improvements that were estimated for 2005 included electronics upgrades. These upgrades were completed but not reported in the 2006 filing because the improvement were actually recorded in 2232, electronics. The total amount of this upgrade was \$125,923 which was completed in 2005.

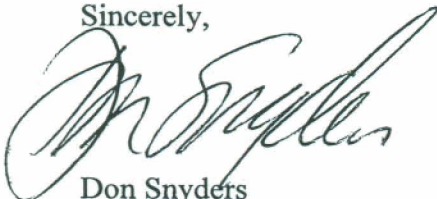
Prefab Huts \$150,000-Installation of Oldham and Ramona Huts was in process in 2005, however, not fully completed and closed until early 2006. The total project worked on but not recorded in 2005 was \$153,763.

AFC Equipment \$20,000-Purchases were completed in 2005.

OC12 Fujitsu Equipment \$100,000-OC12 project was not completed due to the decision to use existing electronics to complete the project.

If you have any further questions regarding the information provided, please feel free to contact Kari Flanagan at (605)594-8228.

Sincerely,



Don Snyder
General Manager

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