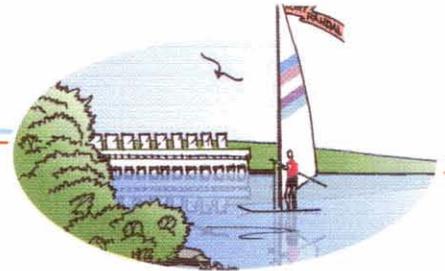


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RE: **TC06-134 In the Matter of the Request of Fort Randall Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support**
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Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed for filing please find the original and 10 copies of the Response to Mr. Best's questions of August 3, 2006 in the above-referenced docket. Also enclosed is a Certificate of Service.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bruce Hanson". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Bruce Hanson
Treasurer
Fort Randall Telephone Company

Enclosures

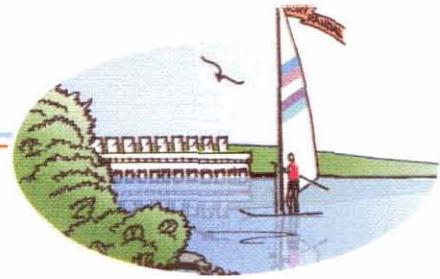


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Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

The following responses are provided by Fort Randall Telephone Company ("Ft Randall") in response to the questions in Mr. Harlan Best's email dated August 3, 2006:

1. Please provide an Estimated 2007 Federal Universal Service Receipts, itemized by support category.
 - . Response: Please see Revised Exhibit A to the Petition for Estimated 2007 FUSF Receipts.
2. ARSD 20:10:32:43:.04 requires Fort Randall 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).
 - . Response:
 - . 20:10:33:31 – Failure to pay for services other than local exchange services Fort Randall applies payments to local exchange services first. If partial payment is received, local service would continue, and the customer would lose services such as toll, internet and video, in that order depending on what was paid for. Fort Randall will also make special arrangements with customers, if reasonable terms are agreed to.
 - . 20:10:34:09 – Billing requirements Fort Randall monthly provides an itemized billing to each customer. The bill identifies Fort Randall by its address and phone number (toll free from its exchanges) for billing questions and service charges.



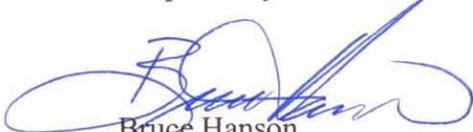
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- . 20:10:34:10 – Notification of increase in rates Fort Randall has never had a rate increase in South Dakota. In the event of an increase, Fort Randall would use several methods to notify consumers of the increase, including bill inserts, notices in the bills and newspaper announcements.
 - . 20:10:33 – Service Quality Standards Fort Randall has reviewed the service quality standards contained in ARSD 20:10:33 and certifies that it is complying with the applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules.
3. It appears that some of the estimated 2005 switching improvements of \$500,000 did not take place. Please explain what 2005 switching improvements did not get fulfilled.
- . Response: Fort Randall's 2005 improvement projects were delayed due to the early onset of severe winter. The monies projected to be spent in 2005 will now be spent in 2006 and 2007.
4. It appears that a portion of the estimated 2005 cable and wire improvements of \$400,000 did not take place. Please explain what 2005 cable and wire improvements were not fulfilled.
- . Response: See Response to No. 3.

Based on its previously filed and the foregoing information, Fort Randall requests that the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission issue an appropriate certification to the Federal Communications Commission and the Universal Service Administration Company indicating that Fort Randall 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.

Respectfully submitted,



Bruce Hanson
Treasurer
Fort Randall Telephone Company

Attachment