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## VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Ms. Patty VanGerpen
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501-5070
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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

Re:

1 800 Collect, Inc.

Dear Ms. VanGerpen:

Enclosed please find the application fee of \$250.00 payable to the "South Dakota Public Utilities Commission" for 1 800 Collect, Inc. An Application for Registration was electronically submitted on December 20, 2011.

APPLICANT HAS ALSO ENCLOSED ONE COPY OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IN A SEPARATE DOCUMENT MARKED "CONFIDENTIAL AND PROPRIETARY" AND RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT OF THE ATTACHED FINANCIAL INFORMATION. APPLICANT EXPECTS THAT THIS INFORMATION WILL BE RESTRICTED TO COUNSEL, AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES WHO ARE SPECIFICALLY ASSIGNED TO THIS APPLICATION BY THE COMMISSION.

I have also enclosed an extra copy of this cover letter to be date stamped and returned to me in the enclosed self-addressed prepaid envelope.

If you have any questions or if I may provide you with any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

Lance V.M. Steinhart

Attorney for 1 800 Collect, Inc.

Enclosures

cc: Maritza Morales