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Kim Lehrman President enTouch Wireless (Boomerang Wireless) P.O. Box 37 Hiawatha, IA 52233

Dear Ms. Lehrman:

Thank you for submitting enTouch Wireless' Proposal in response to our request for proposals to serve the Lifeline needs of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, its members, and residents of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. The Oglala Sioux Tribe Office of Economic Development ("OST OED") is pleased to inform you that it accepts and supports enTouch Wireless' Proposal. Lifeline service is an essential telecommunications service for the residents of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, where more than 90% of the population live below the poverty line. After careful consideration of your Proposal to serve the Lifeline needs on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, it has been determined that enTouch Wireless' Lifeline service offering will meet the needs of residents of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation by making available an affordable service provider on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation provides the advanced services proposed by enTouch Wireless in its Lifeline offering.

The Oglala Sioux Tribe is a sovereign Indian Tribe recognized by the federal government and is fully committed to ensuring the economic security, health, welfare, and general well-being of its members and residents of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. To this end, in July 2014, the OST OED initiated a Request for Proposals to serve the tribal Lifeline telecommunications needs of residents of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation based, in part, on the belief that "the vast majority of residents are eligible for Lifeline service, but do not subscribe to Lifeline service because existing Lifeline offerings are not tailored to, and therefore to not meet, the needs of residents." OST OED believes that enTouch Wireless' proposed Lifeline offering on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation will go a long way toward addressing

the basic and advanced telecommunications needs of Tribal members and residents of the Reservation.

In recognition of the jurisdiction of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, enTouch Wireless has agreed and consent to Tribal authority over its operations on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. enTouch Wireless has also recognized that it will be subject to the jurisdiction and authority of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Utility Commission, which has adopted requirements governing the operations of telecommunications utilities on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, including Lifeline providers.

Based on the foregoing, the OST OED supports enTouch Wireless' designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

Respectfully,

David Hills of

David Mills Director Office of Economic Development Oglala Sioux Tribe