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Dear Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers:

Staff has completed its review of the study area boundary data you submitted within the State of South Dakota. After combining the filings and cleaning up the map, we believe there are a small number of unserved areas and a smaller number of disputed areas, both of which we will detail below. The final maps will need to be approved by the Commission by June 27th so that Staff can submit them to the FCC on June 28th, but we intend to have the Commission decide the disputed areas and hope to have them make a final decision approving all the boundaries at the June 18th Commission meeting.

Staff would like the companies to review the adjusted shapefiles and the unserved and disputed areas and provide any comments or edits by noon on Friday, June 7th.

Minor Adjustments

Initially, there were over 2,200 gaps and overlaps in the maps that were submitted. However, the vast majority of those gaps and overlaps were a result of exchange boundaries not aligning perfectly with each other or with the state boundary. To fix the errors, Staff made a number of very small adjustments to the maps you submitted, so we are asking you to review them one last time. The majority of the corrections moved your boundaries anywhere from a couple of inches to a couple of feet, so for the most part we do not consider them to be material.

Unserved Areas

According to the maps that were submitted, there is consensus amongst bordering companies that certain areas within the state should be classified as "unserved". No one is being served in those areas, and no company has claimed those areas as part of its study area. In Appendix A to this letter, I have identified six such areas for your review.

Disputed Areas

In Appendix B to this letter, I have also identified four areas that multiple companies believe are within their study areas. These disputed areas will need to be decided by

the Commission. Staff would like the companies involved (CenturyLink, Golden West, James Valley) to confirm these areas as disputed and file with the Commission any evidence that shows they should be serving them.

Attached to this letter, which we are sending electronically and posting to the docket on the commission's website, you should receive a zip file containing the shapefile of all the exchanges within the state and two appendices detailing the unserved and disputed areas mentioned above.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B. P. R.", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Brian Rounds
Staff Analyst