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## E-FILING

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 - Midstate Communications, Inc.

Study Area 391670 and CLEC Service Area

Our File No. 2003.01

## Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed for filing is the annual ETC Certification of Midstate Communications, Inc. As you may be aware, Midstate Communications, Inc. previously owned and operated a wholly-owned subsidiary called Midstate Telecom, Inc. Midstate Telecom, Inc. operated as a CLEC in Century Link's Chamberlain/Oacoma exchange. Effective as of January 1, 2014, Midstate Telecom, Inc. was merged with and into Midstate Communications, Inc. with Midstate Communications, Inc. being the surviving entity of that merger. As such, this filing addresses the ETC Certification of Midstate Communications, Inc. in both its LEC service area which is designated as Study Area 391670 and the previous CLEC territory of Midstate Telecom, Inc. which is now operated by Midstate Communications, Inc.

Enclosed with the annual ETC Certification of Midstate Communications, Inc. are the following exhibits:

- 1. Exhibit A Progress Report for Study Area 391670 (Confidential and Proprietary);
- 2. Exhibit A Progress Report for CLEC service area (Confidential and Proprietary);
- 3. Exhibit B Midstate Communications, Inc.'s Five-Year Plan for Study Area 391670 and CLEC service territory (Confidential and Proprietary);

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- 4. Exhibit C Midstate Communications, Inc.'s Form 481 for Study Area 391670 (Confidential and Proprietary);
- 5. Exhibit C Midstate Telecom, Inc.'s Form 481 for CLEC service territory (Confidential and Proprietary);
- 6. Redacted copy of Exhibit C Midstate Communications, Inc.'s Form 481 for Study Area 391670;
- 7. Redacted copy of Exhibit C Midstate Telecom, Inc.'s Form 481 for CLEC service territory;
- 8. Exhibit D Affidavit of General Manager of Midstate Communications, Inc.; and
- 9. Midstate Communications, Inc.'s Lifeline/Link Up Advertising Outreach Annual Report as of July 1, 2014.

Please note that all the identified as Exhibits A and B enumerated as items 1-3 above are marked as confidential. Please treat them accordingly. Additionally, the unredacted versions of Exhibit C enumerated as items 4-5 above have been marked as Confidential. Please also treat these items as confidential. Redacted copies of Exhibit C have been included with all confidential information having been blacked out. The redacted versions of these items may be made available for public view. These items are identified as items 6 and 7 above.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please feel free to contact me at your convenience at 605-335-4950. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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