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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 of Chamberlain/Oacoma Exchange

Our File No. 2003.01

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed for filing are the following documents relating to the annual ETC Certification of Midstate Communications, Inc. Midstate Communications, Inc. presently operates as an ILEC in one study area identified as Study Area 391670. Midstate Communications, Inc. also operates as a CLEC in the Chamberlain/Oacoma Local Telephone Exchange. Certain of the accompanying documents are prepared separately for the ILEC Study Area and the CLEC Service Area.

The annual ETC Certification and its accompanying exhibits are attached as follows:

- 1. ETC Petition of Midstate Communications, Inc.;
- 2. Exhibit A Progress Report for Study Area 391670 (Confidential and Proprietary);
- 3. Exhibit A CLEC Service Area of Chamberlain/Oacoma Exchange (Confidential and Proprietary);
- 4. Exhibit B FCC Form 481 (SA 391670) (Confidential and Proprietary);
- 5. Exhibit B FCC Form 481 (SA 391670) Redacted;
- 6. Exhibit B FCC Form 481 CLEC;

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- 7. Exhibit C Affidavit of General Manager of Midstate Communications, Inc.;
- 8. Attachment 1 2015 Midstate Communications, Inc. FCC Form 477 Fixed Voice Subscription Report (Filed in CSV Format) (Confidential and Proprietary);
- 9. Attachment 1 2015 Midstate Communications, Inc. FCC Form 477 Fixed Broadband Subscription Report (Filed in CSV Format) (Confidential and Proprietary);
- 10. Attachment 1 Midstate Communications, Inc. Broadband Deployment Report (Confidential and Proprietary); and
- 11. Midstate Communications, Inc.'s Lifeline Linkup Advertising Outreach Annual Report as of July 1, 2015.

The documents attached for filing are numbered to correspond with the documents identified in this letter. Please note that the items identified as Items 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, and 10 are marked as confidential. Items 1, 5, 6, and 11 may be made available for public review. Please treat all items marked confidential and proprietary as such during your review of these documents.

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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