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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. Petition for ETC status 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 (Confidential and Proprietary);
4. Exhibit B - Cover Page;
5. Exhibit B - 2016 FCC Form 481 (SA 391670) (Redacted);
6. Exhibit B - FCC Form 481 (SA 391670) (Confidential and Proprietary);
7. Exhibit B - FCC Form 481 - CLEC;

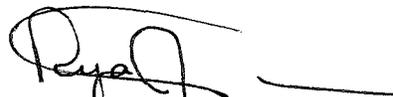
8. Exhibit C - Affidavit of General Manager of Midstate Communications, Inc.;
9. Attachment 1 to ETC Certification filing - 2016 Cover Page;
10. FCC Form 477 Filing Summary of Midstate Communications, Inc. (Confidential and Proprietary);
11. FCC Form 477 Fixed Voice Subscription Report for ILEC Service Area (Confidential and Proprietary);
12. FCC Form 477 Fixed Voice Subscription Report - CLEC Service Area (Confidential and Proprietary);
13. FCC Form 477 Fixed Broadband Subscriber Report (Confidential and Proprietary);
14. Broadband Deployment Report (Confidential and Proprietary); and
15. Midstate Communication, Inc.'s Lifeline Linkup Advertising Outreach Annual Report.

The documents attached for filing are numbered to correspond to the documents identified in this letter. Please note that the items identified as Nos. 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 are marked as Confidential. All other items may be available for public review. Please treat all items marked as 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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