

23 October 2017

Ms Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
SD Public Utilities Commission
500 E. Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Re: Cancellation of Avera Communication, LLC Certificate of Authority

Dear Ms Van Gerpen:

Avera Communication, LLC has ceased doing business as a non-facilities-based Competitive Local Exchange Carrier and has terminated operations as a domestic limited liability company under South Dakota law. A certificate of termination was granted by the South Dakota Secretary of State on 15 September 2017.

Avera Communications, LLC and its customers have executed "Change of Responsibility" documents with CenturyLink Business to initiate the transfer of contracts for service from Avera Communication, LLC to the retail customer. These transfers are in process, and will result in customers contracting directly with CenturyLink for individual site retail services. The newly-contracted retail services are generally of equal or less cost than when contracted through Avera Communication, LLC, thus providing an advantage to the customers.

Current activity by Avera Health on behalf of Avera Communications, LLC consists solely of providing invoice pass-through services during the period required for the contract transfers to be processed by CenturyLink.

Avera Communication, LLC now provides no communications services and requests its Certificate of Authority be withdrawn, effective immediately.

Very truly yours,



James A. Burkett, Jr.
Vice President, Technology Services
Avera Health Information Technology