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Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen **Executive Director** South Dakota Public Utilities Commission 500 E Capitol Pierre, SD 57501

July 23, 2018

RE: TC18-013 –In the Matter of the Petition by the Department of Public Safety/9-1-1 Coordination Board for a Declaratory Ruling Determining Competitive Local Exchange Carrier Processes for Requesting 9-1-1 Traffic Delivery from Rural Local Exchange Carriers

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen,

In response to NextGen's letter of July 18, 2018 and their Reply comments filed July 20th, the Board wishes to reserve its right to speak to the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting this coming Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup>.

The Board continues to be neutral on the original objection and proposed amended Order submitted by NextGen. However, NextGen, has, in its Reply comments, made an incorrect factual statement about the Board's Petition, which the Board feels must be clarified and addressed on the record. While the Board has not taken a position regarding the proposed amended Order, the Petition is the Board's; and the Board should be allowed to speak to it, now that it is the Petition, and not the Order, that has been brought into issue.

Thank you again for your time in this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jenna E. Howell

Jenna E. Howell General Counsel and Director, Division of Legal and **Regulatory Services** 

cc: Docket Attorneys and PUC Staff

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