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Ms. Van Gerpen,

**RE:TC21-001- In the Matter of the Application of LTD Broadband LLC for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier for Purposes of Receiving Federal Universal Service Support.**

On January 7, 2021, the Commission received an Application for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) from LTD Broadband LLC (LTD Broadband) for purposes of receiving federal universal service support. LTD Broadband has preliminarily been awarded Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) funding for certain census blocks in South Dakota. On January 27, 2021, the South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA) filed a Petition to Intervene. On February 22, 2021, the Commission issued an Order Granting Intervention to SDTA. On August 13, 2021, LTD Broadband filed a Motion for Prehearing Conference requesting the Commission establish a procedural schedule.

LTD Broadband, SDTA and Commission Staff ( The Parties) have engaged in discussions and have come to an agreement on the following proposed procedural schedule:

1. Opening and simultaneous prefiled due on October 22
2. Rebuttal on November 5
3. Motions due on November 5
  - a. Response Nov 12
  - b. Reply Nov 17
4. Meet and confer – week of Nov 15.
5. November 23<sup>rd</sup>- all motions heard
6. November 29-by noon Prefiled witness lists and exhibits filed.
7. Dec. 1 and 2 -Evidentiary hearing

The Parties respectfully request the Commission approve this proposed schedule.

Sincerely,

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