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Patricia Van Gerpen Executive Director Public Utilities Commission 500 E. Capitol Ave Pierre, SD 57501

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 from LTD Broadband LLC for purposes of receiving federal universal service support. LTD Broadband has preliminarily been awarded Rural Digital Opportunity Fund 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 September 20, 2021, the Commission issued an order Denying Motion for Prehearing Conference; Order Adopting Procedural Schedule, with a deadline of October 22, 2021 for filing Prefiled Testimony.

Staff will not file prefiled testimony. However, Staff reserves the right to cross examine witnesses at the evidentiary hearing and to file a post-hearing brief or memorandum in this docket.

Sincerely,

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