



January 29, 2021
Via Electronic Filing

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

Re: Valley Communications, Inc dba Valley FiberCom Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier

Dear MS. Van Gerpen:

On behalf of Valley Communications, Inc dba Valley FiberCom (Valley) we have attached for filing the Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission and SDPUC requirements. Valley seeks ETC designation in the State of South Dakota in all census blocks where it has been awarded Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) Phase 1 support as a winner in the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) RDOF Phase I Auction (Auction 904).

Valley satisfies all the statutory and regulatory requirements for designation as an ETC in the requested designated service area. As explained in the attached petition, the public interest would be served by granting this petition. Valley request that the Commission review and approve this application for designation as an ETC no later than the FCC deadline of June 7, 2021.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure(s)

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