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

Re: Docket No. TC21-003; Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Association, Inc. Amended Application for Expanded Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

On behalf of Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Association, Inc. (Valley) we have attached for filing the Amended Application for Expanded Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission and SDPUC requirements. Valley previously filed its original Application seeking ETC designation in the State of South Dakota in all census blocks where it has been awarded Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) Phase I support as a winner in the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) RDOF Phase I Auction (Action 904).

Valley is filing this Amendment to update the Application from its CLEC subsidiary Valley Communications, Inc dba Valley FiberCom to its ILEC Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Association, Inc. Please change the docket heading to indicate this name change also. We have discussed this change with Commission staff. Valley continues to satisfy all the statutory and regulatory requirements for expanded designation as an ETC in the requested service area. As explained in the original Application and attached Amendment, the public interest would be served by granting this Application. Valley requests that the Commission review and approve this Amended Application for expanded ETC designation no later than the FCC deadline of June 7, 2021.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure(s)

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