

Exhibit 1-4 A

Restated Articles of Incorporation
(Clean Version)

RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

South Dakota Nonprofit Corporation
Organized pursuant to SDCL Chapter 47-22

Restated Articles of Incorporation of Fiber Ring Revenue-Pooling Association, as amended at a special meeting of the membership on _____, 2021.

ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation is FIBER RING REVENUE-POOLING ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE II

The period of existence is perpetual.

ARTICLE III

The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized is to provide, implement and manage, on a nonprofit basis, a revenue-pooling arrangement between and among local exchange companies which are jointly provisioning fully integrated SONET interconnected survivable ring transport facilities, as provided in SDCL § 49-31-59.1, and all other lawful activities as provided in SDCL Chapters. 47-22 through 47-26 inclusive as amended.

ARTICLE IV

The corporation shall have classes of membership, as set forth in the Bylaws of the Association.

Eligibility for membership shall be as set forth in the Bylaws of the Association.

ARTICLE V

The directors of the corporation shall be elected for one-year terms each year by the members in each membership class.

ARTICLE VI

The corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors. In the event of dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, assets shall be distributed back to the members in proportion to the amounts contributed by each member. If it is not possible to determine said proportionate amounts, then the assets shall be distributed back to the members in equal shares.

ARTICLE VII

These Articles may be amended in the manner authorized by law at the time of the amendment. These Restated Articles of Incorporation correctly set forth the provisions of the

