



October 25, 2022

Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

RE: Revised Service Territory for Beresford Municipal Telephone Company

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Please consider this letter from the Beresford Municipal Telephone Company (BMTC) as an application by the company to amend its Certificate of Authority to provide location exchange services, filed pursuant to South Dakota Codified Laws, Section 49-31-69. The purpose of this filing is to expand BMTC's local exchange service territory area so that it includes all geographic areas that have over the past few years been properly annexed by the Beresford City Council and made part of the municipality of Beresford.

Along with this letter application, BMTC has provided with this filing a revised "Service Territory" map (in the form of both a PDF and KMZ file) which illustrates BMTC's existing incumbent local exchange carrier boundaries and highlights each of the newly annexed areas. BMTC with this filing is requesting that these identified annexed areas be added to its existing authorized local exchange service area.

Further, attached to this letter, the Commission will find copies of each "Resolution of Annexation" issued by the City Council for the City of Beresford relating to the referenced annexed areas. Each of these Resolutions were properly adopted by the City Council in response to Petitions for Annexation supported fully by owners and registered voters within such areas. Each of the Resolutions includes a specific legal description of the contiguous land parcels that were annexed along with the related Lincoln or Union County Maps.

BMTC makes this request pursuant to SDCL 49-31-69 through 73 and further asks that this Commission, pursuant to ARSD § 20:10:32:03(23), waive the provisions of ARSD Sections 20:10:32:03 (1-8), (10-22), and (24) as being inapplicable and unnecessary to address this filing for amendment of BMTC's existing certificate of authority for local exchange services. Upon receiving Commission approval of this request, BMTC will be positioned to provide the full

range of its local exchange telecommunications services to all existing or future residential or business locations within the described new areas. At present, BMTC provides only a stand alone broadband service to one customer within these annexed areas.

Up until recently, the referenced annexed areas have been unoccupied and at present BMTC does not believe that Clarity Telecom, LLC d/b/a Vast Broadband is providing any of its wireline local exchange services to locations within these areas.

If there is anything further that the Commission should need regarding this matter, please let us know.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures

CC: Beresford Municipal Telephone Company