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Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
State Capitol Building  
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FROM THE DESK OF  
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Re: ETC Certification – TrioTel Communications, Inc.  
Study Areas 1669 and 1682  
Our File No. 1783.01

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed for filing are the following documents relating to the annual ETC Certification of TrioTel Communications, Inc. TrioTel Communications, Inc. presently operates as an ILEC in study areas 1669 and 1682. The accompanying documents are consolidated for both study areas.

The annual ETC Certification and its accompanying exhibits are attached as follows:

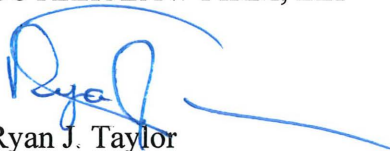
1. Petition for ETC status of TrioTel Communications, Inc.;
2. CONFIDENTIAL; Exhibit A - Progress Report for Study Areas 1669 and 1682;
3. CONFIDENTIAL; Exhibit B – Two Year Plan for Study Areas 1669 and 1682;
4. CONFIDENTIAL; Exhibit C – Certification of TrioTel Communications, Inc. as to ARSD §§ 20:10:32:54(3), 20:10:32:54(4) and 20:10:32:54(5);
5. Exhibit D - Affidavit of the General Manager of TrioTel Communications, Inc.; and
6. TrioTel Communication, Inc.’s Lifeline Linkup Advertising Outreach Annual Report and Specimen copies of TrioTel Communications, Inc.’s Lifeline Linkup Advertising Outreach.

The documents attached for filing are numbered to correspond to the documents identified in this letter. Please note that the items identified as Nos. 2 through 4 are marked as Confidential. All other items may be available for public review. Please treat all items marked as Confidential and Proprietary as such during your review of these documents.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please feel free to contact me at your convenience at 605-335-4950. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

CUTLER LAW FIRM, LLP

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ryan J. Taylor", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ryan J. Taylor  
For the Firm

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