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## **RE:** New Docket -- TC25-001, In the Matter of the Consideration of a Waiver of Certain Telecommunications Annual Reporting Requirements

Ms. Van Gerpen,

This letter is to request telecommunications docket be opened in order to discuss and consider a waiver of certain annual reporting requirements for telecommunications companies due June 1, 2025. The relevant administrative rule is ARSD 20:10:32:12, which provides:

**20:10:32:12. Annual reporting requirements.** After a telecommunications company has received a certificate of authority to provide local exchange services from the commission, the company shall submit to the commission by June 1 of each year thereafter the following information:

(1) A report of its annual revenues from the preceding year resulting from operations in South Dakota;

(2) A report identifying specifically the areas within its service area in the state where the company is operational and actually providing local exchange services. The report must separately identify areas being served primarily through resale and areas served by facilities of the companies; and

(3) The number of access lines being served, segregated between business and residential local exchange customers.

Specifically, the purpose of this docket is to consider whether a waiver of subsections (2) and (3) should be granted for all reporting companies for this year or future years. The waiver would not apply to or affect annual reporting requirements related to gross receipts tax.

As part of this docket, companies are encouraged to file comments regarding the waiver.

Best regards,

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