

June 19, 2025

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

Re: ETC Certification – Midstate Communications, Inc.
Study Area 391670 and CLEC Service Area of
Chamberlain/Oacoma Exchange
Our File No. 2003.01

FROM THE DESK OF
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Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed for filing are the following documents relating to the annual ETC Certification of Midstate Communications, Inc. Midstate Communications, Inc. presently operates as an ILEC in one study area identified as Study Area 391670. Midstate Communications, Inc. also operates as a CLEC in the Chamberlain/Oacoma Local Telephone Exchange. Certain of the accompanying documents are prepared separately for the ILEC Study Area and the CLEC Service Area.

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

1. Petition for ETC status of Midstate Communications, Inc.;
2. CONFIDENTIAL; Exhibit A - Progress Report for Study Area 391670;
3. CONFIDENTIAL; Exhibit A-1 – Progress Report for CLEC Service Area of Chamberlain/Oacoma;
4. CONFIDENTIAL; Exhibit B – Two Year Plan for Study Area 391670;
5. CONFIDENTIAL; Exhibit B-1 – Two Year Plan for CLEC Service Area of Chamberlain/Oacoma;
6. CONFIDENTIAL; Exhibit C – Certification of Midstate Communications as to ARSD §§ 20:10:32:54(3), 20:10:32:54(4) and 20:10:32:54(5) for Study Area 391670;
7. CONFIDENTIAL; Exhibit C-1 – Certification of Midstate Communications as to ARSD §§ 20:10:32:54(3), 20:10:32:54(4) and 20:10:32:54(5) for CLEC Service Area of Chamberlain/Oacoma;

8. Exhibit D - Affidavit of General Manager of Midstate Communications, Inc.; and
9. Midstate Communication, Inc.'s Lifeline Linkup Advertising Outreach Annual Report and attachments.

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, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 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 dark ink, appearing to read "Ryan J. Taylor", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Ryan J. Taylor
For the Firm

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cc: Chad Mutziger
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