



October 27, 2025

Ms. Leah Mohr, Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
Capitol Building, 1st Floor
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

**RE: Letter Application Seeking Amendment to ILEC Service Territory for Beresford
Municipal Telephone Company**

Dear Ms. Mohr:

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 an additional contiguous area which was properly annexed by action of the Beresford City Council and later recorded with the Lincoln County Register of Deeds, effective December 17, 2024.

As part of this letter application, BMTC has also attached a revised "Service Territory" map (in PDF format) and a separate KMZ file illustrating BMTC's existing incumbent local exchange carrier boundaries and highlighting the newly annexed area, "Lots 1 & 2 of the Dolan's Third Addition", an Addition to the City of Beresford, Lincoln County South Dakota". Also attached is a copy of the pertinent "Resolution of Annexation" as issued by the City Council for Beresford and a Lincoln County Plat Map setting forth precise geographic boundaries of the annexed area. The Resolution was properly adopted by the City Council and is supported by all legal owners of the described property, which have consented to and requested the annexation. Further, as indicated within that Resolution, at the time the Resolution was approved there were no registered voters residing on the property. Based on BMTC staff's current information and belief there are still no established residence or business locations within that annexed area. Given this, BMTC also does not believe that Clarity Telecom, LLC d/b/a Blue Peak is providing any of its wireline local exchange services within such area.

BMTC with this filing is requesting that the identified annexed area be added to its existing authorized local exchange service area. 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), to waive the provisions of ARSD Sections 20:10:32:03 (1-8), (10-22), and (24) as being inapplicable and unnecessary to address this BMTC filing. 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 area.

If there is anything further that the Commission should need regarding this matter, please just ask and BMTC will promptly respond.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Marlene Bennett". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

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