

March 12, 2026

Via Electronic Filing

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

**Re: Application of Grasshopper Group, LLC For a Certificate of Authority for
Interexchange Service – Request for Confidential Treatment**

Dear Ms. Mohr:

Grasshopper Group, LLC (“Grasshopper” or “Applicant”), through undersigned counsel, hereby submits the enclosed Application for a Certificate of Authority for Interexchange Service throughout the State of South Dakota (“Application”).

In accordance with ARSD §§ 20:10:01:39-42, Grasshopper respectfully requests confidential treatment of certain information contained in the Application. In compliance with ARSD § 20:10:01:41, material containing confidential information has been marked as “Confidential” and submitted separately. In support of this request, Grasshopper states as follows:

- (1) Grasshopper requests confidential treatment of CONFIDENTIAL Exhibit C – Financial Statements
- (2) Duration of the request: Perpetual
- (3) Persons to be contacted regarding the request for confidential treatment:

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(4) Legal grounds for confidential treatment:

Grasshopper requests confidential treatment on the grounds that the material is trade secret, proprietary information defined as confidential information by ARSD § 20:10:01:39(4) and (5).

(5) Factual grounds for confidential treatment:

The information provided in CONFIDENTIAL Exhibit C qualifies for confidential treatment because it contains proprietary business information that Grasshopper does not disclose to the public. Disclosure of the information would result in material damage to Grasshopper's financial and/or competitive position and provide Grasshopper's competitors detailed information about Grasshopper's operations and cost structure. The confidentiality of this information enhances Grasshopper's ability to negotiate terms with its suppliers that protect Grasshopper's customers with regards to costs and Grasshopper's obligation to provide reliable service.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at 703-714-1319 or via email at mpd@commlawgroup.com.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael P. Donahue". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Michael P. Donahue

Counsel for Grasshopper Group, LLC