## BEFORE THE SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST FOR ) TC19-040 JEFFERSON TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR ) CERTIFICATION REGARDING ITS USE OF FEDERAL ) CONFIDENTIAL RESPONSES UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT (STUDY AREA: ) TO STAFF'S DATA REQUESTS 391666) )

Jefferson Telephone Company ("Company") by and through its attorney, responds to Staff's Data Request as follows:

1-1. Refer to paragraph 6 of the document labeled "Annual ETC Certification Filing": Confirm that the Company is requesting that the Commission issue an appropriate certification to the FCC and USAC indicating that the Company is in compliance with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e) and should receive all federal high cost universal service support determined for distribution to the Company in 2020.

Response: Yes, the year should be 2020 not 2019.





1-7. Refer to Exhibit D – Affidavit: It appears that the document was signed in the State of South Dakota, County of Union, as is evidenced by the title, but the notary public is commissioned in Iowa, as evidenced by the seal. Please resubmit an affidavit.

Response: See Exhibit B.

1-8. Regarding the Lifeline/Tribal Link-Up Advertising Outreach Annual Report, what newspaper(s) or media of general distribution did the company advertise the availability of Lifeline and Link-Up services? Also, provide the date(s) of publication.

Response: We advertised in the Leader Courier on August 2, 2018.

1-9. Refer to the Lifeline/Tribal Link-Up Advertising Outreach Annual Report attached letter to existing and new customers: In the letter, last paragraph states that "...[Lifeline] can only be received on landline telephone service." As Lifeline can now be used for phone or internet service, please update the letter.

Response: See Exhibit C.

DATED this 31st day of July, 2019.

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of Confidential Response to Staff's Data Request was sent by electronic notice to the following:

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