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Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
500 East Capitol Avenue  
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Re: Annual Life Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification Form

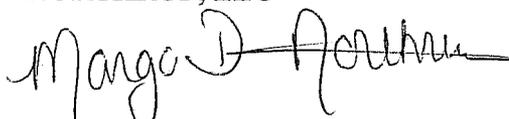
Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed herein as a confidential Informational Filing, is the combined FCC Form 555 for Venture Communications Cooperative and Western Telephone Company in reference to the above stated matter. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures

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