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**Via E-Filing and Overnight Delivery**

Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
Capital Building, 1st Floor  
500 East Capital Avenue  
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070

**Re: Talk America Services, LLC Application for Certificate of Public Convenience  
and Necessity to Provide Resold Local Exchange and Interexchange  
Telecommunications Services in the State of South Dakota**

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

On behalf of Talk America Services, LLC ("TAS"), enclosed for filing are an original and one (1) copy the above-referenced Application. Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$250.00 to cover the requisite filing fee.

TAS respectfully requests confidential treatment of **Exhibit D** to the Application. This exhibit contains sensitive financial information that is considered proprietary and confidential in nature and is not otherwise available to the public. Disclosure of such information could provide Applicant's competitors with a significant advantage that would result in substantial harm to Applicant's competitive position in South Dakota. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the information contained therein be treated in a confidential manner and be protected from public disclosure.

A copy of this filing has been submitted electronically. Please date-stamp the enclosed extra copy and return it in the envelope provided. Should you have any questions concerning this filing, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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