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July 28, 2016

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

Re: Docket TC16-020

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

In response to staff questions regarding filings by Citizens Telecommunications Company of Minnesota, LLC (“CTC-Minnesota”) in this docket, the company offers the following responses:

1.1. In an order dated May 25th, 2016, in docket AA16-002 the Commission clarified eligible telecommunication carrier certification requirements to require “that carriers shall include their most recent FCC 477 submission data in electronic spreadsheet format, where applicable, when carriers file their annual requests for ETC certification”. Please provide the Company’s most recent FCC Form 477 data.

Response) The most recent FCC Form 477 for CTC-Minnesota is attached. Please note that this report was filed as a confidential document and should be treated as such. In addition, it includes all of CTC-Minnesota’s operations (including that portion of the Jasper exchange which extends into South Dakota), as well as those of its affiliated company Frontier Communications of Minnesota, Inc. The Form 477 filing made with the FCC is filed on a total Frontier company basis for Minnesota; including data from both CTC-Minnesota and Frontier Communications of Minnesota, Inc. Generally, the information on the form is not broken out between CTC-Minnesota and Frontier Communications of Minnesota, Inc. South Dakota census blocks can be identified as those whose “Block” or “Tract” number begins with the digits 46.

1.2. Were there any complaints related to voice services that were reported from the Company's South Dakota Customers?

Answer: No.

1.3. How many South Dakota census blocks is the Company taking CAF II funding for and were any of those blocks ultra-high cost?

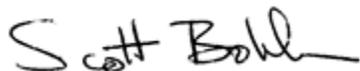
Answer: The Company is taking CAF II funding for 32 South Dakota census blocks. None of those are ultra-high cost.

1.4. What is the Company's build out plan for the census blocks that are covered from CAF II funding and what is the timeline for the build out?

Answer: The Company has not finalized its build out planning for the South Dakota census blocks. A timeline for construction has not been established, other than that construction will be completed by the end of 2020.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (952) 491-5534, or by email at Scott.Bohler@ftr.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Bohler". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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