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June 29, 2016

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Re: In the Matter of the Request of Farmers Mutual Telephone Company for Certification
Regarding Its Use of Federal Universal Service Support

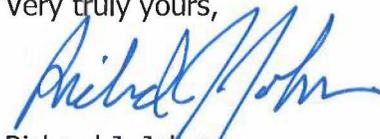
Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed by e-filing please find the Request for Certification Regarding Its Use of Federal Universal Service Support by Farmers Mutual Telephone Company (the "Company").

The Company requests confidential treatment of Exhibits A, B and Attachment 1, which are submitted as a separate Confidential document pursuant to the requirements of ARSD § 20:10:01:41. These Exhibits contain financial information with independent economic value which is not generally known to, and not readily ascertainable to, competitors of the Company which could obtain economic value from disclosure. The Company maintains the information as secret. The Company requests that such information be maintained as confidential by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission in perpetuity.

Also enclosed is the Company's Lifeline/Tribal Link Up Advertising/Outreach Annual Report for 2016.

Very truly yours,



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