

Bantz, Gosch & Cremer, L.L.C.

♦ Attorneys at Law ♦

Douglas W. Bantz (1909-1983)
Kennith L. Gosch
James M. Cremer
Rory King
Greg L. Peterson*
Melissa E. Neville
Justin M. Scott
Marshall C. Lovrien^
Aaron N. Sandvig*+

*Also Licensed in North Dakota

+Also Licensed in Minnesota

^Also Licensed in Arizona



305 SIXTH AVENUE, S.E.
P.O. BOX 970
ABERDEEN, SD 57402-0970

Telephone (605) 225-2232
Fax (605) 225-2497

www.bantzlzlaw.com
Writer's Email: jcremer@bantzlzlaw.com

October 3, 2016

VIA EMAIL

08475-032

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

Re: In the Matter of the Request of Northern Valley Communications, L.L.C. for
Certification Regarding Its Use of Federal Universal Service Support
TC16-108

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

I represent Northern Valley Communication, L.L.C. It has been advised that, although Northern Valley intended to request certification for both SACs 399017 and 396340, the commission's September 22, 2016, letter to USAC, concerning the certification for South Dakota carriers for federal high-cost support, only advised USAC that the Commission approved Northern Valley's annual certification for SAC 399017.

Northern Valley's June 27, 2016, filing included Form 481 for SAC 396340. Therefore, Northern Valley requests that the Commission reopen this docket to specifically approve Northern Valley's request for certification for SAC 396340, and amend its notice to USAC confirming the same.

In support of this request, the following are enclosed:

1. **Confidential** Exhibit B | Two-Year Plan (for SAC 396340), including a map and the application used to request this RBE funding, and two (2) Excel spreadsheet format enclosures, as follows:
 - a. **Confidential** Experiments Application Bid Form; and
 - b. Experiments Application Description Data;

2. Exhibit C | FCC Form 481;
3. Lifeline/Linkup and Advertising (which includes SAC 396340); and
4. Form 477 Data – The spreadsheet entitled, "Experiments Application Bid Form Project 2" includes the list of 258 census blocks that comprise SAC 396340. These blocks are a subset of the 477 deployment data that was previously submitted in this docket.

If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

James M. Cremer

JAMES M. CREMER

JMC:crh

Enclosures

cc: James Groft via email w/enc.