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August 13, 2018

Via ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: WC Docket No. 17-323
Venture Communications Cooperative
Notice of *Ex Parte***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 13, 2018, Randy Houdek, Janelle Jessen, and Fay Jandreau of Venture Communications Cooperative (“Venture”), and John Kuykendall and Jon Boike of JSI (collectively, “Venture Representatives”) met via teleconference with Jay Schwarz, wireline advisor to Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) Chairman Ajit Pai to discuss Venture’s pending petition for waiver of Part 51 rules for modifying access rate bands and charges and 2011 Base Period Revenue.¹ The Venture Representatives urged for expeditious grant of the Waiver.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely,

John Kuykendall
JSI Vice President

cc: Jay Schwarz

¹ Venture Communications Cooperative Petition for Waiver of Sections 51.909(a), 51.917(b)(1) and 51.917(b)(7) of the Commission’s Rules to modify access rate bands and charges, and 2011 Base Period Revenue in connection with merger of affiliated study areas in South Dakota, WC Docket No. 17-323 (filed Nov. 21, 2017) (“Waiver”). Study Area Code 391688 was previously held by Western Telephone Company.