



Chris Nelson, Chair  
Kristie Fiegen, Vice Chair  
Gary Hanson, Commissioner

**SOUTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

500 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070  
[www.puc.sd.gov](http://www.puc.sd.gov)

Capitol Office  
(605) 773-3201  
1-866-757-6031 fax

Grain Warehouse  
(605) 773-5280  
(605) 773-3225 fax

Consumer Hotline  
1-800-332-1782

April 10, 2012

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Kennebec Telephone Company, a rural telecommunications and broadband service provider integral in serving the rural areas and residents of South Dakota, has brought to my attention its concerns regarding the incorrect data inputs used by the Federal Communications Commission to determine the distribution of universal service support.

I am familiar with the geographical areas served by Kennebec and can verify that the total square miles, as reported in the Commission's data files for Kennebec's service area, are vastly underreported.

I am supportive of the Commission taking corrective action to amend the data input numbers in accordance with the certified documentation provided by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission. Brian Rounds from the SDPUC has prepared an affidavit containing the correct service area total for Kennebec Telephone Company.

It is troubling that the FCC would rely on data inputs which are faulty for such an important computation as is being accomplished with the regression analysis. I ask that you utilize the accurate data which this Commission has provided.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Chris Nelson,  
Chairman

cc: Carol Matthey  
Sharon Gillett  
Michael Steffen  
Angela Kronenberg  
Christine Kurth