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VIA ECFS

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Re: ***Ex Parte Notice***

Connect America Fund: A National Broadband Plan for Our Future; Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers; High-Cost Universal Service Support; Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime; Federal-State Joint Board of Universal Service; Lifeline and Link-Up; Universal Service Reform - Mobility Fund, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109, CC Docket Nos. 01-92,96-45, GN Docket No. 09-51, WT Docket No. 10-208

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On November 8, 2013, Mark Shlanta and Bill Heaston of SDN Communications (SDN) and their counsel, Benjamin H. Dickens, Jr. and I, met with Kalpak Gude, by conference call, and John Hunter, Pam Arluk, Randy Clarke, Doug Slotten, and Tom Parisi of the Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB) to discuss the issues raised in the Notice of Ex Parte filed by Brian J. Benison on behalf of AT&T Services, Inc. ("AT&T") on September 18, 2013, and SDN's comments in the Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FNPRM) in the USF/ICC Transformation Order.

Specifically, SDN discussed the attached presentation and the benefits it brings to South Dakota as a centralized equal access provider and tandem transit provider. SDN also discussed its comments filed in the FNPRM, in which SDN argued that bill and keep is not an appropriate compensation mechanism for SDN because it does not have end users and it does not receive any federal or state universal service support. SDN has made a correction to its presentation to clarify this

point.

Please address any questions in this matter to me.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Mary J. Sisak

cc: Kalpak Gude
John Hunter
Pam Arluk
Randy Clarke
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Tom Parisi