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600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408
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Re: 47 C.F.R. 54.313(h)
Venture Communications Cooperative
Study Area Code 391680



Dear Mr. Nitschke,

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. 54.313(i), local exchange carriers are required to submit their 2016 Local Rate Floor Data Collection required by 47 C.F.R.54.313(h) to the appropriate state commissions. Venture Communications Cooperative ("Venture"), headquartered in Highmore, South Dakota, complied with the filing requirement by submitting an electronic informational filing with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (SDPUC).

Venture serves some customers that are located in the state of North Dakota. Accordingly, please find enclosed a copy of Venture's 2016 Local Rate Floor Data Collection for study area 391680 as filed with the SDPUC, for filing with the North Dakota Public Service Commission.

The Exchange Level Data for the Local Rate Floor and associated certifications are being filed by NECA with USAC for use in determining adjustments to high cost loop support. The Exchange Level Data for the Local Rate Floor is considered confidential and has been provided under confidential cover.

If you have any questions in reference to this filing please contact me.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

RITER, ROGERS, WATTIER &
NORTHRUP, LLP

By: *Margo D. Northrup*
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Enclosures

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Copy of FCC 47 CFR Sections 54.313 & 54.422 Local
Rate Floor Data & Collection

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**CONFIDENTIAL FLOOR
RATE DATA**

RATE FLOOR DATA COLLECTION - OMB Control Number 3060-0986

Sheet 1 of 15

ROW #	DATA ELEMENT	FORMAT OF REQUESTED DATA	RESPONSE
1	Carrier Study Area Code	6 numeric digits	391680
2	Carrier Study Area Name	alpha characters	VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE
3	Service Provider Identification Number	9 numeric digits	143002247
4	Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date	mm/dd/yy	07/01/16
5	Contact Name	alpha characters	Jessen, Janelle
6	Contact Telephone Number (include area code)	9 numeric digits	605-852-2224
7	Sheet Number	numeric digit(s)	
8	Total Number of Sheets	numeric digit(s)	

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Column 1 Residential Local Service Charge	Column 2 State Subscriber Line Charge	Column 3 State Universal Service Fee	Column 4 Mandatory Extended Area Service Charge	Column 5 Loops	Column 6 Exchange Name/ Zone Name	Column 7 Class Of Service
18.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	170	Blunt	Residence
18.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	227	Bowdle	Residence
18.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,044	Britton	Residence
18.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	51	East Onida	Residence
18.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	767	Gettysburg	Residence
18.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	199	Harrold	Residence
18.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	563	Highmore	Residence
18.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	232	Hitchcock	Residence
18.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	289	Hoven	Residence
18.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	245	Langford	Residence
18.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	35	Lebanon	Residence
18.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9	North Britton	Residence
18.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	43	Onaka	Residence
18.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	403	Onida	Residence
18.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	99	Pierpont	Residence
18.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	109	Ree Heights	Residence
18.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	161	Roscoe	Residence

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Block 1: Contact Information

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Block 2: Residential Local Service Rates, Fees, and Line Counts

26	18.00	0.00	0.00	374	Rosholt	Residence
27	18.00	0.00	0.00	539	Roslyn	Residence
28	18.00	0.00	0.00	486	Selby	Residence
29	18.00	0.00	0.00	79	Seneca	Residence
30	18.00	0.00	0.00	1,558	Sisseton	Residence
31	18.00	0.00	0.00	81	Tolstoy	Residence
32	18.00	0.00	0.00	165	Tulare	Residence
33	18.00	0.00	0.00	230	Wessington	Residence
34	18.00	0.00	0.00	629	Wessington Springs	Residence
35	18.00	0.00	0.00	221	West Onida	Residence

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**CERTIFICATIONS AS TO
ACCURACY OF THE DATA**

Rate Floor Template

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Rate Floor Data

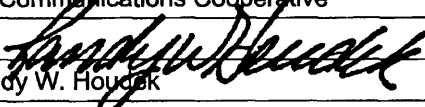
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the actual rate floor data reported ; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form is accurate.

Name of Reporting Carrier Venture Communications			
Signature of authorized officer <i>Randy W. Houdek</i>		Date 6/10/2016	
Printed name of authorized officer Randy W. Houdek			
Title or position of authorized officer General Manager / CEO			
Telephone number of authorized officer: (605) 852-2224 ext.			
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier	391680	Filing Due Date for this form (mm/dd/yyyy)	07/01/2016

**CERTIFICATIONS TO AUTHORIZE
AGENT TO FILE RATE FLOOR
DATA**

Rate Floor Data

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING RATE FLOOR DATA ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

<p>Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Rate Floor Data on Behalf of Reporting Carrier</p> <p>I certify that <u>National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA)</u> is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the actual rate floor data provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the actual rate floor data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.</p> <p>I certify that I am authorized to submit the information reported on this form on behalf of the reporting carrier; that I have provided the information reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and to the best of my knowledge the information reported herein is accurate.</p>			
Name of Authorized Agent <u>National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA)</u>			
Name of Reporting Carrier <u>Venture Communications Cooperative</u>			
Signature of authorized officer 			Date <u>6/10/2016</u>
Printed name of authorized officer <u>Randy W. Houdak</u>			
Title or position of authorized officer <u>General Manager / CEO</u>			
Telephone number of authorized officer: <u>(605) 852-2224</u> ext.			
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier	<u>391680</u>	Filing Due Date for this form (mm/dd/yyyy)	<u>07/01/2016</u>