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Darrell Nitschke
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

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 2017 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 2017 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*
Margo D. Northrup

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Enclosures

1 **PU-17-257** Filed: 6/16/2017 Pages: 3
Form 481 - Copy of FCC 47CFR Sect. 54.313 Annual Report - redacted

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Rate Floor Data

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

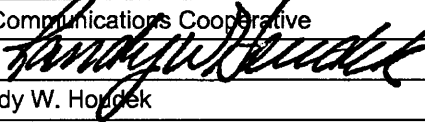
<p>Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Rate Floor Data on Behalf of Reporting Carrier</p> <p>I certify that <u>National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA)</u> is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of 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>6/12/2017</u>
Printed name of authorized officer <u>Randy W. Houdek</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>07/01/2017</u>

CERTIFICATION-AGENT

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 Cooperative			
Signature of authorized officer: 		Date: 6/12/2017	
Printed name of authorized officer: Randy W. Hordek			
Title or position of authorized officer: General Manager / CEO			
Telephone number of authorized officer: (605) 852-2224 ext.			
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