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Heather Anderson, Committee Counsel
State Regulation of Public Utilities Review Committee
Post Office Box 142
Columbia, SC 29202

Dear Ms. Anderson:

The South Carolina Telecommunications and Broadband Association is providing the following information on behalf of three of our member companies, CenturyLink, Windstream Communications and Frontier Communications in an effort to assist the Public Utilities Review Committee ("PURC") in reporting to the South Carolina General Assembly its findings regarding the impact of amendments to Title 58, Section 58-9-2689 of the S. C. Code of Laws relating to Government-Owned Communications Service Providers.

These companies are committed to delivering product and service offerings that meet the residential and business communications needs of their customers in South Carolina. CenturyLink, Windstream Communications and Frontier Communications provides data, voice and managed communications service in the following counties of South Carolina: Abbeville, Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Beaufort, Calhoun, Charleston, Clarendon, Colleton, Darlington, Edgefield, Fairfield, Florence, Georgetown, Greenville, Greenwood, Hampton, Horry, Jasper, Kershaw, Lancaster, Laurens, Lee, Lexington, Newberry, Orangeburg, Saluda, Spartanburg, Sumter, and Williamsburg.

Pursuant to regulations promulgated by the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, these companies submit an annual report to the SCPSC and the Office of Regulatory Staff no later than April 1 of each year. They have reported capital improvement and investments in the State of South Carolina for each of the past 5 years as follows:

As of 12/31/2016: \$21,976,048
As of 12/31/2015: \$20,092,331
As of 12/31/2014: \$16,253,500
As of 12/31/2013: \$25,912,254
As of 12/31/2012: \$28,658,981

Grand Total: \$ 112,893,114

CenturyLink, Windstream Communications and Frontier Communications have all reported witnessing no impact on the availability of communications services in the rural areas it serves based on the amendments.

Please feel free to contact me at 803.779.7282 if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Nola Armstrong
Executive Director