

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

UNITED STATES TELECOM ASSOCIATION,)

Petitioner,)

v.)

No. 00-1428

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS)
COMMISSION and THE UNITED STATES OF)
AMERICA,)

Respondents.)

STATUS REPORT

The Federal Communications Commission files this status report pursuant to the Court's order dated January 19, 2001. In that order, the Court granted the Commission's motion to hold this case in abeyance pending agency action on petitions for reconsideration of the challenged *South Dakota Declaratory Ruling*.^{*} The Court also directed the Commission to file a status report within 30 days of the date of the order and every 30 days thereafter.

The formal pleading cycle on petitions for reconsideration of the *South Dakota Declaratory Ruling* ended on November 13, 2000. The Commission staff currently is

^{*} *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; Western Wireless Corporation Petition for Preemption of an Order of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission*, CC Docket No. 96-45, Declaratory Ruling, FCC 00-248 (rel. Aug. 10, 2000) ("*South Dakota Declaratory Ruling*").

assessing the record. The Commission will promptly inform the Court and the parties when the agency acts on reconsideration.

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