

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE)
CONSIDERATION OF STANDARDS TO)
GOVERN AVOIDED COST)
DETERMINATIONS)

ORDER ESTABLISHING
COMMENT DEADLINES

RM13-002

On September 25, 2013, Commission Staff (staff) requested that the Commission open a rulemaking docket for the purpose of considering, on a statewide basis, the proper standards that should govern avoided cost determinations. Staff requested that comments be filed by December 3, 2013. On October 16, 2013, the Commission issued an Order to Proceed and Request for Comments from Interested Persons. On October 22, 2013, the Commission issued an Order Establishing Comment Schedule requiring initial comments to be filed by December 3, 2013, and responsive comments to be filed by January 10, 2014. Comments were received by the Commission. On January 29, 2014, the Commission issued an Order to Proceed Regarding LEO Creation Rules and Establishing Comment Deadline requesting comments by March 1, 2014, and directing Staff to recommend a set of rules. On November 5, 2015, Staff filed a set of rules for consideration by interested parties and the Commission, recommending the Commission set a schedule to take comments and make a final decision.

At its regular meeting on November 24, 2015, the Commission considered the proper timeline to allow two rounds of comments. After discussion with Staff, the Commission voted unanimously to request initial comments on Staff's proposed rules be filed with the Commission by February 1, 2016, with responsive comments due March 1, 2016. It is therefore

ORDERED, that any interested person wishing to submit comments in this docket on the draft rules filed by Staff shall file initial comments by February 1, 2016. Responsive comments shall be filed by March 1, 2016.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 30th day November, 2015.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically or by mail.
By: <u>Karen E. Cremes</u>
Date: <u>11/30/2015</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner