



*South Dakota*

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



2012

Annual Report



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# About the PUC

South Dakotans elect their three Public Utilities Commissioners to staggered, six-year terms. A dedicated staff of analysts, attorneys, consumer representatives and other professionals work with the commissioners to carry out the duties of the PUC. The PUC's website, [www.puc.sd.gov](http://www.puc.sd.gov), contains a wealth of information including audio web casts and recordings of meetings and hearings.

## UTILITY REGULATION

The PUC ensures utility companies in South Dakota provide safe, reliable service at fair and reasonable rates. The commission regulates investor-owned electric, natural gas and telephone utilities. It plays a more limited regulatory role with respect to wireless telecommunications companies and cooperative, independent and municipal utilities.

## OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES

The PUC helps resolve disputes between customers and their utilities, operates the South Dakota Do Not Call Registry and administers the state's One Call notification center (call before you dig). The commission also operates the natural gas pipeline safety program and licenses and inspects state public grain warehouses and grain buyers.

## ADVOCACY AND EDUCATION

The commission advocates for smart energy and telecommunications policy at the state and federal levels and works hard to educate consumers about ways to save energy and money ([www.SDEnergySmart.com](http://www.SDEnergySmart.com)). The PUC acts as a resource to landowners, communities and developers for both renewable energy development ([www.SDWind.com](http://www.SDWind.com)) and for the build-out of our state's wireless telecommunications networks.

## INFORMATION SUPERHIGHWAY

The commission's main website, [www.puc.sd.gov](http://www.puc.sd.gov), has a wealth of information ranging from utility company phone numbers to summaries of regulatory filings. The commission offers live audio web casts of dozens of proceedings, including commission meetings and hearings. All audio files are archived for later reference and convenience. The website also contains a comprehensive docket system that encompasses thousands of pages frequently used by PUC commissioners, staff and the public. The website is a valuable resource to utilities, attorneys, consultants and citizens interested in the work of the PUC.

## PUC on the World Wide Web

[www.SDDoNotCall.com](http://www.SDDoNotCall.com) includes an overview of how consumers can add their personal phone numbers to the national registry to decrease the amount of telemarketing calls they receive. The site also describes how telemarketing companies doing business in South Dakota need to comply with applicable statutes and rules.

[www.SDEnergySmart.com](http://www.SDEnergySmart.com) is a guide for South Dakota consumers to become more energy efficient. The site includes links to the state's utility providers that are partners in the South Dakota Energy Smart initiative.

[www.SDOneCall.com](http://www.SDOneCall.com) includes an electronic ticketing system for excavators and others who use the Call Before You Dig notification service and an index of complaints, among other important information. The PUC maintains the site for the One Call Board.

[www.SDWind.com](http://www.SDWind.com) has information about wind energy.



# Commissioners

South Dakotans elect their three Public Utilities Commissioners to staggered, six year terms.

**Gary Hanson** is the chairman of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission. He was elected to the commission in 2003 and re-elected in November 2008. He served as the commission's chairman in 2005, 2008 and 2011. Gary represents South Dakota on the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' Committee on Electricity. He served on the executive committee and as treasurer of the Organization of MISO States, is a member of the Mid-America Regulatory Conference, and represented the nation's NARUC commissioners on the steering committee of the National Wind Coordinating Collaborative and is a member of the Advisory Council for New Mexico State University's Center for Public Utilities.



Commissioner  
Gary Hanson

*Elected 2002 and 2008  
Term Ends 2015*

Gary has served as chairman of the South Dakota Underground Pipeline Task Force, as member of Gov. Mike Rounds' Task Force on Wind Development, South Dakota's Energy Task Force, and Gov. George S. Mickelson's Cumulative Environmental Evaluation of Black Hills Mining Task Force. His service to the state also includes three terms in the South Dakota Senate where he was chairman of the committees of Bonding and of Government Audit and Operations, and vice chairman of the Taxation Committee.

A native of Sioux Falls, Gary was twice elected as mayor of that city and oversaw multiple departmental operations of more than 1,200 employees. Prior to serving as mayor, Gary was Sioux Falls' utilities commissioner for six years and was responsible for the development and day-to-day activities for three municipal utilities. He owned several businesses before elected office and is a licensed real estate auctioneer, appraiser and broker.

As a regional and industry leader, Gary is co-founder, past president, chairman, and often referred to as the father of the Lewis and Clark Regional Water System. He was chairman of the South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance, and president of the Sioux Falls Board of Realtors. He has served on the boards of directors of Lutheran Social Services Credit Counseling Advisory Board, DAV Arthur H. Muchow Independent Living Center, Sioux Falls Jaycees, Northern State University Foundation, Minnehaha Metro Communications Systems, South Dakota Water Congress, and Sister Cities Association. Gary was instrumental in the founding of the Multicultural Center in Sioux Falls, the Great Plains Waicipi, Community Drug Concerns Task Force, as well as endowments for the Sioux Falls Pavilion and the Great Plains Zoo.

Awards and honors received by Gary include being named Distinguished Alumnus of Northern State University, Sioux Falls' City Father of the Year, YMCA Tri-State Hall of Fame, International Lions Club Melvin Jones Fellow, Outstanding Young Citizen of South Dakota, Habitat for Humanity's Hat's Off Award, Spirit of Downtown Sioux Falls Award, White Cane Safety Award, Multiple Sclerosis Society Chapter's Mayor of the Year, Children's Care Hospital Wings of Love Award, DAV's Outstanding Legislator Award, and Life Member of Lions Club Sight and Service Foundation.

He has regularly shared his passion for athletics as a volunteer coach for a variety of youth sports. Gary actively pursues a number of interests including astronomy, carpentry, car engines, birding, genealogy, hunting, fishing, skydiving, SCUBA diving, spelunking, camping, history and sports.

Gary and his wife, Sandy, make their home in Sioux Falls and Pierre. The couple has three children and seven grandchildren.

**Chris Nelson** is currently the vice chairman of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission. Chris was appointed Jan. 8, 2011, by Gov. Dennis Daugaard to fill a vacancy on the commission and was elected by South Dakota voters in November 2012 to continue his service for the remaining four years of the term. Chris served as the PUC's chairman in 2012 and vice chairman in 2011.

He is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, serving as a member of the association's Committee on Telecommunications. Additionally, Chris has been appointed to the NARUC Task Force on Federalism and Telecommunications.

Previously, Chris served as Secretary of State having been elected in the 2002 general election. Chris was unopposed for reelection in 2006 which was the first time the office was unopposed in the history of South Dakota.

Prior to becoming Secretary of State, Chris held the position of state election supervisor in the Secretary of State's office for 13 years and was uniform commercial code supervisor in the same office for two years.

As Secretary of State, Chris received the 2010 Excellent Service to South Dakota County Officials award from the South Dakota County Officials Association, the 2004 Hazeltine/Taylor award from South Dakota Kids Voting, and the 2003 Excellence in South Dakota Municipal Government award from the South Dakota Municipal League. In 2005, Chris was appointed as a National Governors Association representative on the United States Election Assistance Commission Board of Advisors.

Under Chris's leadership the Secretary of State's office was awarded the Election Center's 2009 Professional Practices Program State Award. This annual award is given as recognition for the most outstanding election administration professional practice in the nation. The award recognizes the 2008 development and implementation of a new central election reporting system for the state.

Following graduation from White Lake High School, Chris earned a bachelor's degree in animal science, with highest honors, from South Dakota State University in 1987.

Chris is actively involved in his church and counts agriculture and hunting as two areas of personal interest. He maintains a part-time cattle operation. Chris, his wife Penny and daughter Rebekah reside in Pierre.



**Commissioner  
Chris Nelson**

*Appointed 2011  
Elected 2012  
Term Ends 2017*





**Kristie Fiegen** was appointed to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission by Gov. Dennis Daugaard on Aug. 9, 2011, to fill a vacancy on the commission. Kristie was then elected to the commission in November 2012, to serve a six-year term. She served as vice chairman of the PUC in 2012. She is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' Committee on Gas.

Prior to joining the PUC, Kristie was the president of Junior Achievement of South Dakota for 17 years and was recognized as the top Junior Achievement USA President in 2008. Under Kristie's leadership, participation in Junior Achievement increased from 2,400 to more than 44,000 students annually and her team was named among the top eight franchises in the country nine times. Kristie's career also includes serving as the South Dakota area manager for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for nine years and as a sales representative for Monsanto Company.

Kristie's public service career includes four terms in the South Dakota House of Representatives, from 1993 to 2001. While a legislator, she served as chair of the House Health and Human Service Committee.

She has been active in Rotary, the United Way and Toastmasters, and is an active member of Central Baptist Church.

Kristie earned a bachelor's degree in commercial economics and agricultural business from South Dakota State University and a master's degree in business administration from the University of South Dakota. She grew up on her family's farm near Chancellor, S.D., and is a graduate of Parker High School. Kristie and her husband, Tim, live in Sioux Falls with their sons, Alexander and Jackson.



**Commissioner  
Kristie Fiegen**

*Appointed 2011  
Elected 2012  
Term Ends 2019*



PUC Commissioners Fiegen, Hanson and Nelson

# Staff

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The PUC's 30 staff members perform a variety of duties on behalf of the citizens of South Dakota and in support of the commission.

As **executive director**, **Patricia Van Gerpen** is responsible for the overall management of the PUC staff and day-to-day operation of the agency. She makes docket and project assignments and is the liaison between the commissioners and staff on all issues. Patty also works directly on a number of legislative, strategic planning and policy initiatives.

**Leah Mohr**, **deputy executive director**, schedules hearings and various meetings for the commission. She is also the copy writer for the PUC's websites, outreach materials and news releases, handles media inquiries and coordinates logistics for informational and educational meetings.

**Cindy Kemnitz**, **finance manager**, is responsible for the commission's fiscal activities including administrative functions related to the gross receipts tax, the regulatory assessment fee fund and the telephone solicitor registry. She prepares and monitors budgets and handles accounting, payroll and purchasing duties. She also prepares the commission's meeting agendas.

**Ben Schaap** serves as the **communications assistant**. He assists with the development of educational materials, meeting and event coordination, and news releases.

Advising the commissioners are **John Smith**, **general counsel**; **Greg Rislov**, **commission advisor**; and **Rolayne Ailts Wiest**, **commission attorney**. The attorneys also serve as hearing examiners and represent the commission in state and federal courts and before federal regulatory agencies. Rolayne's additional specialties are advising about federal regulation and state legislative matters. Greg provides policy and technical consultation and research support regarding major regulatory issues.

**Administrative staff** members perform a variety of support services including handling incoming phone calls and mail and greeting guests. Each staff member has specific duties that keep the PUC running smoothly. **Tina Douglas** is the web specialist with primary responsibility for maintaining the PUC's electronic dockets as well as each of the websites the commission operates. **Sherry Dickerson** schedules and coordinates meeting logistics, travel and training. **Joy Irving** assists with the preparation of legal documents, distributes meeting agendas, minutes and weekly filings and coordinates mailings.

**Staff analysts** are responsible for investigating, analyzing, evaluating and presenting testimony regarding issues and policies related to the electric, natural gas and telecommunications industries as regulated by the commission. Their educational and professional background includes expertise in accounting, economics, research and engineering. **David Jacobson**, **Brittany Mehlhaff** and **Patrick Steffensen** use these skills to focus on quality of service, financial and rate matters as they work to understand and evaluate complex rate structures, earning requirements, and technical issues of various utility organizations. **Darren Kearney** and **Brian Rounds** are analysts who primarily concentrate on emerging technologies such as renewable energy, wireless telecommunications and energy efficiency efforts. They also engage in outreach activities to consumers, industry representatives and students and provide docket analysis as assigned.

**Karen Cremer** and **Kristen Edwards** are **staff attorneys** with educational and practical experience in administrative law, trial procedure and business management principles. They review filings by utilities and represent the staff in proceedings before the commission. They work closely with staff analysts as they develop recommendations for policy, rate, siting and enforcement matters. They coordinate the presentation of the staff's case and cross-examine other parties who submit testimony. Kristen also serves as the staff attorney assigned to all South Dakota One Call matters.

Three staff positions were added to the PUC on a temporary basis in 2010 as a result of funding provided by the **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)**. Provisions of the federal funding specify the staff members commit resources to electricity-related activities only and the positions be filled for no longer than a three-year period. These positions are held by analysts **David Henry, Jason Simmons** and **Matthew Tysdal**.

The **Pipeline Safety Program** is staffed by engineers **Nathan Solem** and **Mary Zanter** with Nathan handling additional duties as program manager. The PUC administers the program on behalf of the U.S. Department of Transportation. Nathan and Mary inspect and investigate intrastate natural gas pipelines, master meters and propane systems to ensure the public is provided safe and dependable gas service. The two also analyze utility dockets as assigned.

**Jim Mehlhaff** is the director of the **Grain Warehouse Division** that works to protect property rights of customers and safeguard payments to grain producers. **Judy Page** assists with the issuance of warehouse and grain dealer licenses. **Justin Blais** and **Paul Kenefick-Aschoff** conduct grain warehouse and grain dealer inspections and investigations. The warehouse staff also performs check-off audits for various grain commissions and councils.

The **Consumer Affairs Division** works with customers to answer questions and resolve complaints about the rates and services of regulated utilities. Manager **Deb Gregg** and representatives **Vicky Burns** and **Jason Schuchard** act as liaisons between consumers and utility companies in resolving these issues. This division also coordinates the PUC's presence at home shows and fairs and makes group presentations as requested.



# Financial Report

For Fiscal Year  
Ended June 30, 2012

	BUDGET	GENERAL FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS	OTHER FUNDS	ENCUMBRANCE	BALANCE
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>						
Personal Services	\$1,001,381	\$295,355	\$31,753	\$624,154	\$0	\$50,119
Operating Expenses	\$148,835	\$0	\$0	\$117,573	\$6,938	\$24,324
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM</b>	<b>\$1,150,216</b>	<b>\$295,355</b>	<b>\$31,753</b>	<b>\$741,727</b>	<b>\$6,938</b>	<b>\$74,443</b>
<b>WAREHOUSE</b>						
Personal Services	\$240,464	\$122,893	\$0	\$103,146	\$0	\$14,425
Operating Expenses	\$75,556	\$50,548	\$0	\$3,357	\$1,389	\$20,262
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM</b>	<b>\$316,020</b>	<b>\$173,441</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$106,502</b>	<b>\$1,389</b>	<b>\$34,688</b>
<b>FIXED UTILITY (Informational Budget)</b>						
Personal Services	\$1,369,707	\$0	\$204,013	\$1,001,229	\$0	\$164,464
Operating Expenses	\$642,961	\$0	\$20,732	\$351,638	\$896	\$269,694
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM</b>	<b>\$2,012,668</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$224,746</b>	<b>\$1,352,868</b>	<b>\$896</b>	<b>\$434,159</b>
<b>PIPELINE SAFETY (Informational Budget)</b>						
Personal Services	\$176,142	\$0	\$82,555	\$74,112	\$0	\$19,474
Operating Expenses	\$95,853	\$0	\$59,855	\$25,345	\$0	\$10,653
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM</b>	<b>\$271,995</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$142,410</b>	<b>\$99,457</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$30,127</b>
<b>ONE CALL NOTIFICATION (Informational Budget)</b>						
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Expenses	\$681,185	\$0	\$15,743	\$626,392	\$0	\$39,050
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM</b>	<b>\$681,185</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$15,743</b>	<b>\$626,392</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$39,050</b>
<b>DO NOT CALL LIST (Informational Budget)</b>						
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Expenses	\$27,200	\$0	\$0	\$22,119	\$0	\$5,081
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM</b>	<b>\$27,200</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$22,119</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$5,081</b>
<b>Gross Receipts Tax Fund Revenues</b>						
Grain and Warehouse Licenses*	\$	87,455		Gross Receipts Tax*		\$ 2,072,687
Check Off Audits	\$	4,500		Application Fees		\$ 2,250
Interest Earned	\$	6,634		Interest Earned		\$ 97,020
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>98,589</b>		<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>\$ 2,171,957</b>

\* Includes Fines/Penalties

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# 2012 Year in Review



## TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Chris Nelson was appointed to the National Association of Regulatory Commissioners' Task Force on Federalism and Telecommunications that will review and set new policies on telecommunication regulation for NARUC.

Deemed 39 telecommunications companies as eligible to collectively receive millions of dollars in high cost support from the federal Universal Service Fund for maintaining, upgrading and building out their networks in South Dakota in 2013. The Universal Service Administration Co. estimates companies invested more than \$69.3 million in USF monies in South Dakota in 2011.

Continued monitoring, at local and national levels, issues related to completion of calls to customers of rural telecommunications companies. Researched complaints from consumers and companies.

Approved 44 requests from telecommunications companies to reduce rates to comply with the FCC's intercarrier compensation reform. An additional 44 filings from companies were processed and approved for amendments to interconnection agreements to conform to the FCC's changes.

Assisted South Dakota's rural telecommunications companies with communicating to the FCC the correct territory areas for the companies. The FCC had been underestimating the size of the territories, which could have resulted in reduced federal funding for broadband upgrades.



## GRAIN WAREHOUSE

Issued 315 licenses and performed 380 on-site inspections.

Investigated producer complaints of Anderson Seed's failure to pay. Following inspector analysis, commission revoked the company's grain buyer license and followed statutory procedures to become the receiver of Anderson Seed's \$100,000 bond. Coordinated the bond proceeds claim process among producers and other grain suppliers. Bond proceeds will be paid to eligible claimants in 2013.

Drafted a suite of proposed updates to grain buyer and warehouse statutes with input from agribusiness and producer organizations. Announced the five-point plan at a news conference held at the Governor's Ag Summit. Refined legislation for introduction at the 2013 legislative session.



## ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Approved updates to energy efficiency plans by investor-owned utilities that offer cost and energy savings to customers.

MidAmerican Energy Co. – The approved plan is a continuation and expansion of the company's previously-approved plan, which provides rebates, audits and an appliance recycling program to qualified customers that install energy-efficient equipment and devices and/or use programs to help them reduce their energy use. Collective energy savings during the five-year plan are estimated to be more than 25 million kilowatt hours of electricity and 8 million therms of natural gas.

Otter Tail Power Co. –The update allows for greater customer participation in programs for lighting, motors, heat pumps and custom efficiency incentives.

Created a new section on the South Dakota Energy Smart website that summarizes energy efficiency rebates available to South Dakotans. The information is organized by city and provider and includes links to specific information and applications.



## HYDROCARBON PIPELINE

Granted the release of construction bonds for the Keystone Pipeline, which is operational in eastern South Dakota.



## ELECTRIC

Processed 25 electric service territory boundary agreements to verify electric territory mapping data for conversion to electronic format and use in a Geographic Information System database.

Continued working with counterparts from other states on the Eastern Interconnect States' Planning Council/ State Provincial Steering Committee to strategize regional transmission planning and cost allocation efforts.

As part of the Western Interconnection Regional Advisory Body, continued to provide advice to the Western Electricity Coordinating Council, North American Electric Reliability Corporation and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission about electric reliability issues, specifically the group considered the ongoing reorganization of WECC.

Approved a 5.12 percent electric rate increase by Xcel Energy. The company had sought a 9.28 percent increase. The commission's decision trimmed more than \$6.5 million in additional annual revenue from Xcel Energy's initial request.

Approved the transfer of a construction permit granted in 2007 to the seven Big Stone II regional utilities, including Otter Tail Power Co. to Otter Tail exclusively. The permit transfer is Otter Tail's first step in the permitting of the Multi-Value Project transmission line expected to run from Big Stone to Brookings.

Approved a transmission cost recovery tariff for Xcel Energy for the company's share of local and regional transmission investments. Staff and company representatives developed a cost allocation method that considers the jurisdiction that has created the need for regional transmission investment and the amount of investment that is appropriate to include in retail rates.



## RENEWABLE ENERGY

Compiled the annual South Dakota Renewable, Recycled and Conserved Energy Objective report and submitted it to the state legislature. Companies reporting for 2011 collectively owned 494 megawatts of renewable generation capacity in South Dakota; retired 20,796 megawatt hours of renewable energy credits; and reported 11,742 MWh in conserved energy and 737 MW of conserved capacity, all in South Dakota.

Participated in the review, negotiation and approval of a new rate structure for the Midwest Renewable Energy Tracking System that reduces the cost of tracking renewable energy credits. PUC staff member Brian Rounds serves as secretary for the M-RETS governing board.

Commissioner Gary Hanson delivered a presentation to fellow state regulators at the annual American Wind Energy Association convention. Hanson's remarks focused on renewable energy, electric transmission and regulatory issues in the country and the specific impact in South Dakota.



## PIPELINE SITING, SAFETY AND INSPECTION

Completed 170 days of pipeline safety inspections, exceeding the federal requirement of 133 days.

Led six training webinars about inspections, federal legislation, penalties, emergency response, control room management and pipeline siting collectively attended by 150 pipeline operators.



Pipeline safety staff participated in more than 140 hours of training.

Assessed a total of \$3,550 in penalties against three different pipeline operators for pipeline safety violations.

Approved a revised pipeline safety violation penalty worksheet that was developed by PUC staff with industry input. The worksheet meets state statutory requirements and federal expectations.

Hosted delegates from the central region of the National Association of Pipeline Safety Representatives for their annual meeting held in Rapid City.

Promoted the Call Before You Dig program with statewide news releases for National Safe Digging Month in April and National 8/11 Day in August. Encouraged visitors to the PUC's booth at the Brown County, Sioux Empire and State Fair to take the One Call pledge to call 811 before any excavation activity.

Conducted an investigation into an incident affecting Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s system in Spearfish. A flatbed trailer full of logs detached from its semi-tractor on I-90 and hit the gas meter set on the Spearfish Wal-Mart. Damage to MDU's system was in excess of \$50,000. No pipeline safety violations were found.

Completed all first round inspections of new public awareness effectiveness regulations and new Distribution Integrity Management inspections a year ahead of federal deadlines.

Commissioner Kristie Fiegen delivered a presentation about the PUC's role in pipeline siting to South Dakota county commissioners.



## LEADERSHIP

Commissioner Chris Nelson was voted to serve as PUC chairman and Commissioner Kristie Fiegen was voted vice chairman.

Commissioner Chris Nelson was elected to PUC to complete the term to which he had been appointed in 2011.

Commissioner Kristie Fiegen was elected to PUC for a six-year term beginning in 2013, following an appointment to the commission in 2011.



## PUBLIC OUTREACH AND CONSUMER ASSISTANCE

Hosted a pre-session PUC briefing for legislators. The forum featured an update about proposed grain buyer legislation, wind energy development, the impact of EPA regulations, transmission challenges, Keystone pipelines and the Federal Communications Commission's 2011 order that overhauls telecommunications funding support. The event attracted nearly 40 legislators and a number of utility industry representatives.

Assisted consumers on nearly 2,000 occasions with issues and complaints related to electric, natural gas, telecommunications (including wireless), energy efficiency and other utility-related topics.

Conducted personal consumer outreach at home shows in Sioux Falls and Rapid City and fairs in Aberdeen, Sioux Falls and Huron. Commissioners and staff met with more than 3,200 consumers to answer questions about utility issues and promote the Call Before You Dig program, energy efficiency, Lifeline telephone assistance program and the Do Not Call registry.

Helped to increase the amount of South Dakota telephone numbers on Do Not Call registry to 604,031.

Commissioner Chris Nelson was a guest lecturer for Brookings eighth grade science classes and students at Sioux Falls' technology high school. Nelson and the students discussed wind, hydro and solar applications in South Dakota.

Assisted a number of consumers whose wireless phone account had been fraudulently accessed. Issued a statewide news release encouraging consumers to check or add security measures to protect their wireless phone accounts.

Warned South Dakotans, via a statewide news release and direct consumer contact, about a deceitful billing scheme by an out-of-state company attempting to elicit payment for telecommunications services not delivered.



## LEGISLATION

Introduced House Bill 1036, grain warehouse legislation, which added language to define an “independent provider.” The bill also clarified other points of existing statutes.

Shepherded the passage of Senate Bill 35 to update pipeline safety citations to federal regulations and laws. The legislation also increased the maximum civil penalties that can be levied against a pipeline operator that violates a safety rule or law.



## WIRELESS

Monitored the actions and results as new wireless telecommunications sites and enhancements were launched by companies at several locations improving wireless coverage in or near Aberdeen, Arlington, Armour, Aurora, Bath, Belvidere, Brookings, Buffalo Gap, Canton, Doland Draper, Edgemont, Fort Pierre, Fort Thompson, Freeman, Gann Valley, Groton, Kennebec, Keystone Madison, Mitchell, Mount Vernon, Murdo, Oelrichs, Parker, Pierre, Plankinton, Pringle, Rapid City, Sioux Falls, Spearfish Sturgis, Viborg, Vivian, Volga, Wessington Springs, White Lake and Yankton.

# Top Priorities

The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission focuses on the state's ratepayers and utility producers, managing its responsibility with the long-term public interest in mind. Accordingly, the priorities listed on the following pages are those that the commission examines to evaluate the fulfillment of its responsibility.



## ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS

The commission looks after the welfare of South Dakotans as related to electric and natural gas issues. Actions taken by the commission strive to ensure reliable service and reasonable rates from investor-owned utilities as well as fair service territory boundaries for all utilities. The commission follows guidelines prescribed by South Dakota law when siting energy conversion and transmission facilities and serves as an objective resource on renewable energy issues. The components of this priority affect South Dakotans in terms of reliability and cost of their electric and natural gas services.

The PUC uses a number of ways to measure the agency's effectiveness at handling these issues.

### Rates

Reviewing electric and natural gas rates from around the state, region and nation offers perspective to evaluate the financial impact South Dakota ratepayers experience compared to residents of other states.

#### Average Residential Natural Gas Rate

	<b>\$8.59</b>	South Dakota
	<b>\$9.81</b>	West North Central Region (Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota)
	<b>\$11.02</b>	United States

*Measurement, per thousand cubic feet, 2011*

#### Average Residential Electric Rate

	<b>10.04 cents</b>	South Dakota
	<b>10.68 cents</b>	West North Central Region (Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota)
	<b>11.92 cents</b>	United States

*Measurement, per kWh, October 2012*





## Completed Electric and Natural Gas Dockets

The number of electric and natural gas dockets completed each year reveals the agency's ability to manage its duties and workload. The measurement also alerts agency officials if the process by which dockets are assigned, analyzed and acted upon by staff and commissioners is appropriate. The commission seeks to completely process 85 percent of its annual electric and natural gas dockets within 12 months of a docket being filed.



### 2012 Electric and Natural Gas Dockets

- 68** Completed dockets
  - 33** Completed within approximately 1 month
  - 34** Completed in 2 to 4 months
  - NA** Completed in 5 to 6 months
  - 1** Completed in 7 to 12 months
- 10** Uncompleted dockets
- 87%** Percentage completed

*Measurement, 2012*

## Overtured Electric and Natural Gas Dockets

Parties that file requests or applications with the PUC and intervenors to those dockets have the right to challenge the commission's decision in circuit court. The number of dockets overturned by judicial order is an assessment of the manner by which the commission perceives and uses its regulatory authority.



Overtured dockets: None

*Measurement, 2012*

## Electric Reliability

The electric utility industry uses indices to track and benchmark reliability performance. Companies use this data to evaluate and improve upon their response to outages, handling of customer complaints and system integrity. Though electric utilities in South Dakota are not required to report these scores to the PUC, the companies discuss the information with the commission and a comparison to national scores is ascertained.



Sixteen of the 18 scores provided to the PUC by South Dakota's six investor-owned utilities placed below the national average. (The lower the score, the better the performance.) Analyzing the scores with relation to customer base and other factors reveals that the utilities have a high degree of electric reliability performance.

*Measurement, South Dakota 2012 scores compared to National 2011 average*

## Indices

**System Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI):** The average amount of time a customer's service is interrupted during the reporting period

**System Average Interruption Frequency Index (SAIFI):** The average number of interruptions that a customer would experience

**Customer Average Interruption Duration Index (CAIDI):** The average outage duration that any given customer would experience. CAIDI can also be viewed as the average restoration time.



## GRAIN WAREHOUSE

Monitoring the South Dakota grain industry is a significant responsibility of the Public Utilities Commission. The PUC Warehouse Division licenses and inspects:

- state-licensed grain storage warehouses,
- federally-licensed grain storage warehouses holding state grain-buyer licenses,
- grain buyers licensed as processors and non-storage facilities.

Grain brokers and truck-based grain buyers are also licensed but not inspected because they do not maintain grain handling facilities in South Dakota.

The warehouse staff works to reduce producer risk by reviewing the grain buyer and grain warehouse financial statements each year and by performing regular on-site inspections.

The PUC uses three main categories to measure its effectiveness in the grain industry.

### Inspections

The PUC conducts inspections to ensure compliance with statutes and rules related to the licensing and bonding requirements for grain warehouses and grain buyers. The number of inspections conducted describes the penetration of the agency's review process. The commission aims to inspect each licensed facility annually.



Grain warehouse and grain buyer inspections: 380 inspections at 259 licensed facilities

*Measurement, 2012*

### Failures

When a licensed grain warehouse fails to perform its duties or carry out its obligations to its producers, the PUC follows prescribed laws and administrative rules to investigate, audit or take other necessary action to limit damage to the public. The number of failures, excluding circumstances beyond the commission's authority, can be an indicator of the commission's level of diligence in overseeing the industry.



Failures: One

*Measurement, 2012*



## Licenses

The PUC issues licenses for grain buyers/grain warehouses doing business in the state. Each licensed entity is required to apply for renewal annually. As part of the licensing and renewal process, the commission analyzes grain buyers' financial ability to pay grain producers and suppliers. The number of licenses handled by the PUC depicts the wide scope of the commission's monitoring of the industry.

Class A Grain Buyer Licenses (entities that use voluntary credit sale contracts or exceed \$10,000,000 in annual purchases): 128 entities with 259 locations

Class B Grain Buyer Licenses (entities that do not use voluntary credit sale contracts and do not exceed \$10,000,000 in annual purchases): 54 entities with 56 locations

State Warehouse Licenses (entities that are licensed by the state to store grain for hire): 62 entities with 97 locations

Federal Warehouse Licenses (entities that are licensed by the USDA to store grain for hire): 29 entities with 121 locations

Processors (entities that purchase grain for the purpose of processing it into other products): 18 entities with 22 locations

Non-storage (entities that operate a grain handling facility but do not hold a state or federal warehouse license): 20 entities with 25 locations

Truck (entities that are primarily trucking companies with no grain handling facility but purchase grain for the purpose of resale): 16 entities with 16 locations

Brokers (entities that purchase grain but do not take physical possession of the grain): 31 entities with 34 locations

*Measurement, 2012*







## PIPELINE SAFETY

The PUC has responsibility to regulate hazardous gas intrastate pipelines which includes ensuring the public is provided safe and dependable gas service. As part of its duties, commission staff inspects and investigates natural gas pipeline operators, master meter operators and propane systems for compliance with statutes and administrative rules.

The commission uses the following measurement tools to establish that it is appropriately handling its role with regard to pipeline safety.

### Inspections

PUC pipeline safety inspectors regularly inspect hazardous gas pipeline operators to determine compliance with state and federal regulations. Inspections occur in the areas of records, field, construction, drug and alcohol, public awareness, incident investigation, operator qualification and integrity management. The number of inspection hours logged by the safety inspectors is an indicator of the agency's thoroughness in this area. Based on the PUC's certification agreement to administer this program for the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), a minimum of 133 inspection days are required.



Inspections: 170 days (133 days required)

*Measurement, 2012*

### Federal Audit

South Dakota's pipeline safety program is field audited annually by PHMSA's Office of Pipeline Safety (Central Region). The agency reviews inspections conducted and citations issued by the PUC and evaluates the commission's adherence to its pipeline procedures plan. The result of the federal review indicates the PUC's ability to carry out its obligations related to pipeline safety. PHMSA also reviews and scores South Dakota's annual certification document submittals. The anticipated but not yet received total score for calendar year 2012 is a 50/50 weighted average of the percentage score for the 2010 field audit and the 2012 certification document submittal. The highest possible score is 100 and the lowest score for any state reported in 2011 was 88.75. This audit score affects the funding South Dakota will receive for calendar year 2013.



Audit score: anticipating 100 out of a possible 100

*Measurement, anticipated for 2012*

### Federal Certification

PUC staff members involved in pipeline safety inspection are required to complete six training courses to become a certified pipeline safety instructor. Additional training is required for certification to conduct specialty inspections in the areas of distribution integrity management programs, public awareness and transmission integrity management. The courses are taught by the federal Pipeline Safety Office of Training and Qualifications and are designed to educate federal and state pipeline safety inspectors in the application of compliance requirements, inspection techniques and enforcement procedures.



Program Manager: Six of six required courses plus nine elective courses completed. Manager is certified to conduct all types of pipeline safety inspections.

Inspector: One required course completed (new inspector)

Staff Attorney: New attorney hired with first class completion anticipated in early 2013

*Measurement, training/certification to-date*



## SOUTH DAKOTA ONE CALL BOARD

The PUC assists the South Dakota One Call Board with administering the South Dakota One Call program, commonly referred to as “Call Before You Dig.” This program operates a notification center that informs underground facility operators, such as telephone, electric, petroleum, natural gas, cable television, water and sewer, of any excavation activities. An individual preparing to conduct excavating activities can have underground facilities located by calling 811 to reach the One Call notification center. The center will contact the appropriate facility operators who are responsible to accurately mark the underground facilities affected. Parties failing to comply with the statutes and administrative rules that govern the program are subject to complaint action which may result in a penalty assessed by the board.

The correct application of all elements in the process provides many benefits. Excavators preserve their safety and decrease their liability by knowing the location of underground facilities in advance of their activities. Facility operators have greater assurance their assets are guarded against damage, dislocation and disturbance by clearly marking their facilities. The public receives protection from injury, damage and loss of service when the One Call process is followed.

The commission monitors the success of the program by focusing on three key measures.

### Time in Queue

The prompt handling of locate requests is a top priority of the South Dakota One Call program. Each request of the system is handled in the order by which it is received. Queue times indicate the capability of the system’s representatives to understand and appropriately react to the locate requests, affecting the timeline by which the excavator may proceed with their activity.



Average time in queue: 40.66 seconds

*Measurement, 2012*

### Locate Requests and Tickets

The One Call notification center is the hub of the South Dakota One Call program. It is here that incoming locate requests are received, processed and are dispatched to utilities as outbound locate tickets. Trained operators receive inbound requests from excavators to have dig sites marked and issue outbound locate tickets to the affected utilities that dispatch personnel to locate the underground facilities at the respective dig site. An incoming request will typically result in multiple locate tickets, due to multiple utilities having buried facilities at the same dig location. This inbound and outbound traffic is monitored to reveal the amount of excavation activity throughout the state and the general usage of the One Call system.

Incoming locate requests: 133,705

Outgoing locate tickets: 787,683

*Measurement, 2012*



### Complaints Filed

Complaints filed with the One Call Board are reviewed to determine if probable cause of a violation exists. If so, the board may recommend a penalty be assessed. The One Call program’s complaint process is an enforcement as well as an educational tool. Often, parties found in violation were not previously aware of their duties to follow One Call statutes or administrative rules. Processing formal complaints produces enforcement and public awareness results.



Complaints: 17

*Measurement, 2012*



## TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The commission has regulatory authority over some telecommunications providers and services in South Dakota. The PUC issues certificates of authority to certain providers; approves switched access rates for local exchange carriers; designates providers as eligible telecommunication carriers and approves plans for investing Federal Universal Service Funds; and arbitrates disputes between providers. In addition, the commission serves as a resource on emerging issues.

The commission continually assesses its performance in dealing with telecommunications issues, with specific attention paid to these measurements:

### Completed Telecommunications Dockets

As with the electric and natural gas category, the number of telecommunications dockets completed each year reveals the agency's ability to manage its duties and workload. The measurement also alerts agency officials if the process by which dockets are assigned, analyzed and acted upon by staff and commissioners is appropriate. The number can also act as a meter of the amount of activity, within the commission's jurisdiction, by telecommunications providers in the state. The commission seeks to process 85 percent of its annual telecommunications dockets within 12 months of a docket being filed.

### 2012 Telecommunications Dockets

- 179 Completed dockets
  - 48 Completed within approximately 1 month
  - 128 Completed in 2 to 4 months
  - 3 Completed in 5 to 6 months
  - NA Completed in 7 to 12 months
- 18 Uncompleted dockets
- 91% Percentage completed

*Measurement, 2012*



### Overtuned Telecommunications Dockets

Parties that file requests or applications with the PUC and intervenors to those dockets have the right to challenge the commission's decision in circuit court. The number of dockets that are overturned by judicial order is an assessment of the manner in which the commission perceives and uses its regulatory authority.

Overtuned dockets: None

*Measurement, 2012*



### Wireline Customer Density

Customer density is a valuable measurement tool in the telecommunications industry used to help guide policy decisions. It depicts the customers served per mile of line, which is a standard measurement used to show the relative expense of providing state-of-the-art services in rural areas. The lower the customer density, the more expensive it is to serve. In South Dakota the average is 4.39 wireline customers per line mile, which means it costs roughly twice as much for wireline distribution facilities than it would for a state with 8.78 customers per line mile.

Approximate wireline customers served per mile of line: 4.39

*Measurement, 2012*







## CONSUMER AFFAIRS

The PUC provides a number of services for consumers. The agency’s consumer affairs staff is trained to assist consumers with issues related to their electric, natural gas or telecommunications service, including wireless. They provide educational information about energy efficiency, consumer protection and making wise utility choices. They also offer guidance and referrals for consumers who may have difficulty paying their utility bills. The commission also administers the South Dakota Do Not Call Registry, helping to enroll consumers on the registry and investigating violations against consumers who are on the registry.

The commission evaluates its performance related to consumer affairs by examining the following areas:

### Complaints Completed within a Month

Consumer complaints are received by the commission via phone, email and, occasionally, are delivered in-person by the complainant. The PUC strives to quickly and fully investigate each incident by analyzing both sides of the complaint and working with the affected parties to informally reach a resolution. The number of complaints completed within a month reveals the commission’s effectiveness in responding to consumers. The goal is 90 percent completed within a month.



Complaints completed within a month: 98%

*Measurement, 2012*

### Formal Consumer Complaints

When a consumer and utility cannot reach a resolution through the informal process, one of the parties may file a formal complaint. A formal complaint is entered into a docket and, unless settled, may result in a hearing before the commission. The commission endeavors to affect complaint resolutions informally and therefore strives for a low number of formal complaints. This measurement is also an assessment of the commission staff’s negotiation and mediation skills.



Formal consumer complaints: 0

*Measurement, 2012*

### Do Not Call Registry

The commission continually uses outreach efforts to educate South Dakotans about enrolling their personal telephone number on the Do Not Call Registry to reduce the number of telemarketing calls they receive. In addition to advocacy, the PUC takes an active role and, at the request of a consumer, will enroll their number on the registry. The PUC tracks the number of South Dakota telephone numbers on the registry, noting the amount of growth each year which is an indication of the success of education efforts.



South Dakota telephone numbers on Do Not Call Registry:  
604,031 (4% increase)

*Measurement, 2012*

# Regulated Utility Companies

The Commission has territory, complaint and quality of service authority over all natural gas, electric and telecommunications utilities operating within South Dakota. Certain utilities are exempt from the commission's rate regulation. They include municipal, rural electric cooperatives and small, independent and cooperative telephone companies. The commission retains its switched access rate making authority for all telecommunications companies providing local service, including small, independent and cooperative companies.

## GROSS RECEIPTS TAX ASSESSMENT PAID BY REGULATED UTILITY COMPANY

*The sum of these figures does not correspond with the Gross Receipts Tax Revenues reported on page 7 due to timing issues. Revenues are based on calendar year.*

Electric and Natural Gas Companies	\$995,335
Telecommunications Companies	\$841,763

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### Long Distance Telephone Companies (cont.)

### INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS COMPANIES

*Investor-owned electric and natural gas companies provide service to specific geographic areas in South Dakota and are regulated by the PUC. These companies are owned by their investors and are managed as private enterprises.*

Black Hills Power Inc.  
MidAmerican Energy Co.  
Minnesota Energy Resources Corp.  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.  
Northern States Power Co. dba Xcel Energy  
NorthWestern Energy  
Otter Tail Power Co.  
South Dakota Intrastate Pipeline Co.

### LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE COMPANIES

*These long distance telephone providers are certified by the PUC to do business in South Dakota. These companies carry traffic between telephone exchanges.*

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@link Networks Inc.  
360networks (USA) inc.  
800 Response Information Services LLC

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Access One Inc.  
Access Point Inc.

AccessLine Communications Corp.  
ACN Communication Services Inc.  
Affinity Network Inc.  
    dba QuantumLink Communications and  
    HorizonOne Communications  
Airespring Inc.  
Alliance Global Networks LLC  
Alliance Group Services Inc.  
    dba U.S. Republic Communications Inc.  
American Telecommunications Systems Inc.  
Americatel Corporation  
    dba 10 123 Americatel and 1010 123  
    Americatel and AMETEX and 1 800  
    3030 123 Americatel Collect  
AmeriVision Communications Inc.  
    dba LifeLine Communications  
    dba Affinity 4  
ANPI Business LLC fka Zone Telecom LLC  
Applewood Communications Corp.  
Associated Network Partners Inc.  
AT&T Corp. fka AT&T Communications of the  
    Midwest Inc.  
Avera Communication LLC

B

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Bandwidth.com CLEC LLC fka Computer  
    Network Technology Corp.  
BCN Telecom Inc. fka NUI Telecom Inc.  
BEK Communications Cooperative

## Long Distance Telephone Companies (cont.)

BellSouth Long Distance Inc.  
dba AT&T Long Distance Service  
Broadband Dynamics LLC  
Broadview Networks Inc. (bankrupt)  
Broadvox-CLEC LLC  
Broadwing Communications LLC  
BT Communications Sales LLC  
Budget PrePay Inc. dba Budget Phone  
BullsEye Telecom Inc.  
Business Discount Plan Inc.  
Business Network Long Distance Inc.  
Business Telecom Inc. dba EarthLink Business

### C

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Central Telecom Long Distance Inc.  
Cincinnati Bell Any Distance Inc.  
fka BroadWing Telecommunications  
Inc.  
Comcast Phone of South Dakota LLC  
dba Comcast Digital Phone  
Communication Access Center for the Deaf  
and Hard of Hearing Inc.  
Communications Network Billing Inc.  
COMTECH 21 LLC  
Conectado Inc.  
Consolidated Communications Networks Inc.  
Consumer Telcom Inc.  
Convergia Inc.  
Covista Inc.  
Crexendo Business Solutions Inc.  
CSDVRS LLC  
Custom Teleconnect Inc.

### D

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DakotaComm LLC  
Deltacom Inc. dba Earthlink Business  
dishNet Wireline LLC fka Liberty Bell Telecom LLC

### E

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Earthlink Business fka New Edge Network Inc.  
dba New Edge  
Easton Telecom Services LLC  
Embarq Communications Inc.  
dba CenturyLink Communications  
Embarq Payphone Services Inc.  
fka Sprint Payphone Services Inc.  
Encompass Communications LLC  
Enhanced Communications Group LLC  
dba ECG LLC  
EnTelegent Solutions Inc.  
Entrix Telecom Inc.

Eventis Telecom Inc.  
Express Communications Inc.

### F

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FiberComm LC  
First Choice Technology Inc.  
First Communications LLC  
France Telecom Corporate Solutions LLC  
Frontier Communications of America Inc.  
fka Citizens Telecommunications Co.  
dba Citizens Long Distance Co.

### G

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GC Pivotal LLC  
Global Crossing Telecommunications Inc.  
Global Tel\*Link Corp.  
Go Solo Technologies Inc.  
Gold Line Telemanagement Inc.  
Golden West Telecommunications  
Cooperative  
dba Golden West Telecommunications  
Granite Telecommunications LLC  
Greenfly Networks Inc. dba Clearlyfly  
Communications

### H

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Hawk Relay LLC  
HickoryTech Long Distance  
fka Crystal Communications Inc.  
dba HickoryTech Long Distance  
Hypercube Telecom LLC fka KMC Data LLC

### I

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IDT America Corp.  
Impact Telecom Inc.  
inContact Inc. dba UCN Inc. fka Buyers United  
Inc. fka Gyphics Communications Inc.  
dba BuyersOnline and  
dba United Carrier Networks  
iNetworks Group Inc.  
Integra Telecom of South Dakota Inc.  
Integrated Services Inc.  
Intelepeer Inc.  
Ionex Communications North Inc. dba Birch  
Communications Birch Telecom

### K

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KDDI America Inc. fka KDD America Inc.  
Knology of the Black Hills LLC fka PrairieWave  
Black Hills LLC  
Knology of the Plains Inc. fka PrairieWave  
Telecommunications Inc.



## Long Distance Telephone Companies (cont.)

### L

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Lattice Inc.  
LCR Telecommunications LLC  
Least Cost Routing Inc.  
    dba Long Distance Charges  
Legacy Long Distance International Inc.  
Level 3 Communications LLC  
Lightyear Network Solutions LLC  
Long Lines Metro fka CommChoice LLC

### M

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Main Street Telephone Co.  
Matrix Telecom Inc.  
    dba Matrix Business Technologies  
MCC Telephony of the Midwest Inc.  
    dba Mediacom  
MCI Communications Services Inc.  
    dba Verizon Business Services  
MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC  
    dba Verizon Access Transmission  
    Services  
McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services LLC  
    dba PaeTec Business Services  
Megapath Corp. fka DSLnet Communications  
    LLC and fka DIECA Communications Inc.  
    dba Covad Communications Co.  
Metropolitan Telecommunications of South  
    Dakota Inc. dba MetTel  
Midcontinent Communications Inc.  
Midstate Telecom Inc.  
Mitel NetSolutions Inc. fka Inter-Tel  
    NetSolutions Inc.  
Mobilitie LLC  
Momentum Telecom Inc.  
Multiline Long Distance Inc.

### N

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National Access Long Distance Inc.  
National Directory Assistance LLC  
Nationwide Long Distance Services Inc.  
NECC Telecom Inc.  
Net One International Inc.  
NET-tel Corp.  
Netwolves Network Services  
    fka Norstan Network Services Inc.  
Network Billing Systems LLC  
Network Communications International Corp.  
    aka Mundo Telecom and  
    aka 1800Call4Less  
Network Innovations Inc.  
Network Service Billing Inc.

NetworkIP LLC dba Elite Telecom  
Neutral Tandem-South Dakota LLC  
New Horizons Communications Corp.  
NobelTel LLC  
North Dakota Long Distance LLC  
Northern Valley Communications LLC  
NOS Communications Inc.  
    dba International Plus and  
    dba Internet Business Association and  
    Ivantage Network Solutions (Inetba) and  
    dba 011 Communications and  
    dba Blueridge Telecom Systems  
NOSVA Limited Partnership  
    dba CierraCom Systems  
NovaTel Ltd. Inc.

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ONLINE SAVINGS INC.  
Onvoy Inc. dba Onvoy Voice Services fka  
    Minnesota Independent Interexchange  
    Corp. dba MEANS Telcom  
OPCOM Inc. dba WCS Telecom dba WCS  
    Operators  
Operator Service Co. LLC dba Excell Services  
Opex Communications Inc. dba TCI Long  
    Distance fka PremierCom Inc.  
OrbitCom fka VP Telecom Inc.

### P

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Pac-West Telecomm Inc.  
PaeTec Communications Inc.  
PNG Telecommunications Inc.  
    dba PowerNet Global Communications  
    and dba CrossConnect  
Primus Telecommunications Inc.  
Public Communications Services Inc.  
Pulse Telecom LLC

### Q

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Quantumshift Communications Inc. dba Vcom  
    Solutions  
Qwest Communications Corp.  
    dba CenturyLink QCC  
Qwest LD Corp. dba Qwest Long Distance  
    dba CenturyLink LD

### R

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RC Communications Inc. dba RC Services  
Reduced Rate Long Distance LLC  
Reliant Communications Inc. fka HJN Telecom Inc.  
Residential Long Distance Inc.  
RRV Enterprises Inc. dba Consumer Access

## Long Distance Telephone Companies (cont.)

### S

Sage Telecom Inc.  
Sancom Inc. dba Mitchell Telecom  
SBC Long Distance LLC dba AT&T Long  
Distance fka SBC Long Distance Inc.  
Spectrotel Inc. dba OneTouch  
Communications  
dba Touch Base Communications  
Sprint Communications Co. LP  
SSTelecom Inc. dba ITC  
Sti Prepaid LLC fka Dialaround Enterprises Inc.  
(bankrupt)

### T

TDS Long Distance Corp.  
Telecare Inc.  
Telecom Management Inc.  
dba Pioneer Telephone  
Telecom North America Inc.  
Teleconnect Long Distance Services and  
Systems Co. dba Telecom\*USA  
Telrite Corp. dba Life Wireless  
Three River Telco  
dba Three River Long Distance  
TOTAL ACCESS TELECOM INC.  
Total Call International Inc.  
Total Holdings dba GTC Communications  
Touchtone Communications Inc.  
TRI-M Communications Inc.  
dba TMC Communications  
TTI National Inc.  
tw Telecom Data Services LLC

### U

U.S. Telecom Long Distance Inc.  
fka Corporate Calling Services Inc.  
fka Business Calling Plan Inc.  
Univance Telecommunications Inc.  
USA Digital Communications Inc.

### V

Velocity The Greatest Phone Company Ever Inc.  
Verizon Enterprise Solutions LLC  
fka NYNEX Long Distance Co.  
Verizon Long Distance LLC  
fka Bell Atlantic Communications Inc.  
Verizon Select Services Inc.  
Voicecom Telecommunications LLC  
dba Intelliverse  
fka Premiere Communications Inc.

### W

WDT World Discount Telecommunications Co.

WilTel Communications LLC fka Williams  
Communications LLC  
WiMacTel Inc.  
Windstream Communications Inc. fka ALLTEL  
Holding Corporate Services Inc.  
Windstream KDL Inc.  
Windstream Norlight Inc.  
Windstream NTI Inc. fka Norlight  
Telecommunications Inc.  
Working Assets Funding Service Inc.  
dba Credo Long Distance

### X

X2Comm Inc. dba DC Communications  
XO Communications Services Inc. fka XO  
Network Services Inc. dba XO LDS  
fka XO Long Distance Services Inc.

### Y

Yestel USA Inc.

## OPERATOR SERVICE COMPANIES

*An operator service provider is a telecommunications company that provides, by contract, a connection to long distance or local services from such places as hotels, motels, hospitals and campuses. The following operator service providers are authorized to do business in South Dakota.*

### #

1 800 Collect Inc.

### G

Global Tel\*Link Corp.

### I

Inmate Calling Solutions LLC dba ICSolutions  
Intellicall Operator Services Inc. dba ILD

### L

Lattice Inc.

### N

Network Operator Services Inc.

### P

Pay Tel Communications Inc.

### R

Reliance Telephone Systems Inc.  
(correctional facilities)

### S

Securus Technologies Inc.  
fka Evercom Systems Inc.

### V

Value Added Communications Inc.  
(correctional facilities)

## COMPETITIVE LOCAL EXCHANGE COMPANIES

A CLEC is a local exchange carrier providing local telephone service in competition with the incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC). Some companies can be both a CLEC and an ILEC (see page 26) in different service areas. The following CLECs are certified by the PUC to provide telecommunications services in South Dakota.

### #

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@link Networks Inc.  
321 Communications Inc.  
360networks (USA) inc.

### A

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Access Point Inc.  
ACN Communication Services Inc.  
AT&T Corporation fka AT&T Communications of the Midwest Inc.  
Aventure Communication Technology LLC  
Avera Communication LLC

### B

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Bandwidth.com CLEC LLC fka Computer Network Technology Corp.  
BEK Communications Cooperative  
BellSouth Long Distance Inc.  
dba AT&T Long Distance Service  
Broadview Networks Inc. (bankrupt)  
Broadvox-CLEC LLC  
BT Communications Sales LLC  
Budget Prepay Inc. dba Budget Phone  
BullsEye Telecom Inc.

### C

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COMTECH 21 LLC  
Covista Inc.  
Crexendo Business Soutlions Inc.

### D

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DakotaComm LLC  
dishNet Wireline LLC fka Liberty Bell Telecom LLC

### E

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EarthLink Business fka New Edge Network Inc.  
dba New Edge  
EnTelegent Solutions Inc.  
Eventis Telecom Inc.

### F

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FiberComm LC  
France Telecom Corporate Solutions LLC

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GC Pivotal LLC  
Granite Telecommunications LLC  
Greenfly Networks Inc.  
dba Clearfly Communications

### H

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HickoryTech Long Distance  
fka Crystal Communications Inc.  
Hypercube Telecom LLC fka KMC Data LLC

### I

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IDT America Corp.  
InContact Inc. dba UCN Inc. fka Buyers United Inc. dba BuyersOnline and dba United Carrier Networks  
iNetworks Group Inc.  
Integra Telecom of South Dakota Inc.  
IntelePeer Inc.  
Ionex Communications North Inc. dba Birch Communications Birch Telecom

### K

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Knology of the Black Hills LLC  
fka PrairieWave Black Hills LLC  
Knology of the Plains Inc. fka PrairieWave Telecommunications Inc.

### L

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Level 3 Communications LLC  
Long Lines Metro fka CommChoice LLC

### M

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Matrix Telecom Inc.  
dba Matrix Business Technologies  
MCC Telephony of the Midwest LLC  
dba Mediacom  
MCIMetro Access Transmission Services LLC  
dba Verizon Access Transmission Services  
McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services LLC  
dba PaeTec Business Services  
Megapath Corp. fka DSLnet Communications LLC and fka DIECA Communications Inc.  
dba Covad Communications Co.  
Metropolitan Telecommunications of South Dakota Inc. dba MetTel  
Midcontinent Communications  
Midstate Telecom Inc.  
Mitel NetSolutions Inc. fka Inter-Tel NetSolutions Inc.  
Mobilitie LLC  
Momentum Telecom Inc.



## Competitive Local Exchange Companies (cont.)

### N

Net Talk.Com Inc.  
Neutral Tandem-South Dakota LLC  
Northern Valley Communications LLC  
NOS Communications Inc.  
    dba Blueridge Telecom Systems  
    dba International Plus dba 011  
    Communications dba The Internet  
    Business Association (Inetba)  
    dba iVANTAGE NETWORK SOLUTIONS

### O

OrbitCom Inc. fka VP Telecom

### P

Pac-West Telecomm Inc.

### Q

Quantumshift Communications  
    dba Vcom Solutions  
Qwest Communications Co. LLC  
    dba CenturyLink QCC  
    fka Qwest Communications Corp.

### R

RC Communications Inc. dba RC Services

### S

Sage Telecom Inc.  
Sancom Inc. dba Mitchell Telecom  
Spectrotel Inc.  
    dba OneTouch Communications  
    dba Touch Base Communications  
Sprint Communications Co. LP  
SSTelecom Inc. dba ITC

### T

TC Systems Inc.  
tw Telecom Data Service LLC

### V

Velocity The Greatest Phone Company Ever Inc.

### W

Windstream KDL Inc. fka Kentucky Data Link Inc.  
Windstream NTI Inc.  
    fka Norlight Telecommunications Inc.

### X

XO Communications Services Inc. fka XO  
    Network Services Inc. dba XO LDS

### Y

YMax Communications Corp.

## WIRELESS COMPANIES

*Known by the Public Utilities Commission to be  
doing business in South Dakota*

### #

365 Wireless LLC

### A

Alliance Communications Cooperative Inc.  
American Messaging Services LLC fka Verizon  
    Wireless Messaging Services LLC

### B

Boomerang Wireless LLC

### C

Cellco Partnership  
    dba Verizon Wireless, as Success-in-  
    Interest to CommNet Cellular Inc.  
    Managing partner of the following:  
    Cellular Inc. Network Corp. (MSA 289  
    B, RSA 634 B, RSA 635 B, RSA 636 B,  
    RSA 638 B1, RSA 638 B2, RSA 639 B1  
    and RSA 639 B2)  
City of Brookings dba Swiftel Communications  
    (product brand Sprint PSC)  
Coast to Coast Cellular Inc.  
Cricket Communications Inc.

### D

Dakota Systems Inc. fka Sioux Falls Cellular LP  
    dba Verizon Wireless (MSA 267 B)

### E

Eastern SD Cellular Inc. fka Eastern S.D. of SD  
    LP (RSA 642 B) dba Verizon Wireless

### F

Flash Wireless, LLC

### G

Golden West Technologies Inc. (paging)

### I

Ionex Communications North, Inc.  
    dba Birch Communications Birch  
    Telecom  
Iowa Wireless Services LLC dba i Wireless  
i-Wireless LLC

### J

James Valley Cooperative Telephone Co.  
    dba James Valley Telecommunications

### K

KDDI America Inc.

### L

Long Lines Wireless LLC

## Wireless Companies (cont.)

### M

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MCIMetro Access Transmission Services LLC  
dba Verizon Access Transmission  
Services

Midwest Wireless Communications LLC

Mitel NetSolutions Inc.

fka Inter-Tel NetSolutions Inc.

Missouri Valley Cellular Inc. fka SD 7 - Sully LP

(RSA 640 B) Mitel Net Solutions Inc.

fka Inter-Tel NetSolutions Inc.

dba Verizon Wireless

### N

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New Cingular Wireless dba AT&T Mobility

Nextel West Corp dba Nextel

NPCR Inc dba Nextel Partners

### O

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OnStar Corp. dba OEM Telematics Services

### P

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Pierre Radio Paging & Telephone Inc.

PNG Telecommunications Inc.

dba PowerNet Global Communications

### R

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RCC Minnesota and Wireless Alliance

dba RCC Minnesota Inc.

Rural Cellular Corp. aka Glacial Cellular 2000

dba Unicel

### S

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Sanborn Cellular Inc. fka SD 8 Kingsbury LP

(RSA 641 B) dba Verizon Wireless

Software Cellular Network (North America)

dba Truphone

Sprint Spectrum LP dba Sprint PCS

ST Messaging Services LLC

### T

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T-Mobile Central LLC dba T-Mobile USA Inc.

TDS Long Distance Corporation

Telrite Corporation; dba Life Wireless

Total Call Mobile Inc.

Touchtone Communications Inc.

Tracfone Wireless Inc.

TRI-M Communications Inc.

dba TMC Communications

True Wireless LLC

tw Telecom Data Services LLC

### V

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Valley Telecommunications Co-op. Association  
Inc.

Vantek Communications fka McLeodUSA

Wireless Systems Inc. fka Dakota

Wireless Systems Inc. (DTG)

Verizon Enterprise Solutions LLC

Verizon Long Distance LLC

Virgin Mobile USA LP

### W

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Western Communications Inc.

Western Wireless

Managing partner of the following:

Cellular Corp. of Sioux Falls

dba Cellular One (MSA 267 A)

GCC License LLC (MSA 289 A, RSA 638

A, RSA 639 A, RSA 635 A, A 637 A, RSA

641 A, RSA 640 A, RSA 642 A, RSA 634

A, RSA 636 A) dba Verizon Wireless

Working Assets Funding Services Inc.

dba Credo Long Distance

## LOCAL TELEPHONE COMPANIES

*Also known as Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers, the following companies were providing local service when the Telecommunications Act of 1996 was enacted. Some companies can be both an ILEC and a CLEC (see page 24) in different service areas.*

## Independents

### C

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Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone  
Authority

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Fort Randall Telephone Co.

### J

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Jefferson Telephone LLC dba Long Lines Ltd.

### K

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Kennebec Telephone Co.

Knology Community Telephone Inc.

fka PrairieWave Community Telephone Inc.

### Q

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Qwest Corp. dba CenturyLink QC

### R

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RC Communications Inc. dba RC Services

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Stockholm-Strandburg Telephone Co. dba ITC

### W

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Western Telephone Co.

## Local Telephone Companies (cont.)

### Municipals

#### B

Beresford Municipal Telephone Co.

#### C

City of Brookings Utilities Telephone Division  
dba Swiftel Communications  
City of Faith Municipal Telephone Co.  
dba Faith Municipal Telephone Co.

### Cooperatives

#### A

Alliance Communications Cooperative Inc.

#### G

Golden West Telecommunications  
Cooperative  
dba Golden West Telecommunications

#### I

Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative (ITC)

#### J

James Valley Telecommunications  
dba James Valley Telecommunications

#### M

Midstate Communications Inc.

#### R

Roberts County Telephone Cooperative  
Association

#### S

Santel Communications Cooperative

#### T

TrioTel Communications Inc.

#### V

Valley Telecommunications Cooperative  
Association Inc.  
Venture Communications Cooperative Inc.

#### W

West River Cooperative Telephone Co.

### Foreign Exchange Carriers

#### C

Citizens Telecommunications of Minnesota Inc.  
Consolidated Telcom

#### D

Dickey Rural Communications Inc.  
Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative

#### F

Farmers Mutual Telephone Co.

#### G

Great Plains Communications Inc.

#### H

Heartland Telecommunications Company  
of Iowa dba Hickory Tech Corp.

#### N

Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co.  
(NebCom Inc.)

#### Q

Qwest Corp. - Iowa  
Qwest Corp. - Minnesota  
Qwest Corp. - Nebraska

#### R

Red River Rural Telephone Association  
RT Communications Inc.

#### T

Three River Telco dba Three River Long Distance

#### V

Valley Telephone Co.

#### W

West River Telecommunications Cooperative

### MISCELLANEOUS

### TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES

*Certified to provide telecommunications services in South Dakota  
by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission*

#### S

South Dakota Network LLC dba SDN Communications



# 2012 Docket Status Register

Dockets closed between Jan. 1, 2013, and the publication date of this report (Spring 2013) are noted in parentheses.

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Docketed Cases (year end)			
	Filed	Completed	Pending as of 12/31/2012
Administrative Items	1	1	0
Civil	5	0	5
Electric	64	54	10
Gas and Electric	5	4	1
Grain Warehouse	2	0	2
Natural Gas	8	6	2
Pipeline Safety	3	3	0
SD One Call	17	12	5
Telecommunications	194	173	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>46</b>



## Administration Items

**AA12-001** – Establishment of the Gross Receipts Tax Levy for Fiscal Year 2013

Date Filed: 04/24/12      Completed: 05/02/12



## Civil Dockets

**Civ12-044** – In the Matter of the Anderson Seed Co., Inc. Grain Buyer Bond

Filed: 04/05/12      Pending

**Civ12-06** – In the Matter of the Application of Native American Telecom, LLC for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Local Exchange Service Within the Study Area of Midstate Communications, Inc.

Filed: 05/14/12      (Completed: 01/08/13)

**Civ12-573** – The State of South Dakota v. Don Runge

Filed: 07/23/12      Pending

**Civ12-0236** – The State of South Dakota v. Eagle West Inc.

Filed: 07/23/12      (Completed: 03/07/13)

**Civ12-588** – The State of South Dakota v. Split Rock Contracting, Inc.

Filed: 07/23/12      Pending



## Electric Dockets

**EL12-001** – In the Matter of the Filing by MidAmerican Energy Company for Approval of its Tariff Revisions

Date Filed: 01/17/12      Completed: 02/22/12

**EL12-002** – In the Matter of the Notification Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:26:04(6) by Why Not Investments, LLC regarding Its Central Water Heating System in a Unit Efficiency Apartment Building, Rapid City, South Dakota

Date Filed: 01/23/12      Completed: 02/08/12

- EL12-003** – In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy to Discontinue Customer Buyback Program  
Date Filed: 01/25/12      Completed: 03/15/12
- EL12-004** – In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Butte Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Black Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Date Filed: 02/01/12      Completed: 03/07/12
- EL12-005** – In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between LaCreek Electric Association, Inc. and Black Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Date Filed: 02/01/12      Completed: 03/07/12
- EL12-006** – In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Moreau Grand Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Cam-Wal Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Date Filed: 02/01/12      Completed: 03/07/12
- EL12-007** – In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Moreau Grand Electric Cooperative, Inc. and McLaughlin Municipal Electric  
Date Filed: 02/01/12      Completed: 03/16/12
- EL12-008** – In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Moreau Grand Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Oahe Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Date Filed: 02/01/12      Completed: 03/07/12
- EL12-009** – In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Niobrara Electric Association and Black Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Date Filed: 02/01/12      Completed: 03/07/12
- EL12-010** – In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between West River Electric Association, Inc. and Butte Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Date Filed: 02/01/12      Completed: 03/07/12
- EL12-011** – In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between West River Electric Association, Inc. and LaCreek Electric Association, Inc.  
Date Filed: 02/01/12      Completed: 03/07/12
- EL12-012** – In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between West River Electric Association, Inc. and Moreau Grand Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Date Filed: 02/01/12      Completed: 03/07/12
- EL12-013** – In the Matter of the Request by Harvey K. Bue for a Determination of an Exception to Individual Metering Requirements in Regards to the Installation of a Master Metered Electric System for a Duplex in Webster, South Dakota  
Date Filed: 02/02/12      Completed: 02/21/12
- EL12-014** – In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Moreau Grand Electric Cooperative, Inc. and West Central Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Date Filed: 02/15/12      Completed: 03/16/12
- EL12-015** – In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between West Central Electric Cooperative, Inc. and West River Electric Association, Inc.  
Date Filed: 02/15/12      Completed: 03/16/12
- EL12-016** – In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between West Central Electric Cooperative, Inc. and LaCreek Electric Association, Inc.  
Date Filed: 02/15/12      Completed: 03/16/12

- EL12-017** – In the Matter of the Petition of Otter Tail Power Company for Approval of its Tariff Revisions  
Date Filed: 02/17/12      Completed: 04/03/12
- EL12-018** – In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Grand Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Moreau Grand Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Date Filed: 02/23/12      Completed: 04/19/12
- EL12-019** – In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Grand Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Butte Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Date Filed: 02/29/12      Completed: 04/19/12
- EL12-020** – In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Grand Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Faith Municipal Electric  
Date Filed: 02/29/12      Completed: 04/19/12
- EL12-021** – In the Matter of the Petition of Otter Tail Power Company for Approval to Revise its Fuel Adjustment Clause Rider to Include Emission Costs  
Date Filed: 03/01/12      Completed: 10/01/12
- EL12-022** – In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Grand Electric Cooperative, Inc. and West River Electric Association, Inc.  
Date Filed: 03/02/12      Completed: 04/19/12
- EL12-023** – In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Cherry-Todd Electric Cooperative, Inc. and West Central Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Date Filed: 03/12/12      Completed: 05/25/12
- EL12-024** – In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy for Approval of Tariff Revisions  
Date Filed: 03/27/12      Pending
- EL12-025** – In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Cherry-Todd Electric Cooperative, Inc. and LaCreek Electric Association, Inc.  
Date Filed: 03/30/12      Completed: 05/02/12
- EL12-026** – In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Rosebud Electric Cooperative, Inc. and West Central Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Date Filed: 03/30/12      Completed: 06/01/12
- EL12-027** – In the Matter of the Petition of Otter Tail Power Company to Establish an Environmental Quality Cost Recovery Tariff  
Date Filed: 03/30/12      Pending
- EL12-028** – In the Matter of the Filing of Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy for Approval of its 2011 Economic Development Activities and 2012 Budget  
Date Filed: 04/04/12      Completed: 06/01/12
- EL12-029** – In the Matter of the Application of Black Hills Power, Inc. for Approval of its Environmental Improvement Adjustment  
Date Filed: 04/16/12      Completed: 06/04/12
- EL12-030** – In the Matter of the Application of Black Hills Power, Inc. for Approval of its Electric Cost Adjustment  
Date Filed: 04/16/12      Completed: 06/01/12
- EL12-031** – In the Matter of the Filing by Otter Tail Power Company for Approval of Tariff Revisions  
Date Filed: 04/17/12      Completed: 06/04/12

- EL12-032** – In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Moreau-Grand Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.  
Date Filed: 04/24/12      Completed: 06/04/12
- EL12-033** – In the Matter of the Request for a Declaratory Ruling by Dream Design International, Inc. regarding the Application of ARSD § 20:10:26:04(2) to a Residential Complex Intended to House School of Mines Students  
Date Filed: 04/25/12      Completed: 06/04/12
- EL12-034** – In the Matter of the Filing by Otter Tail Power Company Regarding Its 2011 Report and 2012 Energy Efficiency Plan Update  
Date Filed: 04/30/12      Completed: 07/06/12
- EL12-035** – In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy for Approval of its 2011-2012 Transmission Cost Recovery Eligibility and Rate Adjustment  
Date Filed: 04/30/12      Completed: 08/27/12
- EL12-036** – In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Dakota Energy Cooperative, Inc. and West Central Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Date Filed: 05/15/12      Completed: 07/06/12
- EL12-037** – In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Central Electric Cooperative, Inc. and West Central Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Date Filed: 05/15/12      Completed: 07/06/12
- EL12-038** – In the Matter of the Filing by Otter Tail Power Company for Approval of its Tariff Revisions  
Date Filed: 05/23/12      Completed: 07/23/12
- EL12-039** – In the Matter of the Filing by Otter Tail Power Company for Approval of Tariff Revisions  
Date Filed: 05/24/12      Completed: 07/23/12
- EL12-040** – In the Matter of the Request for a Declaratory Ruling regarding the Electric Service Territory Boundary between NorthWestern Energy and Codington-Clark Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Date Filed: 05/25/12      Completed: 09/20/12
- EL12-041** – In the Matter of the Joint Request for the Exchange of Retail Electric Service Rights Exception between West River Electric Association and Black Hills Power, Inc.  
Date Filed: 05/29/12      Completed: 07/06/12
- EL12-042** – In the Matter of the Filing by Black Hills Power, Inc. for Approval of Tariff Revisions  
Date Filed: 05/31/12      Completed: 07/24/12
- EL12-043** – In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between LaCreek Electric Association, Inc. and Nebraska Public Power District  
Date Filed: 06/07/12      Completed: 07/24/12
- EL12-044** – In the Matter of the Filing by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for Approval of Tariff Revisions  
Date Filed: 06/20/12      Completed: 08/21/12
- EL12-045** – In the Matter of the Request by Otter Tail Power Company for Approval of Transfer of Construction Permit  
Date Filed: 06/28/12      Completed: 08/01/12
- EL12-046** – In the Matter of the Application of Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy for Authority to Increase its Electric Rates  
Date Filed: 06/29/12      Pending



- EL12-047** – In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Corporation, dba NorthWestern Energy for Approval of a Contract with Deviations  
Date Filed: 07/18/12      Completed: 08/30/12
- EL12-048** – In the Matter of the Filing of Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy for Approval of a Refund for a Residential Saver’s Switch Program Billing Error  
Date Filed: 07/27/12      Completed: 09/04/12
- EL12-049** – In the Matter of the Filing by MidAmerican Energy Company for Approval of its Tariff Revisions  
Date Filed: 08/07/12      Completed: 09/12/12
- EL12-050** – In the Matter of the Filing by Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy for Approval of Revisions to its Tariff  
Date Filed: 08/09/12      Pending
- EL12-051** – In the Matter of the Filing by Otter Tail Power Company for Approval of Tariff Revisions  
Date Filed: 08/10/12      Completed: 09/14/12
- EL12-052** – In the Matter of the Joint Request for Service Rights Exception between Otter Tail Power Company and Lake Region Electric Association, Inc.  
Date Filed: 08/17/12      Completed: 09/13/12
- EL12-053** – In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between West River Electric Association, Inc. and Black Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Date Filed: 08/17/12      Completed: 09/04/12
- EL12-054** – In the Matter of the Petition of Otter Tail Power Company for Approval of its 2013 Transmission Cost Recovery Eligibility and Rate Adjustment  
Date Filed: 09/04/12      Pending
- EL12-055** – In the Matter of the Filing by Otter Tail Power Company for Approval of Tariff Revisions  
Date Filed: 09/27/12      Completed: 11/07/12
- EL12-056** – In the Matter of the Joint Request for Service Rights Exception between Grand Electric Cooperative, Inc. and West River Electric Association, Inc.  
Date Filed: 10/09/12      Completed: 10/24/12
- EL12-057** – In the Matter of the Request for a Declaratory Ruling by NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy regarding the Recovery of Curtailed Energy Costs through the Fuel Adjustment Clause  
Date Filed: 11/16/12      Completed: 12/31/12
- EL12-058** – In the Matter of the Joint Request for Service Rights Exception between NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy and Bon Homme, Yankton Electric Association, Inc.  
Date Filed: 11/20/12      Completed: 12/20/12
- EL12-059** – In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Cherry-Todd Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Rosebud Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Date Filed: 11/21/12      Completed: 12/31/12
- EL12-060** – In the Matter of the Filing by Otter Tail Power Company for Approval of Tariff Revisions  
Date Filed: 12/07/12      (Completed: 01/30/13)
- EL12-061** – In the Matter of the Application of Black Hills Power, Inc. for Authority to Increase its Electric Rates  
Date Filed: 12/17/12      Pending

## Electric Dockets (cont.)

**EL12-062** – In the Matter of the Application of Black Hills Power, Inc. for the Phase in of Rates Regarding Construction Financing Costs of Cheyenne Prairie Generating Station

Date Filed: 12/17/12      Pending

**EL12-063** – In the Matter of the Petition of Otter Tail Power Company for Order Accepting Certification of Permit Issued in Docket EL06-002 to Construct Big Stone Transmission Line and Substations in Grant and Deuel Counties

Date Filed: 12/19/12      Pending

**EL12-064** – In the Matter of the Filing by Otter Tail Power Company for Approval of Tariff Revisions to its Rates for Small Power Production and Cogeneration

Date Filed: 12/31/12      *(Completed: 03/07/13)*



## Gas & Electric Dockets

**GE12-001** – In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy for Approval of Tariff Revisions to its South Dakota Demand Side Management Plan

Date Filed: 01/27/12      Pending

**GE12-002** – In the Matter of the Filing by MidAmerican Energy Company for the Approval of Its Reconciliation for 2011 and its Proposed Energy Efficiency Plan for 2012

Date Filed: 02/15/12      Completed: 03/30/12

**GE12-003** – In the Matter of the Filing by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for Approval of Tariff Revisions

Date Filed: 05/21/12      Completed: 07/10/12

**GE12-004** – In the Matter of the Filing by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for Approval of Tariff Revisions

Date Filed: 06/29/12      Completed: 08/15/12

Reopened: 10/10/12      Completed: 10/25/12

**GE12-005** – In the Matter of the Filing by MidAmerican Energy Company for the Approval of Energy Efficiency Plan for 2013-2017

Date Filed: 07/27/12      Completed: 11/27/12



## Grain Warehouse Dockets

**GW12-001** – In the Matter of Anderson Seed Co., Inc.'s Grain Buyer's License

Date Filed: 02/16/12      Pending

**GW12-002** – In the Matter of the Grain Buyer Bond of Anderson Seed Co., Inc.

Date Filed: 04/05/12      Pending



## Natural Gas Dockets

**NG12-001** – In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy for Approval of Its 2012 Economic Development Proposed Budget

Date Filed: 03/30/12      Completed: 04/27/12

**NG12-002** – In the Matter of the Filing by MidAmerican Energy Company for Approval of Its 2011 Economic Development Activities and 2012 Proposed Budget

Date Filed: 04/12/12      Completed: 05/15/12



## Natural Gas Dockets (cont.)

- NG12-003** – In the Matter of The Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society’s Notice to the Commission and Request for Determination of an Exception to Individual Metering Requirements under ARSD § 20:10:26:04(6) for a planned 44-unit Residential Complex  
Date Filed: 05/11/12      Completed: 06/04/12
- NG12-004** – In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy for Approval of an Amendment to a Contract with Deviations with Associated Milk Producers, Inc. (AMPI)  
Date Filed: 06/27/12      Completed: 08/16/12
- NG12-005** – In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy for Approval of its Tariff Revisions  
Date Filed: 08/24/12      Completed: 10/03/12
- NG12-006** – In the Matter of the Filing by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for Approval of an Application for Authority to Implement an Interruptible Natural Gas Transportation Service Rate 86 and Associated Tariff Revisions  
Date Filed: 10/18/12      Completed: 12/31/12
- NG12-007** – In the Matter of the Filing by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for Approval of its Revised Conservation Tracking Adjustment  
Date Filed: 12/07/12      *(Completed: 02/04/13)*
- NG12-008** – In the Matter of the Application of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for Authority to Increase its Natural Gas Rates  
Date Filed: 12/21/12      Pending



## Pipeline Safety Dockets

- PS12-001** – In the Matter of the Filing by Commission Pipeline Safety Staff regarding an Inspector Incident Investigation on the Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.’s System  
Date Filed: 02/10/12      Completed: 03/29/12
- PS12-002** – In the Matter of the Filing by Commission Pipeline Safety Staff for Approval of a Penalty for a Pipeline Safety Violation by Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy  
Date Filed: 03/23/12      Completed: 08/27/12
- PS12-003** – In the Matter of Pipeline Penalty Worksheet Approval  
Date Filed: 07/09/12      Completed: 08/07/12



## 811 South Dakota One Call Complaints

- OC12-001** – In the Matter of the Complaint Filed by the City of Groton, Groton, South Dakota, Against Schmidt Construction, Bath, South Dakota  
Date Filed: 02/23/12      Completed: 03/05/12
- OC12-002** – In the Matter of the Complaint Filed by Crooks Municipal Utilities, Crooks, South Dakota, Against May Construction, Madison, South Dakota, for an Incident Occurring on April 9, 2012  
Date Filed: 04/18/12      Completed: 07/05/12

- OC12-003** – In the Matter of the Complaint Filed by Crooks Municipal Utilities, Crooks, South Dakota, Against May Construction, Madison, South Dakota, for an Incident Occurring on April 10, 2012  
Date Filed: 04/18/12      Completed: 07/06/12
- OC12-004** – In the Matter of the Complaint Filed by Crooks Municipal Utilities, Crooks, South Dakota, Against May Construction, Madison, South Dakota, for an Incident Occurring on April 16, 2012  
Date Filed: 04/18/12      Completed: 07/06/12
- OC12-005** – In the Matter of the Complaint Filed by Crooks Municipal Utilities, Crooks, South Dakota, Against May Construction, Madison, South Dakota, for an Incident Occurring on April 17, 2012  
Date Filed: 04/18/12      Completed: 07/06/12
- OC12-006** – In the Matter of the Complaint Filed by the City of Pierre, Pierre, South Dakota, Against Sharpe Enterprises Incorporated, Fort Pierre, South Dakota, for an Incident Occurring on May 2, 2012  
Date Filed: 05/03/12      Completed: 10/10/12
- OC12-007** – In the Matter of the Complaint Filed by the Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Rapid City, South Dakota, Against RCS Construction, Rapid City, South Dakota, for an Incident Occurring on March 25, 2012, in Rapid City, South Dakota  
Date Filed: 05/16/12      Pending
- OC12-008** – In the Matter of the Complaint Filed by Charles Mix Electric Inc., Lake Andes, South Dakota, Against Wagner Building & Supply, Wagner, South Dakota, for an Incident Occurring on June 5, 2012, in Wagner, South Dakota  
Date Filed: 06/13/12      Completed: 10/12/12
- OC12-009** – In the Matter of the Complaint Filed by South Dakota Intrastate Pipeline Co., Pierre, South Dakota, Against Absolute Contracting Service Inc., Ball Ground, Georgia  
Date Filed: 06/19/12      Pending
- OC12-010** – In the Matter of the Complaint Filed by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Rapid City, South Dakota, Against Excavating Specialists, Rapid City, South Dakota, for an Incident Occurring on May 15, 2012, in Rapid City, South Dakota  
Date Filed: 06/26/12      Completed: 10/15/12
- OC12-011** – In the Matter of the Complaint Filed by Northern Natural Gas Company, Harrisburg, South Dakota, Against John Wellnitz, Yale, South Dakota, for an Incident Occurring on July 12, 2012, in Yale, South Dakota  
Date Filed: 07/17/12      Completed: 10/11/12
- OC12-012** – In the Matter of the Complaint Filed by Watertown Municipal Utilities, Watertown, South Dakota, Against Stromseth Construction, Watertown, South Dakota, for an Incident Occurring on July 28, 2012, in Watertown, South Dakota  
Date Filed: 07/31/12      *(Completed: 02/01/13)*
- OC12-013** – In the Matter of the Complaint Filed by TM Rural Water District, Parker, South Dakota, Against MP Nexlevel, LLC, Maple Lake, Minnesota, for an Incident Occurring on July 24, 2012, in Rural Salem, South Dakota  
Date Filed: 08/02/12      Completed: 10/22/12
- OC12-014** – In the Matter of the Complaint Filed by TM Rural Water District, Parker, South Dakota, Against MP Nexlevel, LLC, Maple Lake, Minnesota, for an Incident Occurring on July 26, 2012, in Rural Salem, South Dakota  
Date Filed: 08/02/12      Completed: 10/22/12



**OC12-015** – In the Matter of the Complaint Filed by TM Rural Water District, Parker, South Dakota, Against MP Nexlevel, LLC, Maple Lake, Minnesota, for an Incident Occurring on August 1, 2012, in Rural Salem, South Dakota

Date Filed: 08/02/12      Completed: 10/10/12

**OC12-016** – In the Matter of the Complaint Filed by Northern Natural Gas Company, Harrisburg, South Dakota, Against L&B Excavating, Beresford, South Dakota, for an Incident Occurring on November 9, 2012, in Alcester, South Dakota

Date Filed: 11/13/12      *(Completed: 03/05/13)*

**OC12-017** – In the Matter of the Complaint Filed by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Rapid City, South Dakota, Against Zandstra Construction, Rapid City, South Dakota, for an Incident Occurring on November 21, 2012, in Rapid City, South Dakota

Date Filed: 12/12/12      Pending



## **Telecommunications Dockets**

**TC12-001** – In the Matter of the Filing by Metropolitan Telecommunications of South Dakota, Inc. dba MetTel for Approval of its Access Services Tariff No. 3

Date Filed: 01/03/12      Completed: 02/21/12

**TC12-002** – In the Matter of Affinity Mobile, LLC dba Trumpet Mobile's Failure to Timely Pay the Gross Receipts Tax

Date Filed: 01/05/12      Completed: 02/06/12

**TC12-003** – In the Matter of Conexions, LLC dba Conexion Wireless' Failure to Timely Pay the Gross Receipts Tax

Date Filed: 01/05/12      Completed: 02/06/12

**TC12-004** – In the Matter of Triarch Marketing, Inc. dba Triarch Communications' Failure to Timely Pay the Gross Receipts Tax

Date Filed: 01/05/12      Completed: 02/06/12

**TC12-005** – In the Matter of 1-800-Reconex, Inc.'s Failure to Timely Pay the Gross Receipts Tax

Date Filed: 01/05/12      Completed: 02/06/12

**TC12-006** – In the Matter of Airnex Communications, Inc.'s Failure to Timely Pay the Gross Receipts Tax

Date Filed: 01/05/12      Completed: 02/06/12

**TC12-007** – In the Matter of BLC Management LLC dba Angles Communications Solutions' Failure to Timely Pay the Gross Receipts Tax

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**TC12-008** – In the Matter of Digital Telecommunications, Inc.'s Failure to Timely Pay the Gross Receipts Tax

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**TC12-009** – In the Matter of Hawk Relay, LLC's Failure to Timely Pay the Gross Receipts Tax

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**TC12-010** – In the Matter of SNiP Link, LLC's Failure to Timely Pay the Gross Receipts Tax

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**TC12-011** – In the Matter of Telenational Communications, Inc.'s Failure to Timely Pay the Gross Receipts Tax

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- TC12-012** – In the Matter of NET TALK.COM, INC.’s Failure to Timely Pay the Gross Receipts Tax  
Date Filed: 01/05/12      Completed: 02/06/12
- TC12-013** – In the Matter of the Filing by Midcontinent Communications for Approval of its Access Services Tariff  
Date Filed: 01/06/12      Completed: 03/15/12
- TC12-014** – In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of the Wireline Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Spectrotel, Inc. dba OneTouch Communications dba Touch Base Communications  
Date Filed: 01/06/12      Completed: 02/08/12
- TC12-015** – In the Matter of the Application of Impact Telecom, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Long Distance Services in South Dakota  
Date Filed: 01/11/12      Completed: 03/29/12
- TC12-016** – In the Matter of the Complaint and request for Declaratory Ruling filed by Midcontinent Communications Against PaeTec Communications, Inc. and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, L.L.C. regarding the Delivery of Telecommunications Traffic and Payment for such Traffic  
Date Filed: 01/12/12      Completed: 03/28/12
- TC12-017** – In the Matter of the Filing by AT&T Communications of the Midwest. Inc. for Approval of its Access Services and Network Interconnection Services Tariff  
Date Filed: 01/13/12      Completed: 04/13/12
- TC12-018** – In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of the Wireline Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and TC Systems, Inc.  
Date Filed: 01/17/12      Completed: 02/21/12
- TC12-019** – In the Matter of the Filing by XO Communications Services, Inc. for Approval of its Access Services Tariff  
Date Filed: 01/18/12      Completed: 02/21/12
- TC12-020** – In the Matter of the Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, and its Commercial Mobile Radio Service operating affiliates, dba AT&T Mobility for the State of South Dakota  
Date Filed: 01/30/12      Completed: 03/05/12
- TC12-021** – In the Matter of the Filing by MCC Telephony of the Midwest, LLC for Approval of Revisions to its Access Services Tariff No. 1  
Date Filed: 02/02/12      Completed: 03/06/12
- TC12-022** – In the Matter of the Filing by Bandwidth.com CLEC, LLC for Approval of Revisions to its Access Services Tariff No. 1  
Date Filed: 02/02/12      Completed: 03/06/12
- TC12-023** – In the Matter of the Request for a Declaratory Ruling by Allen Beyers Regarding the Application of SDCL 49-32-6 to a Midcontinent Communications Line in Ipswich, S.D.  
Date Filed: 02/13/12      Completed: 03/19/12
- TC12-024** – In the Matter of the Application of TOTAL ACCESS TELECOM, INC. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Long Distance Services in South Dakota  
Date Filed: 02/14/12      Completed: 03/21/12
- TC12-025** – In the Matter of the Application of Televergence Solutions, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Long Distance Services in South Dakota  
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- TC12-026** – In the Matter of the Filing by 360networks (USA) inc. for Approval of its Access Services Tariff No. 1  
Date Filed: 02/28/12      Completed: 04/13/12
- TC12-027** – In the Matter of the Joint Application of the South Dakota Telecommunications Association, the Local Exchange Carriers Association and Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC for Waiver of ARSD §§ 20:10:29:10, 20:10:29:12 and 20:10:29:16  
Date Filed: 03/02/12      Completed: 05/02/12
- TC12-028** – In the Matter of the Filing by Knology of the Plains, Inc. for Approval of Revisions to its Access Services Tariff No. 1  
Date Filed: 03/14/12      Completed: 05/14/12
- TC12-029** – In the Matter of the Filing by Liberty-Bell Telecom, LLC dba DISH Network Phone & Internet for Approval of Revisions to its Intrastate Switched Access Tariff No. 1  
Date Filed: 03/26/12      Completed: 04/26/12
- TC12-030** – In the Matter of the Application of Onvoy, Inc. dba Onvoy Voice Services for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Local Exchange Services in South Dakota  
Date Filed: 03/27/12      Completed: 05/14/12
- TC12-031** – In the Matter of the Filing by Onvoy, Inc. dba Onvoy Voice Services for Approval of its Access Services Tariff No. 1  
Date Filed: 03/28/12      Completed: 06/01/12
- TC12-032** – In the Matter of the Filing by SSTELECOM, Inc. for Approval of Revisions to its Intrastate Switched Access Tariff No. 1  
Date Filed: 04/06/12      Completed: 11/07/12
- TC12-033** – In the Matter of the Filing by Sancom, Inc. dba Mitchell Telecom for Approval of Revisions to its Intrastate Switched Access Tariff No. 1  
Date Filed: 04/06/12      Completed: 11/07/12
- TC12-034** – In the Matter of the Filing by Sprint Communications Company L.P. for Approval of Revisions to its Access Services Tariff No. 3  
Date Filed: 04/17/12      Completed: 05/14/12
- TC12-035** – In the Matter of the Application of Midcontinent Communications for an Amended Certificate of Authority  
Date Filed: 04/25/12      Completed: 09/06/12
- TC12-036** – In the Matter of the Filing by AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. for Approval of Revisions to its Access Services Tariff  
Date Filed: 05/01/12      Completed: 07/18/12
- TC12-037** – In the Matter of the Application of 365 Wireless, LLC for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Long Distance Services and Local Exchange Services in South Dakota  
Date Filed: 05/04/12      Completed: 07/24/12
- TC12-038** – In the Matter of the Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, and its Commercial Mobile Radio Service Operating Affiliates, dba AT&T Mobility for the State of South Dakota  
Date Filed: 05/11/12      Completed: 07/09/12
- TC12-039** – In the Matter of the Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and USA Mobility Wireless, Inc. for the State of South Dakota  
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- TC12-040** – In the Matter of the Filing by Local Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. for Approval of Revisions to its Access Services Tariff No. 1  
Date Filed: 05/18/12      Pending
- TC12-041**– In the Matter of the Request of Kennebec Telephone Co., Inc. for Certification Regarding Its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Date Filed: 05/22/12      Completed: 09/27/12
- TC12-042**– In the Matter of the Request of West River Cooperative Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Date Filed: 05/22/12      Completed: 09/27/12
- TC12-043** – In the Matter of the Filing by dishNET Wireline L.L.C. for Approval of its Access Services Tariff No. 2  
Date Filed: 05/23/12      Completed: 07/25/12
- TC12-044** – In the Matter of the Request of Knology Community Telephone, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Date Filed: 05/24/12      Completed: 09/27/12
- TC12-045** – In the Matter of the Request of Knology of the Black Hills, LLC for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Date Filed: 05/24/12      Completed: 09/27/12
- TC12-046** – In the Matter of the Request of Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Date Filed: 05/25/12      Completed: 09/27/12
- TC12-047** – In the Matter of the Request of Stockholm-Strandburg Telephone Company dba ITC for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Date Filed: 05/25/12      Completed: 09/27/12
- TC12-048** – In the Matter of the Request of SSTELECOM, Inc. dba ITC for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Date Filed: 05/25/12      Completed: 09/27/12
- TC12-049** – In the Matter of the Request of Fort Randall Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Date Filed: 05/25/12      Completed: 09/27/12
- TC12-050** – In the Matter of the Request of Valley Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Date Filed: 05/25/12      Completed: 09/27/12
- TC12-051** – In the Matter of the Request of Red River Rural Telephone Association for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Date Filed: 05/25/12      Completed: 09/27/12
- TC12-052** – In the Matter of the Request of Farmers Mutual Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
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- TC12-053** – In the Matter of the Request of Beresford Municipal Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Date Filed: 05/25/12      Completed: 09/27/12
- TC12-054** – In the Matter of the Filing OrbitCom, Inc. for Approval of Revisions to its Access Services Tariff No. 2  
Date Filed: 05/25/12      Completed: 08/17/12



- TC12-055** – In the Matter of the Request of Venture Communications Cooperative for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Date Filed: 05/25/12      Completed: 09/27/12
- TC12-056** – In the Matter of the Request of Western Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Date Filed: 05/25/12      Completed: 09/27/12
- TC12-057** – In the Matter of the Request of Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Association, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Date Filed: 05/25/12      Completed: 09/27/12
- TC12-058** – In the Matter of the Request of TrioTel Communications Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Date Filed: 05/25/12      Completed: 09/27/12
- TC12-059** – In the Matter of the Request of Midstate Communications, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Date Filed: 05/29/12      Completed: 09/27/12
- TC12-060** – In the Matter of the Request of Midstate Telecom, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Date Filed: 05/29/12      Completed: 09/27/12
- TC12-061** – In the Matter of the Request of Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc., Study Area Codes: 391640, 391659, 391667, 391677, 391684 and 391686 for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Date Filed: 05/29/12      Completed: 09/27/12
- TC12-062** – In the Matter of the Request of Midcontinent Communications for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Date Filed: 05/29/12      Completed: 09/27/12
- TC12-063** – In the Matter of the Filing by Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC for Approval of Revisions to its Access Service Tariff  
Date Filed: 05/29/12      Completed: 07/24/12
- TC12-064** – In the Matter of the Filing by Metropolitan Telecommunications of South Dakota, Inc. dba MetTel for Approval of Revisions to its Access Services Tariff No. 3  
Date Filed: 05/29/12      Completed: 07/27/12
- TC12-065** – In the Matter of the Joint Application of OrbitCom, Inc., Knology of the Plains, Inc. and Knology of the Black Hills, LLC for Waiver of ARSD §§ 20:10:29:10, 20:10:29:12 and 20:10:29:16  
Date Filed: 05/29/12      Completed: 08/22/12
- TC12-066** – In the Matter of the Request of City of Faith Municipal Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Date Filed: 05/30/12      Completed: 09/27/12
- TC12-067** – In the Matter of the Request of Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority for Certification Regarding Its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Date Filed: 05/30/12      Completed: 09/27/12
- TC12-068** – In the Matter of the Request of RT Communications Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
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- TC12-069** – In the Matter of the Request of Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc. for Certification Regarding Its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Date Filed: 05/30/12      Completed: 09/27/12
- TC12-070** – In the Matter of the Filing by Hills Telephone Company Inc. for Approval of Revisions to its Access Service Tariff No. 1  
Date Filed: 05/30/12      Completed: 07/27/12
- TC12-071** – In the Matter of the Request of West River Telecommunications Cooperative (Mobridge) for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Date Filed: 05/30/12      Completed: 09/27/12
- TC12-072** – In the Matter of the Request of RCC Minnesota, Inc. dba Verizon Wireless for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Date Filed: 05/30/12      Completed: 09/27/12
- TC12-073** – In the Matter of the Request of WWC License LLC dba Verizon Wireless for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Date Filed: 05/30/12      Completed: 09/27/12
- TC12-074** – In the Matter of the Request of RC Communications, Inc., dba RC Services for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Date Filed: 05/30/12      Completed: 09/27/12
- TC12-075** – In the Matter of the Request of Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association and RC Communications, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Date Filed: 05/30/12      Completed: 09/27/12
- TC12-076** – In the Matter of the Filing by Kadoka Telephone Company for Approval of Revisions to its Access Service Tariff No. 1  
Date Filed: 05/30/12      Completed: 07/30/12
- TC12-077** – In the Matter of the Request of Jefferson Telephone Company for Certification Regarding Its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Date Filed: 05/30/12      Completed: 09/27/12
- TC12-078** – In the Matter of the Request of Long Lines Wireless, LLC for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Date Filed: 05/30/12      Completed: 09/27/12
- TC12-079** – In the Matter of the Request of Citizens Telecommunications Company of Minnesota, LLC for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Date Filed: 05/31/12      Completed: 09/27/12
- TC12-080** – In the Matter of the Request of Northern Valley Communications, L.L.C. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Date Filed: 05/31/12      Completed: 09/27/12
- TC12-081** – In the Matter of the Request of James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Date Filed: 05/31/12      Completed: 09/27/12
- TC12-082** – In the Matter of the Request of James Valley Wireless, LLC for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
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- TC12-083** – In the Matter of the Filing by Sprint Communications Company L.P. for Approval of Revisions to its Access Service Tariff No. 3  
Date Filed: 05/31/12      Completed: 07/26/12
- TC12-084** – In the Matter of the Request of Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Date Filed: 05/31/12      Completed: 09/27/12
- TC12-085** – In the Matter of the Request of Santel Communications Cooperative for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Date Filed: 05/31/12      Completed: 09/27/12
- TC12-086** – In the Matter of the Request of Brookings Municipal Telephone dba Swiftel Communications for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Date Filed: 05/31/12      Completed: 09/27/12
- TC12-087** – In the Matter of the Request of City of Brookings Municipal Telephone for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Date Filed: 05/31/12      Completed: 09/27/12
- TC12-088** – In the Matter of the Filing by Knology Community Telephone, Inc. for Approval of Revisions to its Access Service Tariff No. 1  
Date Filed: 06/01/12      Completed: 07/30/12
- TC12-089** – In the Matter of the Filing by Knology of the Plains, Inc. for Approval of Revisions to its Access Service Tariff No. 1  
Date Filed: 06/01/12      Completed: 07/30/12
- TC12-090** – In the Matter of the Filing by Fort Randall Telephone Company for Approval of Revisions to its Access Service Tariff  
Date Filed: 06/04/12      Completed: 09/18/12
- TC12-091** – In the Matter of the Filing by MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC dba Verizon Access Transmission Services for Approval of Revisions to its Access Service Tariff No. 2  
Date Filed: 06/07/12      Completed: 07/27/12
- TC12-092** – In the Matter of the Application of True Wireless LLC for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier  
Date Filed: 06/08/12      Pending
- TC12-093** – In the Matter of the Filing by XO Communications Services, Inc. for Approval of Revisions to its Access Service Tariff  
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- TC12-094** – In the Matter of the Filing by Northern Valley Communications, LLC for Approval of Revisions to its Access Service Tariff No. 1  
Date Filed: 06/11/12      Completed: 08/17/12
- TC12-095** – In the Matter of the Filing by dishNET Wireline L.L.C. for Approval of Revisions to its Access Service Tariff No. 2  
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- TC12-096** – In the Matter of the Filing by Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC for Approval of Revisions to its Access Service Tariff  
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- TC12-097** – In the Matter of the Filing by Knology of the Black Hills, LLC for Approval of Revisions to its Access Service Tariff No. 1  
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- TC12-098** – In the Matter of the Filing by Sprint Communications Company L.P. for Approval of Revisions to its Access Service Tariff No. 3  
Date Filed: 06/13/12      Completed: 07/26/12
- TC12-099** – In the Matter of the Filing by Midcontinent Communications for Approval of Revisions to its Access Service Tariff  
Date Filed: 06/19/12      Completed: 08/07/12
- TC12-100** – In the Matter of the Request for Termination of the Wholesale Service Order Charge Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. dab PAETEC Business Services dba Windstream Communications for the State of South Dakota  
Date Filed: 06/21/12      Completed: 09/06/12
- TC12-101** – In the Matter of the Filing by MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC dba Verizon Access Transmission Services for Approval of Revisions to its Tariff No. 2  
Date Filed: 06/22/12      Completed: 08/22/12
- TC12-102** – In the Matter of the Filing by Midstate Telecom, Inc. for Approval of Revisions to its Tariff No. 2  
Date Filed: 06/22/12      Completed: 11/07/12
- TC12-103** – In the Matter of the Filing by Sage Telecom, Inc. for Approval of Revisions to its Tariff No. 3  
Date Filed: 06/27/12      Completed: 08/17/12
- TC12-104** – In the Matter of the Filing by Ymax Communications Corp. for Approval of Revisions to its Tariff No. 2  
Date Filed: 06/28/12      Completed: 10/03/12
- TC12-105** – In the Matter of the Filing by BullsEye Telecom, Inc. for Approval of Revisions to its Tariff No. 2  
Date Filed: 06/29/12      Completed: 08/17/12
- TC12-106** – In the Matter of the Filing by Ionex Communications North, Inc. dba Birch Communications for Approval of Revisions to its Tariff No. 6  
Date Filed: 06/29/12      Completed: 08/21/12
- TC12-107** – In the Matter of the Filing by 360networks (USA) inc. for Approval of Revisions to its Tariff No. 1  
Date Filed: 07/02/12      Completed: 08/16/12
- TC12-108** – In the Matter of the Filing by Long Lines Metro LLC for Approval of Revisions to its Tariff No. 3  
Date Filed: 07/02/12      Completed: 10/30/12
- TC12-109** – In the Matter of the Filing by AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. for Approval of Revisions to its Tariff  
Date Filed: 07/03/12      Completed: 11/29/12
- TC12-110** – In the Matter of the Filing by FiberComm, L.C. for Approval of Revisions to its Tariff No. 2  
Date Filed: 07/05/12      Completed: 08/17/12
- TC12-111** – In the Matter of the Filing by Neutral Tandem-South Dakota, LLC for Approval of Revisions to its Tariff No. 1  
Date Filed: 07/09/12      *(Completed: 03/08/13)*



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- TC12-112** – In the Matter of the Filing by McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, L.L.C. dba PAETEC Business Services for Approval of Revisions to its Tariff No. 3  
Date Filed: 07/10/12      Completed: 08/07/12
- TC12-113** – In the Matter of the Filing by BullsEye Telecom, Inc. for Approval of Revisions to its Tariff No. 2  
Date Filed: 07/11/12      Completed: 08/21/12
- TC12-114** – In the Matter of the Filing by Broadvox-CLEC, LLC for Approval of its Tariff No. 1  
Date Filed: 07/11/12      *(Completed: 03/08/13)*
- TC12-115** – In the Matter of the Filing by Local Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. for Approval of Revisions to its Access Services Tariff No. 1  
Date Filed: 07/12/12      Completed: 10/03/12
- TC12-116** – In the Matter of the Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and XO Communications Services, LLC  
Date Filed: 07/12/12      Completed: 08/21/12
- TC12-117** – In the Matter of the Filing by Budget PrePay, Inc. dba Budget Phone for Approval of Revisions to its Access Services Tariff No. 3  
Date Filed: 07/17/12      Pending
- TC12-118** – In the Matter of the Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Bandwidth.com CLEC, LLC  
Date Filed: 07/17/12      Completed: 08/21/12
- TC12-119** – In the Matter of the Filing by Granite Telecommunications, LLC for Approval of Revisions to its Access Services Tariff No. 3 (Transitional Rate)  
Date Filed: 07/26/12      Completed: 09/13/12
- TC12-120** – In the Matter of the Filing by Granite Telecommunications, LLC for Approval of Revisions to its Access Services Tariff No. 3 (VoIP)  
Date Filed: 07/26/12      Completed: 10/01/12
- TC12-121** – In the Matter of the Filing by Matrix Telecom, Inc. dba Matrix Business Technologies also dba Trinsic Communications for Approval of Revisions to its Access Services Tariff No. 5  
Date Filed: 08/02/12      *(Completed: 01/30/13)*
- TC12-122** – In the Matter of the Application of Conectado, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Long Distance Services in South Dakota  
Date Filed: 08/02/12      Completed: 10/03/12
- TC12-123** – In the Matter of the Filling by Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink for Approval of Waiver of the Utilization Threshold Requirements in Sioux Falls, South Dakota  
Date Filed: 08/07/12      Completed: 09/07/12
- TC12-124** – In the Matter of the Filing by Level 3 Communications, LLC for Approval of Revisions to its Access Services Tariff No. 3  
Date Filed: 08/09/12      Pending
- TC12-125** – In the Matter of the Application of Budget PrePay, Inc., dba Budget Mobile for Designation as a Lifeline-Only Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in Non-Rural Areas  
Date Filed: 08/10/12      Completed: 09/26/12
- TC12-126** – In the Matter of the Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Sprint Communications Company L.P.  
Date Filed: 08/10/12      Completed: 09/13/12



- TC12-127** – In the Matter of the Filing by Level 3 Communications, LLC for Approval of Revisions to Update its Access Services Tariff No. 3  
Date Filed: 08/16/12      Pending
- TC12-128** – In the Matter of the Approval of an Intercarrier Compensation Bill and Keep Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Sancom, Inc. dba Mitchell Telecom and City of Brookings Municipal Utilities – Telephone Division dba Swiftel Communications  
Date Filed: 08/24/12      Completed: 09/28/12
- TC12-129** – In the Matter of the Filing by Sage Telecom, Inc. for Approval of its Tariff No. 4  
Date Filed: 08/24/12      Pending
- TC12-130** – In the Matter of the Approval of an Intercarrier Compensation Bill and Keep Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Verizon Wireless  
Date Filed: 08/28/12      Completed: 09/28/12
- TC12-131** – In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of a Reciprocal Transport and Termination Agreement Between Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. and James Valley Wireless, LLC  
Date Filed: 08/29/12      Completed: 09/28/12
- TC12-132** – In the Matter of the Approval of an ICC VoIP Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Broadvox-CLEC, LLC  
Date Filed: 08/31/12      Completed: 09/28/12
- TC12-133** – In the Matter of the Petition of Midstate Telecom for Approval of its Cost Based Switched Access Rates and for a Phase-In  
Date Filed: 09/10/12      Pending
- TC12-134** – In the Matter of the Filing by TC Systems, Inc. for Approval of its Access Service Tariff  
Date Filed: 09/11/12      *(Completed: 01/30/13)*
- TC12-135** – In the Matter of the Approval of an Intercarrier Compensation Bill and Keep Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, and its Commercial Mobile Radio Service Operating Affiliates dba AT&T Mobility and Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.  
Date Filed: 09/18/12      Completed: 10/30/12
- TC12-136** – In the Matter of the Approval of an Intercarrier Compensation Bill and Keep Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, and its Commercial Mobile Radio Service operating affiliates dba AT&T Mobility and RC Communications, Inc.  
Date Filed: 09/18/12      Completed: 10/30/12
- TC12-137** – In the Matter of the Approval of an Intercarrier Compensation Bill and Keep Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, and its Commercial Mobile Radio Service operating affiliates dba AT&T Mobility and Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association  
Date Filed: 09/18/12      Completed: 10/30/12
- TC12-138** – In the Matter of the Approval of an Intercarrier Compensation Bill and Keep Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, and its Commercial Mobile Radio Service Operating Affiliates dba AT&T Mobility and Stockholm-Strandburg Telephone Company  
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- TC12-139** – In the Matter of the Approval of an Intercarrier Compensation Bill and Keep Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, and its Commercial Mobile Radio Service Operating Affiliates dba AT&T Mobility and Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Association, Inc.  
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- TC12-140** – In the Matter of the Approval of an Inter-carrier Compensation Bill and Keep Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, and its Commercial Mobile Radio Service Operating Affiliates dba AT&T Mobility and Western Telephone Company  
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- TC12-141** – In the Matter of the Approval of an Inter-carrier Compensation Bill and Keep Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, and its Commercial Mobile Radio Service Operating Affiliates dba AT&T Mobility and Venture Communications Cooperative  
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- TC12-142** – In the Matter of the Approval of an Inter-carrier Compensation Bill and Keep Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, and its Commercial Mobile Radio Service Operating Affiliates dba AT&T Mobility and Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority  
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- TC12-143** – In the Matter of the Approval of an Inter-carrier Compensation Bill and Keep Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, and its Commercial Mobile Radio Service Operating Affiliates dba AT&T Mobility and Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc.  
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- TC12-144** – In the Matter of the Approval of an Inter-carrier Compensation Bill and Keep Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, and its Commercial Mobile Radio Service Operating Affiliates dba AT&T Mobility and Beresford Municipal Telephone Company  
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- TC12-145** – In the Matter of the Approval of an Inter-carrier Compensation Bill and Keep Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, and its Commercial Mobile Radio Service Operating Affiliates dba AT&T Mobility and Kennebec Telephone Company, Inc.  
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- TC12-146** – In the Matter of the Approval of an Inter-carrier Compensation Bill and Keep Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, and its Commercial Mobile Radio Service Operating Affiliates dba AT&T Mobility and Santel Communications Cooperative  
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- TC12-147** – In the Matter of the Approval of an Inter-carrier Compensation Bill and Keep Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, and its Commercial Mobile Radio Service Operating Affiliates dba AT&T Mobility and TrioTel Communications, Inc.  
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- TC12-148** – In the Matter of the Approval of an Inter-carrier Compensation Bill and Keep Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, and its Commercial Mobile Radio Service Operating Affiliates dba AT&T Mobility and West River Cooperative Telephone Company  
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- TC12-149** – In the Matter of the Approval of an Inter-carrier Compensation Bill and Keep Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, and its Commercial Mobile Radio Service Operating Affiliates dba AT&T Mobility and Armour Independent Telephone Company  
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- TC12-150** – In the Matter of the Approval of an Inter-carrier Compensation Bill and Keep Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, and its Commercial Mobile Radio Service Operating Affiliates dba AT&T Mobility and Bridgewater-Canistota Independent Telephone  
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- TC12-151** – In the Matter of the Approval of an Inter-carrier Compensation Bill and Keep Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, and its Commercial Mobile Radio Service Operating Affiliates dba AT&T Mobility and Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.  
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- TC12-152** – In the Matter of the Approval of an Inter-carrier Compensation Bill and Keep Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, and its Commercial Mobile Radio Service Operating Affiliates dba AT&T Mobility and Kadoka Telephone Company  
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- TC12-153** – In the Matter of the Approval of an Inter-carrier Compensation Bill and Keep Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, and its Commercial Mobile Radio Service Operating Affiliates dba AT&T Mobility and Sioux Valley Telephone Company  
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- TC12-155** – In the Matter of the Approval of an Inter-carrier Compensation Bill and Keep Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, and its Commercial Mobile Radio Service Operating Affiliates dba AT&T Mobility and Vivian Telephone Company  
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- TC12-156** – In the Matter of the Approval of an Inter-carrier Compensation Bill and Keep Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, and its Commercial Mobile Radio Service Operating Affiliates dba AT&T Mobility and James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company dba James Valley Telecommunications  
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- TC12-157** – In the Matter of the Approval of an Inter-carrier Compensation Bill and Keep Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, and its Commercial Mobile Radio Service Operating Affiliates dba AT&T Mobility and Northern Valley Communications, LLC  
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- TC12-159** – In the Matter of the Approval of an Inter-carrier Compensation Bill and Keep Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, and its Commercial Mobile Radio Service Operating Affiliates dba AT&T Mobility and Knology Community Telephone, Inc. fka Dakota Cooperative Telecommunications, Inc.  
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- TC12-161** – In the Matter of the Filing by AT&T Corp. for Approval of its Access Services and Network Interconnection Services Tariff  
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- TC12-162** – In the Matter of the Application of Cincinnati Bell Any Distance Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Local Exchange Services in South Dakota  
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- TC12-163** – In the Matter of the Approval of an Inter-carrier Compensation Bill and Keep Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless; Cellular Inc. Network Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Cellular, Inc. Financial Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Midwest Wireless Communications, LLC dba Verizon Wireless; Rural Cellular Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Verizon Wireless (VAW) LLC dba Verizon Wireless; WWC Holding Co., Inc. dba Verizon Wireless and Armour Independent Telephone Company  
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- TC12-164** – In the Matter of the Approval of an Inter-carrier Compensation Bill and Keep Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless; Cellular Inc. Network Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Cellular, Inc. Financial Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Midwest Wireless Communications, LLC dba Verizon Wireless; Rural Cellular Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Verizon Wireless (VAW) LLC dba Verizon Wireless; WWC Holding Co., Inc. dba Verizon Wireless and Beresford Municipal Telephone Company  
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- TC12-167** – In the Matter of the Approval of an Inter-carrier Compensation Bill and Keep Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless; Cellular Inc. Network Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Cellular, Inc. Financial Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Midwest Wireless Communications, LLC dba Verizon Wireless; Rural Cellular Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Verizon Wireless (VAW) LLC dba Verizon Wireless; WWC Holding Co., Inc. dba Verizon Wireless and Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.  
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- TC12-168** – In the Matter of the Approval of an Inter-carrier Compensation Bill and Keep Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless; Cellular Inc. Network Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Cellular, Inc. Financial Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Midwest Wireless Communications, LLC dba Verizon Wireless; Rural Cellular Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Verizon Wireless (VAW) LLC dba Verizon Wireless; WWC Holding Co., Inc. dba Verizon Wireless and Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.  
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- TC12-175** – In the Matter of the Approval of an Intercarrier Compensation Bill and Keep Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless; Cellular Inc. Network Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Cellular, Inc. Financial Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Midwest Wireless Communications, LLC dba Verizon Wireless; Rural Cellular Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Verizon Wireless (VAW) LLC dba Verizon Wireless; WWC Holding Co., Inc. dba Verizon Wireless and Union Telephone Company  
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- TC12-176** – In the Matter of the Approval of an Intercarrier Compensation Bill and Keep Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless; Cellular Inc. Network Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Cellular, Inc. Financial Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Midwest Wireless Communications, LLC dba Verizon Wireless; Rural Cellular Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Verizon Wireless (VAW) LLC dba Verizon Wireless; WWC Holding Co., Inc. dba Verizon Wireless and Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Association, Inc.  
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- TC12-177** – In the Matter of the Approval of an Intercarrier Compensation Bill and Keep Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless; Cellular Inc. Network Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Cellular, Inc. Financial Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Midwest Wireless Communications, LLC dba Verizon Wireless; Rural Cellular Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Verizon Wireless (VAW) LLC dba Verizon Wireless; WWC Holding Co., Inc. dba Verizon Wireless and Vivian Telephone Company  
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- TC12-178** – In the Matter of the Approval of an Intercarrier Compensation Bill and Keep Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless; Cellular Inc. Network Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Cellular, Inc. Financial Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Midwest Wireless Communications, LLC dba Verizon Wireless; Rural Cellular Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Verizon Wireless (VAW) LLC dba Verizon Wireless; WWC Holding Co., Inc. dba Verizon Wireless and James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company  
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- TC12-179** – In the Matter of the Filing by Ymax Communications Corp. for Approval of Revisions to its Tariff No. 2  
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- TC12-180** – In the Matter of the Application of Airespring Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Local Exchange Services in South Dakota  
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- TC12-181** – In the Matter of the Approval of an Intercarrier Compensation Bill and Keep Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless; Cellular Inc. Network Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Cellular, Inc. Financial Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Midwest Wireless Communications, LLC dba Verizon Wireless; Rural Cellular Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Verizon Wireless (VAW) LLC dba Verizon Wireless; WWC Holding Co., Inc. dba Verizon Wireless and West River Cooperative Telephone Company  
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- TC12-182** – In the Matter of the Application of Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. for an Amended Certificate of Authority  
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- TC12-183** – In the Matter of the Approval of an Intercarrier Compensation Bill and Keep Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless; Cellular Inc. Network Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Cellular, Inc. Financial Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Midwest Wireless Communications, LLC dba Verizon Wireless; Rural Cellular Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Verizon Wireless (VAW) LLC dba Verizon Wireless; WWC Holding Co., Inc. dba Verizon Wireless and Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc.  
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- TC12-184** – In the Matter of the Application of Common Point LLC for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Local Exchange Services in South Dakota  
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- TC12-185** – In the Matter of the Filing by Common Point LLC for Approval of its Access Services Tariff No. 1  
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- TC12-188** – In the Matter of the Filing by MCC Telephony of the Midwest, LLC for Approval of Revisions to its Access Services Tariff No. 1 and Waiver to ARSD §§ 20:10:29:10, 20:10:29:12 and 20:10:29:16  
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- TC12-191** – In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of Transfer of Certificate of Authority from 360networks (USA) inc. to Zayo Group, LLC  
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- TC12-193** – In the Matter of the Approval of an ICC VoIP Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, LLC dba PAETEC Business Services  
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