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# Affidavit of Publication

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COUNTY OF LAWRENCE

Stewart Huntington of said County and State being first duly sworn, on his oath says: That the BLACK HILLS PIONEER is a legal daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in the City of Spearfish, in said County and State by Stewart Huntington, and has been such a newspaper during the times hereinafter mentioned; and that said newspaper has a bonafide circulation of at least 200 copies weekly, and has been published within said County in the English language for at least one year prior to the first publication of the notice herein mentioned, and is printed in whole or in part in an office maintained at the place of publication; and that I, Stewart Huntington, the undersigned, am the Publisher of said newspaper and have personal knowledge of all the facts stated in this affidavit; and that the advertisement headed:

Notice of Public Hearing

"Display Advertisement"

a printed copy of which is hereto attached, was printed and published in said newspaper for 1 successive and consecutive weeks, the first publication being made on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2006, and the last publication on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, that the full amount of fees charged for publishing same, to-wit: The sum of \$ 304.00 insures solely to the benefit of the publisher of the BLACK HILLS PIONEER, that no agreement or understanding for a division thereof has been made with any person and that no part thereof has been agreed to be paid to any other person whomsoever.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2006

Notary Public, Lawrence County, South Dakota

My commission expires: 10-24-2010



## Public Utilities

### Notice of Public Hearing

A public hearing will be held in Room 412, for 24, 2006, at 2:00 p.m., to consider the adoption of the following rules:

- 20:10:32:42-20:10:32:43; 20:10:32:44-20:10:32:43:04; 20:10:32:43:05-20:10:32:45; 20:10:32:46-20:10:32:47; 20:10:32:48-20:10:32:52-20:10:32:53; 20:10:32:54-20:10:32:55

The effect of the proposed rule changes will be to designate as eligible telecommunications carriers to be designated as eligible telecommunications carriers (ETCs) are eligible to receive federal high-cost support in their service areas. In addition, the proposed rules will allow carriers previously designated as ETCs to obtain federal high-cost support.

One of the reasons for the proposed rule changes is to request designation as ETCs. An applicant requesting designation as ETCs must demonstrate a commitment to provide service to customers, maintain its network, demonstrate its ability to satisfy consumer protection requirements, a public interest standard, certification of ETCs, including the submission of information on outages, the number of consumer complaints, in addition to requirements for advertising, lifeline and linkup assistance programs, provide discounts for

Persons interested in presenting data, opinions or comments on the proposed rules may do so by appearing in person at the public hearing at the Public Utilities Commission, State Capitol, 500 East Capitol, Pierre, SD 57501-5070. Comments sent by mail must reach the Public Utilities Commission by 5:00 p.m. on the day of the hearing.

After the hearing, the Commission will consider the proposed rules. The Commission may modify or exclude matters that are described in this notice.

Notice is further given to individuals with disabilities that the public hearing will be held in an accessible place. Please notify the Public Utilities Commission if you have special needs for which special arrangements are needed. The telephone number for making special arrangements is (605) 773-3333.

Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained from the Public Utilities Commission, State Capitol, 500 East Capitol, Pierre, SD 57501-5070.

The proposed rules may also be found on the following address: <http://www.state.sd.us/puc>