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Commissioners and Parties to Docket TC13-026:

In the Staff memorandum filed April 29, 2015, Staff noticed our intent to have the Commission consider its biannual certification of study area boundaries (SABs) at the May 26, 2015, Commission meeting. However, as a result of several additional edits submitted by parties to the docket, Staff intends to delay the Commission's consideration until these requests have been resolved.

In addition, Staff has received a number of questions about the FCC's May 26 deadline for recertification. Staff would like to reiterate that the May 26 deadline does not apply to South Dakota ILECs. FCC Staff sent an email (attached) to state commission filers on May 11, 2015, providing additional clarification on this matter. Specifically, FCC Staff stated that the deadline for state commissions to recertify is June 29, 2015, and that states that submitted updated boundary data in 2015 "do not need to worry about recertifying." Because Staff filed updates in March of 2015, there is no recertification deadline for South Dakota ILECs.

Thanks.

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