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**RE: CC Docket No. 96-45/WC Docket No. 14-58, Annual State Certification of Support for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314**

To whom it may concern:

On September 29, 2023, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (SDPUC) filed a certification letter with Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) certifying eligible carriers for support. After the certifications were filed, the SDPUC received a late filed petition from Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority seeking the SDPUC provide certification to FCC and the USAC. On October 10, 2023, the SDPUC approved the petition.

Pursuant to the requirements of 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, the SDPUC hereby certifies to the Federal Communications Commission and the Universal Service Administrative Company that the telecommunications carrier included on the attached list is eligible to receive federal high-cost support for the program years cited.

The SDPUC certifies for the carrier listed that all federal high-cost program support provided to such carriers within South Dakota was used in the preceding calendar year (2022) and will be used in the coming calendar year (2024) only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.<sup>1</sup> A list of the certified carrier is attached.

Check  if list of late filed certified carrier is attached.

Sincerely,

  
Kristie Fiegen  
Chairperson

  
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<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(a) (“**Certification.** States that desire eligible telecommunications carriers to receive support pursuant to the high-cost program must file an annual certification with the Administrator and the Commission stating that all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers within that State was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. High-cost support ear only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. High-cost support shall only be provided to the extent that the State has filed the requisite certification pursuant to this section.”).

Dated: October 10, 2023

**The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (SDPUC) granted certification to the following rural incumbent local exchange carriers:**

Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority (Study Area 391647)