

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

IN THE MATTER OF STUDY AREA) BOUNDARIES FOR INCUMBENT) LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS))	ORDER CERTIFYING STUDY AREA BOUNDARY CHANGES TC13-026
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On March 7, 2017, Commission staff (Staff) filed a memorandum requesting the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) complete its biannual certification of study area boundaries within the state. In its memorandum, Staff described one boundary change made to the SABs since the Commission's last certification in December of 2015 and requested parties to review the maps for a Commission decision on March 14, 2017.

The Commission last certified the study area boundaries in December of 2015 and, therefore, Commission certification is required for 2017. Since the last certification made by the Commission, Staff is aware of one boundary change (Docket No. TC16-059) that should be submitted to the Federal Communications Commission's Wireline Competition Bureau by March 15, 2017.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on March 14, 2017, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL chapter 49-31. The Commission unanimously voted to certify the current study area boundaries, as described by Staff. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission certifies the current study area boundaries, as described by Staff.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 17th day of March, 2017.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically or by mail.
By: <u>Adam Detwiler</u>
Date: <u>3/17/17</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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KRISTIE EIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner