

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT)	ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR
OF VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS)	ADOPTION OF PROCEDURAL
COOPERATIVE AGAINST AT&T)	SCHEDULE; ORDER ADOPTING
MOBILITY)	PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE;
)	ORDER REQUIRING PREFILED
)	TESTIMONY
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On May 13, 2020, Venture Communications Cooperative (Venture) filed with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a Complaint against AT&T Mobility (Mobility) for failure to pay for local interconnection facilities ordered by Mobility in Access Service Requests (ASRs) at the rates set forth in Venture’s price list.

On May 14, 2020, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the Complaint to interested individuals and entities on the Commission’s PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. On May 14, 2020, the Commission served the Complaint on Mobility and established an answer deadline of June 2, 2020. On May 28, 2020, Venture, AT&T Mobility, and Commission staff (Parties) filed a Stipulation and Request for Waiver of ARSD 20:10:01:09 requesting the answer deadline be extended to June 16, 2020, to allow the Parties additional time to negotiate. On June 11, 2020, the Commission issued an Order Granting Request for Waiver of ARSD 20:10:01:19; Order Establishing Answer Deadline. On June 16, 2020, Mobility filed an Answer and Counterclaim. On July 2, 2020, Venture filed a Reply to Counterclaim.

On July 31, 2020, the Parties filed a Stipulation and Motion for Adoption of Procedural Schedule.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 1-26, 49-13, 49-31, and ARSD Chapter 20:10:01.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on August 4, 2020, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission voted unanimously to grant the Motion for Adoption of Procedural Schedule and adopt the proposed procedural schedule. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Motion for Adoption of Procedural Schedule is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED, that the Parties shall follow the procedural schedule as set forth below:

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| Complainant Testimony Due | September 22, 2020 |
| Respondent Testimony Due | October 22, 2020 |
| Rebuttal Testimony Due | November 23, 2020 |
| Final Discovery to All Parties | February 12, 2021 |

Responses to Final Discovery Due

March 15, 2021

Witness/Exhibit Lists Due and Exhibits Prefiled

March 22, 2021

Evidentiary Hearing

March 30-31, 2021

It is further

ORDERED, that pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:22.06, all witnesses who plan to testify at the evidentiary hearing shall file prefiled testimony.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 7th day of August 2020.

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:

Karen E. Cramer

Date:

08/07/20

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner