

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)
TOTAL CALL MOBILE, INC. FOR)
DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER)**

**ORDER GRANTING
INTERVENTION**

TC12-192

On December 14, 2012, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Petition from Total Call Mobile, Inc. (Total Call) requesting Limited Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) pursuant to Section 214(e)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, Sections 54.101 through 54.207 of Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Rules, and Commission rules and regulations. The petition states that Total Call seeks ETC designation solely to provide Lifeline service to qualifying South Dakota consumers; it will not seek access to funds from the federal Universal Service Fund for the purposes of participating in the Link-Up program or providing service to high cost areas. Total Call seeks ETC designation throughout all of South Dakota. On February 20, 2013, the South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA) filed a Petition to Intervene.

On December 20, 2012, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of January 4, 2013, to interested individuals and entities. The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.05.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of February 26, 2013, the Commission heard the arguments of the petitioner. The Commission found that the Petition to Intervene of SDTA demonstrated good cause to grant intervention and voted unanimously to grant intervention to SDTA. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Petition to Intervene of SDTA is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 14th day of March, 2013.

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.
By: <u>[Signature]</u>
Date: <u>3.01.13</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

[Signature: Gary Hanson]
GARY HANSON, Chairman

[Signature: Chris Nelson]
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

[Signature: Kristie Fiegen]
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner