

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Minutes of Public Hearing to Adopt Rules

The Public Utilities Commission convened at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, in Room 413 of the Capitol Building, Pierre, South Dakota, to consider the amendment of the proposed rules 20:10:01:02.01, 20:10:01:02.05, 20:10:01:32, 20:10:22:05, 20:10:22:40, 20:10:22:41, 20:10:32:03, 20:10:32:12, 20:10:32:21, 20:10:32:42, 20:10:32:43, 20:10:32:43.02, 20:10:32:43.05, 20:10:32:43.06, 20:10:32:43.07, 20:10:32:53, 20:10:32:54, 20:10:32:55, 20:10:33:21, 20:10:33:27, and 20:10:37:01.

Members of the Commission in Attendance: Commissioners Gary Hanson, Chris Nelson, and Kristie Fiegen. Chairperson Hanson conducted the hearing.

Commission staff in attendance: Kristen Edwards, Jennie Fuerst, Amanda Reiss, and Janeth A. Merriman.

Members of the public in Attendance: None.

Members of the public joining by phone: Kara Semmler, South Dakota Telecommunications Association.

Oral Testimony

Kara Semmler of the South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA) did not oppose any of the proposed changes, but offered suggested language, as stated in SDTA's written comments, in order to refine the language in 20:10:33:27 to more closely mimic the related federal rule on 911 outage reporting requirements.

Adjournment: 1:34 p.m.

Written Testimony

Prior to the hearing, comments were received from SDTA. No comments objected to the proposed rules changes, however, SDTA offered suggested language for the proposed changes to 20:10:33:27¹ and requested the Commission initiate a new rulemaking in the future to consider additional changes to rules not up for consideration within the current rulemaking.

No written comments were received after the hearing.

Final Action – August 14, 2025

Pursuant to SDCL Chapter 1-25, all decisions of the Commission must be made in a public meeting. Therefore, the Commission considered this matter at its regularly scheduled meeting at

¹ SDTA's suggested language was adopted by the Commission in its final action on August 14, 2025.

9:30 a.m. on August 14. The meeting was held in Room 413 of the Capitol Building, Pierre, South Dakota, as well as livestreamed online. In addition, members of the public could attend telephonically.

Members of the Commission in attendance: Commissioners Gary Hanson, Chris Nelson, and Kristie Fiegen (joining telephonically).

Commission staff in attendance: Greg Rislov, Kristen Edwards, Amanda Reiss, Logan Schaefbauer, Jennie Fuerst, Eric Paulson, Darren Kearney, Deb Gregg, Joseph Rezac, Brittany Mehlhaff, Patrick Steffensen, and Janeth Merriman.

Others in attendance: Darla Pollman Rogers, Kara Semmler, and Ellie Bailey.²

Members of the public joining by phone³: Debra Mercer, William Haas, Andy Carlson, Danielle Burt, Leetal Weiss, Tracy Bandemer, Ryan Taylor, Jim Cremer, Stephen Athanson, Jason Topp, Jeff Symens, Marlene Bennett, Janelle Jessen, Charles Fischer, Ken White Eyes, Austin Hansen, Nicole Kroll, Patrick McCann, Andrea Livingston, Travis Jacobson, Brad Davison, Chelsea Metzger, and Darrin Holzer.

Commissioner Nelson moved to adopt all proposed rules as filed, subject to LRC style and form edits, as shown in Commission Counsel's August 7, 2025, filing. Motion carried 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectful submitted,



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² All other members of the public in attendance for the regularly scheduled commission meeting had departed prior to this portion of the commission meeting.

³ Note that Final Action occurred at a regularly scheduled commission meeting. No members of the public reserved a phone line specific to this matter.