

**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 January 5, 2021, South Dakota Public Utilities Commission staff (Staff) reopened the docket to have the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) complete its biannual certification of study area boundaries within the state.

The Commission last certified the study area boundaries in March of 2019 and, therefore, Commission certification is required for 2021. Since the last certification made by the Commission, Staff is unaware of any boundary changes that should be submitted to the Federal Communications Commission's Wireline Competition Bureau.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on February 19, 2021, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff stated that no boundary changes have occurred since the last certification. 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 22nd day of February 2021.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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 DeHueck</u>
Date: <u>2/22/21</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Piegen

KRISTIE PIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner