



South Dakota Telecommunications Association

Advocating for South Dakota's Rural Broadband Providers

March 26, 2014

Ms. Patty Van Gerpen, Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol Ave.
State Capitol Building
Pierre, SD 57501

RE: Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Certification Requirements for 2014

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Last year, in Docket TC13-027 (*In the Matter of the Consideration of Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification Requirements*), the Commission issued an "Order Waiving and Clarifying Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Certification Requirements" (attached hereto), taking action to coordinate state and federal filing timelines and to eliminate inconsistencies between state and federal requirements as a means of minimizing carrier reporting burdens. That Order was issued pursuant to the Commission's authority under ARSD § 20:10:32:56 and worked to clarify and/or waive a number of the annual ETC reporting requirements set forth in ARSD §§ 20:10:32:52 and 20:10:32:54.

SDTA is appreciative of the Commission's action last year to coordinate the state and federal ETC filing timelines and to minimize burdens associated with the state and federal requirements, which in many respects seek the same information. At this time, SDTA seeks clarification regarding the above referenced Order and would ask that the Commission proceed in due haste to confirm that all of its terms are still considered in effect and will be deemed applicable to the 2014 state ETC certification process.

If any further information from SDTA is needed for the Commission to address this matter, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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Richard D. Coit
SDTA Executive Director and General Counsel

CC: Docket Service List

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