

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF ) TC19-009  
NORTH AMERICAN LOCAL, LLC FOR )  
DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE ) CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX TRIBE  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER IN THE ) TELEPHONE AUTHORITY'S  
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA ) PETITION TO INTERVENE

Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority (“CRSTTA”), by and through its undersigned counsel, and pursuant to SDCL 1-26-17.1 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.02, petitions this Commission for leave to intervene in the above entitled proceeding.

IN SUPPORT THEREOF, Petitioner does state and declare as follows:

1. CRSTTA is a tribally owned business headquartered in Eagle Butte, South Dakota. CRSTTA presently operates five (5) local telephone exchanges serving approximately 2570 access lines on the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Reservation in the State of South Dakota. CRSTTA is also a “rural telephone company” as defined in 47 U.S.C. 153(37) and SDCL 49-31-1(22).

2. On April 24, 2019, North American Local, LLC (“North American”) filed a Petition with this Commission to be designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier (“ETC”) for lifeline services only, in 1) all non-rural telephone company wire centers within South Dakota, 2) all rural telephone company study areas within the state of South Dakota and 3) all Tribal areas within the nonrural and rural telephone company areas within the state of South Dakota.

3. CRSTTA is the incumbent local exchange carrier in the Eagle Butte, Dupree, Isabel, LaPlant and South Dupree rural exchange areas. Pursuant to the provisions of SDCL 1-26-17.1 and A.R.S.D. 20:10:01:15.02, CRSTTA is requesting “Intervener Status” in the above entitled proceeding because it currently is designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier in these exchanges.

4. Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. 54.101(a) and (b), SDCL 49-31-73 and A.R.S.D. 20:10:32:43 this Commission is vested with the authority to grant or deny North American's Petition.

5. CRSTTA has a direct and substantial interest in this proceeding as this Commission's decision may, directly or indirectly, impact the telecommunications services provided by CRSTTA to its customers. CRSTTA has concerns about the completeness of the Application and whether or not the requested designation is in the public interest.

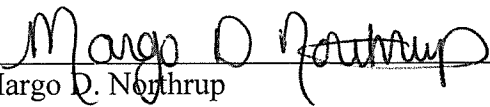
6. CRSTTA desires to intervene in order that it may fully review the application, receive documents, comment, present testimony, cross-examine witnesses and produce evidence either seeking to clarify or oppose North American's Petition, to the extent that such actions are required in the above entitled proceeding. CRSTTA seeks to make certain that North American's Petition fully complies with all legal requirements and Commission orders.

WHEREFORE, CRSTTA respectfully requests that the Commission grant as follows:

A. CRSTTA's Petition to Intervene in the above entitled proceeding with full rights to participate as a formal party; and

B. Such other relief as the Commission may deem proper.

Dated this 10 day of May, 2019.

  
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority's Petition to Intervene was served by electronic notice to the following:

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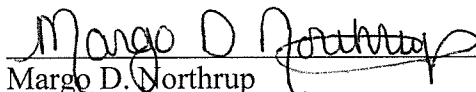
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