

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
LTD BROADBAND LLC FOR DESIGNATION)
AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)
CARRIER FOR PURPOSES OF RECEIVING)
FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT)
)

ORDER APPROVING
STIPULATION FOR
PROTECTIVE ORDER
FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

TC21-001

On January 7, 2021, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an Application for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) from LTD Broadband LLC (LTD). LTD is requesting designation as an ETC for the purpose of being eligible to receive federal universal service support via the Federal Communications Commission's Lifeline program and through the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) for the provision of broadband internet access and broadband voice bundled offerings. LTD has preliminarily been awarded RDOF funding for certain census blocks in South Dakota.

On January 14, 2021, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of January 29, 2021, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filing electronic listserv. On January 27, 2021, South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA) filed a Petition to Intervene. On February 22, 2021, the Commission issued an Order Granting Intervention to SDTA. On August 12, 2021, SDTA and LTD filed a Stipulation for Protective Order for Confidentiality.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31, SDCL 15-6-26(c) and ARSD 20:10:01:01.02 and 20:10:32.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of August 19, 2021, meeting, the Commission considered the Stipulation for Protective Order for Confidentiality. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the Stipulation for Protective Order for Confidentiality. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Stipulation for Protective Order for Confidentiality is hereby approved.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 20th day of August 2021.

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 or by mail.
By: <u>Adam Dettneck</u>
Date: <u>8/26/21</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner