

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

IN THE MATTER OF SDTA'S PETITION FOR) WAIVER OF FILING DEADLINE FOR THE) COMMISSION'S ANNUAL USF CERTIFICATION) PROCESS))))))	ORDER WAIVING JUNE 1 DEADLINE FOR ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIERS' CERTIFICATION FILING AND ESTABLISHING JULY 1 DEADLINE TC23-004
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On March 6, 2023, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Petition for Waiver of ARSD 20:10:32:52 Filing Deadline (Petition) from the South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA). In its Petition, SDTA requests that the Commission waive the June 1 deadline for recertification filings by Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETC) and require ETCs to file their 2024 certification petitions on or before July 1, 2023.

On March 9, 2023, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. The notice stated that any person wishing to comment on the clarification of the ETC certification process had until March 24, 2023, to do so. No comments were filed.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31, specifically SDCL 49-31-3, 49-31-78, and ARSD 20:10:32:52.

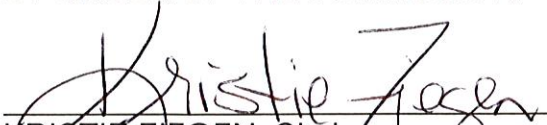
At its regularly scheduled meeting on March 28, 2023, this matter came before the Commission for consideration and action. The Commission voted unanimously to grant a waiver of the June 1 filing deadline found in ARSD 20:10:32:52 and to allow ETCs to file their annual certification petitions on or before July 1, 2023. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the June 1 deadline in ARSD 20:10:32:52 is waived and ETCs shall file their annual certification petitions on or before July 1, 2023.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 29th day of March 2023.

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 DeHueck</u>
Date: <u>3/29/23</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


 KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson


 GARY HANSON, Commissioner


 CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner