

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING OF TEMPO)
TELECOM, LLC'S APPLICATION FOR)
DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER IN THE)
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA FOR THE)
LIMITED PURPOSE OF PROVIDING LIFELINE)
SERVICE TO QUALIFYING CUSTOMERS)**

**ORDER GRANTING
INTERVENTION**

TC23-043

On August 23, 2023, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Petition by TEMPO TELECOM, LLC (TEMPO) for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) in the State of South Dakota. TEMPO is seeking ETC designation for the limited purpose of providing Lifeline service to qualifying customers.

On August 24, 2023, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 8, 2023, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filing electronic listserv. On August 30, 2023, the South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA) filed a Petition to Intervene.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.02 through 20:10:01:15.05 and ARSD Chapter 20:10:32.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on September 22, 2023, the Commission considered SDTA's Petition to Intervene. TEMPO did not appear at the meeting. Commission staff stated they did not object to the intervention. The Commission found that the Petition to Intervene demonstrated good cause to grant intervention and voted unanimously to grant SDTA's Petition to Intervene. It is therefore

ORDERED, that SDTA's Petition to Intervene is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 26th day of September 2023.

<p>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</p> <p>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.</p> <p>By: <u><i>Kristie Fiegen</i></u></p> <p>Date: <u>21 Sept 2023</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner