

EXHIBIT A

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

In the Matter of the Petition of)	
North American Local, LLC for)	Docket No. TC23-046
Reclassification As A Facilities-Based Eligible)	
Telecommunications Carrier)	

COMMENTS OF Delmarie Brewer
MEMBER OF OST TRIBE
Oglala Sioux Tribe

I, Delmarie Brewer, a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe Tribe on the Pine Ridge Nation reservation, submit these Comments for consideration by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"). As I am sure the Commission is aware, Tribal residents suffer from the lack of essential services, like broadband Internet service, or the costs of such essential services are prohibitively expensive for many Tribal members. Tribes are taking steps to address the need for affordable essential services, but it is also imperative for the Commission take steps to make available affordable telephone and broadband service through the Lifeline program. With the ACP coming to an end, it is important for Tribal members to have access to Lifeline service offered by incumbent and competitive carriers. For that reason, I urge the Commission to expeditiously consider North American Local's application for eligible telecommunications carrier status for purpose of Lifeline support.

Dated: March 22, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

Delmarie Brewer

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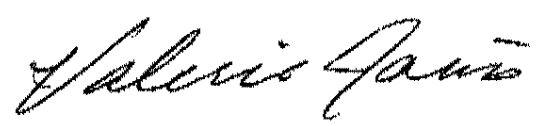
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**COMMENTS OF Valerie Janis
MEMBER OF Oglala Sioux TRIBE**

I, Valerie Janis, a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe on the Pine Ridge reservation, submit these Comments for consideration by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"). As I am sure the Commission is aware, Tribal residents suffer from the lack of essential services, like broadband Internet service, or the costs of such essential services are prohibitively expensive for many Tribal members. Tribes are taking steps to address the need for affordable essential services, but it is also imperative for the Commission take steps to make available affordable telephone and broadband service through the Lifeline program. With the ACP coming to an end, it is important for Tribal members to have access to Lifeline service offered by incumbent and competitive carriers. For that reason, I urge the Commission to expeditiously consider North American Local's application for eligible telecommunications carrier status for purpose of Lifeline support.

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Docket No. 2023-016

**COMMENTS OF Suzanna Yellow Horse
MEMBER OF Oglala Sioux TRIBE**

I, Suzanna Yellow Horse, a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe on the Pine Ridge reservation, submit these Comments for consideration by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"). To make sure the Commission is aware, Tribal residents suffer from the lack of essential services, like broadband Internet service, or the costs of such essential services are prohibitively expensive for many Tribal members. Tribes are taking steps to address the need for affordable essential services, but it is also imperative for the Commission take steps to make available affordable telephone and broadband service through the Lifeline program. With the FCC's recent decision, it is important for Tribal members to have access to Lifeline services offered by incumbent and competitive carriers. For that reason, urge the Commission to expeditiously consider North American Local's application for eligible telecommunications carrier status to provide Lifeline support.

Dated: March 22, 2024

Respectfully submitted

Suzanna Yellow Horse

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COMMENTS OF
MEMBER OF **TRIBE**

Miss Long Visitor Sr.
Oglala Sioux

Miss Long Visitor Sr., a member of the *Oglala Sioux* Tribe on the *Pine Ridge Indian* reservation, submit these Comments for consideration by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"). As I am sure the Commission is aware, Tribal residents suffer from the lack of essential services, like broadband Internet service, or the cost of such essential services are prohibitively expensive for many Tribal members. Tribes are taking steps to address the need for affordable essential services, but it is also imperative for the Commission take steps to make affordable telephone and broadband service through the Lifeline program. With the ACP coming to an end, it is important for Tribal members to have access to Lifeline services offered by incumbent and competitive carriers. For that reason, I urge the Commission to expediently consider North American Local's application for eligible telecommunications carrier status for providing Lifeline support.

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Respectfully submitted,
Miss Long Visitor Sr.

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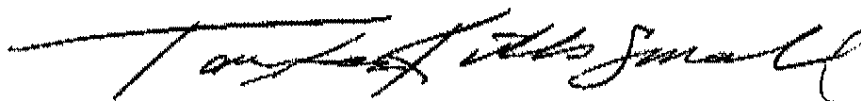
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**COMMENTS OF Taylor Killa Small
MEMBER OF Oglala Sioux TRIBE**

I, Taylor Killa Small, a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe Tribe on the Pine Ridge reservation, submit these Comments for consideration by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"). As I am sure the Commission is aware, Tribal residents suffer from the lack of essential services, like broadband Internet service, or the costs of such essential services are prohibitively expensive for many Tribal members. Tribes are taking steps to address the need for affordable essential services, but it is also imperative for the Commission take steps to make available affordable telephone and broadband service through the Lifeline program. With the ACP coming to an end, it is important for Tribal members to have access to Lifeline service offered by incumbent and competitive carriers. For that reason, I urge the Commission to expeditiously consider North American Local's application for eligible telecommunications carrier status for purpose of Lifeline support.

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**COMMENTS OF Kathryn Blindman
MEMBER OF Pine Ridge TRIBE**

I, Kathryn Blindman, a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe on the Pine Ridge reservation, submit these Comments for consideration by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"). As I am sure the Commission is aware, Tribal residents suffer from the lack of essential services, like broadband Internet service, or the costs of such essential services are prohibitively expensive for many Tribal members. Tribes are taking steps to address the need for affordable essential services, but it is also imperative for the Commission take steps to make available affordable telephone and broadband service through the Lifeline program. With the ACP coming to an end, it is important for Tribal members to have access to Lifeline service offered by incumbent and competitive carriers. For that reason, I urge the Commission to expeditiously consider North American Local's application for eligible telecommunications carrier status for purpose of Lifeline support.

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Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Blindman

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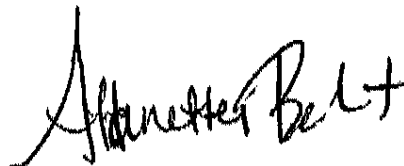
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**COMMENTS OF Altonette Belt
MEMBER OF Oglala Sioux TRIBE**

I, Altonette Belt, a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe on the Pine Ridge reservation, submit these Comments for consideration by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"). As I am sure the Commission is aware, Tribal residents suffer from the lack of essential services, like broadband Internet service, or the costs of such essential services are prohibitively expensive for many Tribal members. Tribes are taking steps to address the need for affordable essential services, but it is also imperative for the Commission take steps to make available affordable telephone and broadband service through the Lifeline program. With the ACP coming to an end, it is important for Tribal members to have access to Lifeline service offered by incumbent and competitive carriers. For that reason, I urge the Commission to expeditiously consider North American Local's application for eligible telecommunications carrier status for purpose of Lifeline support.

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**COMMENTS OF Thalob Bravo
MEMBER OF OST TRIBE
Oglala Sioux**

I, Thalob Bravo, a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe Tribe on the Pine Ridge reservation, submit these Comments for consideration by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"). As I am sure the Commission is aware, Tribal residents suffer from the lack of essential services, like broadband Internet service, or the costs of such essential services are prohibitively expensive for many Tribal members. Tribes are taking steps to address the need for affordable essential services, but it is also imperative for the Commission take steps to make available affordable telephone and broadband service through the Lifeline program. With the ACP coming to an end, it is important for Tribal members to have access to Lifeline service offered by incumbent and competitive carriers. For that reason, I urge the Commission to expeditiously consider North American Local's application for eligible telecommunications carrier status for purpose of Lifeline support.

Dated: March 22, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

Thalob Bravo

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COMMENTS OF Brian Yellow Elk
MEMBER OF OST TRIBE
Oglala Sioux

I, Brian Yellow Elk, a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe on the Pine Ridge reservation, submit these Comments for consideration by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"). As I am sure the Commission is aware, Tribal residents suffer from the lack of essential services, like broadband Internet service, or the costs of such essential services are prohibitively expensive for many Tribal members. Tribes are taking steps to address the need for affordable essential services, but it is also imperative for the Commission take steps to make available affordable telephone and broadband service through the Lifeline program. With the ACP coming to an end, it is important for Tribal members to have access to Lifeline service offered by incumbent and competitive carriers. For that reason, I urge the Commission to expeditiously consider North American Local's application for eligible telecommunications carrier status for purpose of Lifeline support.

Dated: March 22, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Yellow Elk

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COMMENTS OF Justin Brewer
MEMBER OF OST TRIBE
Oglala Sioux Tribe

I, Justin Brewer, a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe on the Pine Ridge Nation reservation, submit these Comments for consideration by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"). As I am sure the Commission is aware, Tribal residents suffer from the lack of essential services, like broadband Internet service, or the costs of such essential services are prohibitively expensive for many Tribal members. Tribes are taking steps to address the need for affordable essential services, but it is also imperative for the Commission take steps to make available affordable telephone and broadband service through the Lifeline program. With the ACP coming to an end, it is important for Tribal members to have access to Lifeline service offered by incumbent and competitive carriers. For that reason, I urge the Commission to expeditiously consider North American Local's application for eligible telecommunications carrier status for purpose of Lifeline support.

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Docket No. 2023-015

COMMENTS OF Emily Two Elk
MEMBER OF Oglala Sioux TRIBE

I, Emily Two Elk, a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe on the Pine Ridge reservation, submit these Comments for consideration by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"). As I am sure the Commission is aware, Tribal residents suffer from the lack of essential services like broadband internet service, or the cost of such essential services are prohibitively expensive for many Tribal members. Tribes are taking steps to address the need for affordable essential services, but it is also imperative for the Commission take steps to make available affordable broadband service through the Lifeline program with the ACP component. In the end, it is important for Tribal members to have access to Lifeline service offered by incumbent and competitive carriers. For that reason, I urge the Commission to expediently consider North American Local's application for eligible telecommunications carrier status in part as a Lifeline support.

Dated: March 22, 2024

Respectfully submitted

Emily Two Elk

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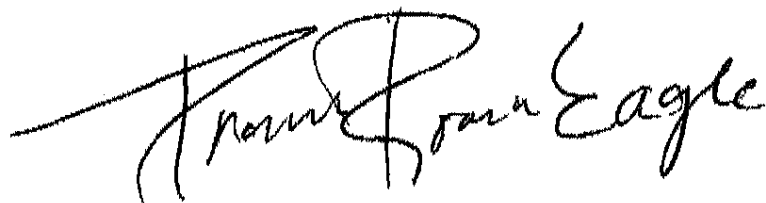
Docket No. 2023-016

**COMMENTS OF Travis Roan Eagle
MEMBER OF Oglala Sioux TRIBE**

Travis Roan Eagle, a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe on the Pine Ridge reservation, submits these Comments for consideration by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"). As I am sure the Commission is aware, Tribal residents suffer from the lack of essential services, like broadband Internet service, or the costs of such essential services are prohibitively expensive for many Tribal members. Tribes are taking steps to address the need for affordable essential services, but it is also imperative for the Commission take steps to make available affordable telephone and broadband service to help the Lifeline program. With the ACA coming to an end, it is important for Tribal members to have access to Lifeline service offered by incumbent and competitive carriers. For that reason, I urge the Commission to expediently consider North American Local's application for eligible telecommunications carrier status for purposes of Lifeline support.

Dated: March 22, 2021

Respectfully Submitted



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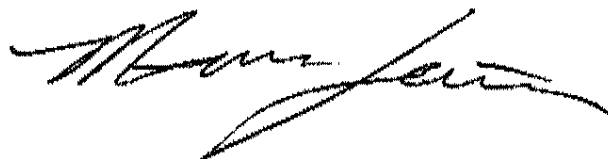
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**COMMENTS OF Marvin Janis
MEMBER OF Oglala Sioux TRIBE**

I, Marvin Janis, a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe Tribe on the Pine Ridge reservation, submit these Comments for consideration by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"). As I am sure the Commission is aware, Tribal residents suffer from the lack of essential services, like broadband internet service, or the costs of such essential services are prohibitively expensive for many Tribal members. Tribes are taking steps to address the need for affordable essential services, but it is also imperative for the Commission take steps to make available affordable telephone and broadband service through the Lifeline program. With the ACP coming to an end, it is important for Tribal members to have access to Lifeline service offered by incumbent and competitive carriers. For that reason, I urge the Commission to expeditiously consider North American Local's application for eligible telecommunications carrier status for purpose of Lifeline support.

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**COMMENTS OF Chris Long Visitor Jr.
MEMBER OF Oglala Sioux TRIBE**

I, Chris Long Visitor Jr., a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe on the Pine Ridge reservation, submit these Comments for consideration by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"). As I am sure the Commission is aware, Tribal residents suffer from the lack of essential services, like broadband Internet service, or the cost of such essential services are prohibitively expensive for many Tribal members. Tribes are taking steps to address the need for affordable essential services, but it is also imperative for the Commission take steps to make available affordable telephone and broadband service through the Lifeline program. With the FCC coming to an end, it is important for Tribal members to have access to Lifeline service offered by incumbent and competitive carriers. For that reason, I urge the Commission to exceptionally consider North American Local's application for eligible telecommunications carrier status for purpose of Lifeline support.

Dated March 22, 2024

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Long Visitor Jr.

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**COMMENTS OF Desiree Long Visitor
MEMBER OF Oglala Sioux TRIBE**

I, Desiree Long Visitor, a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe on the Pine Ridge reservation, submit these Comments for consideration by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"). As I am sure the Commission is aware, Tribal residents suffer from the lack of essential services, like broadband Internet service, or the costs of such essential services are prohibitively expensive for many Tribal members. Tribes are taking steps to address the need for affordable essential services, but it is also imperative for the Commission take steps to make available affordable telephone and broadband service through the Lifeline program. With the ACP coming to an end, it is important for Tribal members to have access to Lifeline service offered by incumbent and competitive carriers. For that reason, I urge the Commission to expeditiously consider North American Local's application for eligible telecommunications carrier status for purpose of Lifeline support.

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Respectfully submitted,

Desiree Long Visitor