

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

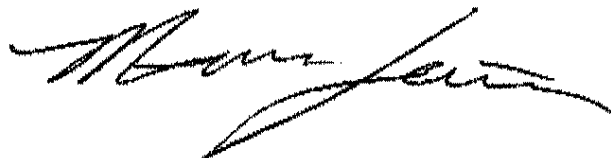
In the Matter of the Petition of)	
North American Local, LLC for)	Docket No. TC23-046
Reclassification As A Facilities-Based Eligible)	
Telecommunications Carrier)	

**COMMENTS OF 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.

Dated: March 22, 2024

Respectfully submitted,



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Bucket No. TC23-016

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

I, Tris 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.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Tris 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

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COMMENTS OF Suzanna Yellow Horse
MEMBER OF Oglala Sioux TRIBE

I, Suzanna Yellow Horse, a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe on the Two 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 FCC's recent decision, 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 purposes of Lifeline support.

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Suzanna Yellow Horse

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COMMENTS OF *Miss Long Visitor Sr.*
MEMBER OF *Oglala Sioux* TRIBE

I, *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 available affordable telephone and broadband service through the Lifeline program. With the FCC commitment and 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 provision of Lifeline support.

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Respectfully submitted,
Miss Long Visitor Sr.

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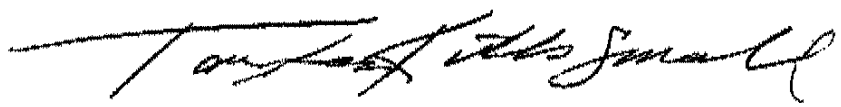
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**COMMENTS OF Taylor Killa Small
MEMBER OF Oglala Sioux TRIBE**

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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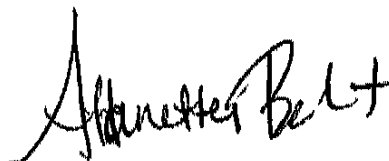
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COMMENTS OF Altonette Belt
MEMBER OF Oglala Sioux TRIBE

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 Kalob Bravo
MEMBER OF Oglala Sioux TRIBE

I, Kalob Bravo, 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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Kalob 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 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,

Brian Yellow Elk

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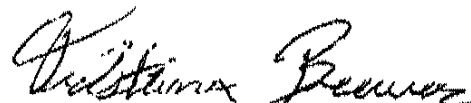
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COMMENTS OF Justin Brewer
MEMBER OF OST TRIBE
Oglala Sioux tribe

I, Justin Brewer, a member of the Oglala Sioux tribe 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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COMMENTS OF Emily Two Elk
MEMBER OF Oglala Sioux TRIBE

Emily Two Elk, 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 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 wireless broadband, 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 in pursuit of Lifeline support.

Dated: March 22, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Two Elk

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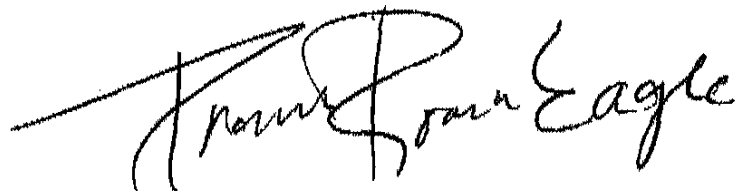
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**COMMENTS OF Travis Roan Eagle
MEMBER OF Oglala Sioux TRIBE**

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 to take steps to make available affordable
telephone and broadband service to support the Lifeline program. With the ACA coming to an
end, it is important for Tribal members to have access to Lifeline service offered by non-profit
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

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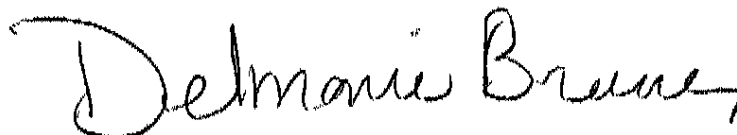
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COMMENTS OF Delmarie Brewer
MEMBER OF OST TRIBE
Oglala Sioux Tribe

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.

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

I, Valerie 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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