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RE: TC24-002 Staff's Response to Motion for Procedural Schedule

Ms. Van Gerpen,

This Letter and Certificate of Service is filed in response to Assurance Wireless USA, L.P.'s (Assurance) Motion for Procedural Schedule (Motion) filed on February 9, 2024. This Motion requested a data request deadline of March 1, 2024, any comments or opposition filings be filed by March 15, 2024, and that the Commission take up the merits of the petition on March 19, 2024.

PUC Staff reviewed the Motion and proposed an alternate procedural schedule to all parties. **If the Commission decides it is necessary to implement a procedural schedule in this docket, Staff proposes the following schedule be approved: 1) final data requests to all parties issued by April 1; 2) responses to all data requests shall be due five business days from receipt of the request; and 3) the Commission consider Assurance's Petition on the April 23, 2024 meeting.**

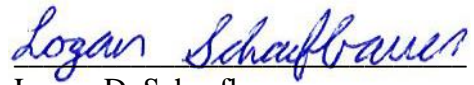
Staff's proposed schedule will provide Staff with more time to conduct necessary review, ask relevant questions, and provide the Commission with as much information as possible before a decision is made.

This proposal was presented to both Assurance and the South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA), neither of which objected to the schedule.

Staff issued its first set of data requests to Assurance on February 5 with a response deadline of March 5. Staff notes that the intervention date of February 2, 2024 has already passed and that comments may be filed up to the date of the Commission meeting in which this matter will be decided.

Dated this 15th day of February, 2024.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Logan Schaeffbauer". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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