

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF )  
ASSURANCE WIRELESS USA, L.P. FOR )  
DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE )  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER FOR THE )  
PURPOSE OF OFFERING LIFELINE SERVICE )  
TO QUALIFYING CUSTOMERS )

ORDER GRANTING  
INTERVENTION

TC24-002

On January 12, 2024, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Petition from Assurance Wireless USA, L.P. for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier for the Purpose of Offering Lifeline Service to Qualifying Customers.

On January 18, 2024, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of February 2, 2024, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filing electronic listserv. On January 16, 2024, 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 Chapters 20:10:24 and 20:10:32.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on February 6, 2024, the Commission considered SDTA's Petition to Intervene. Neither Assurance Wireless USA, L.P. nor Commission staff objected 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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><i>Kristie Fiegen</i></u>
Date: <u>7 February 2024</u>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

*Kristie Fiegen*  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

*Gary Hanson*  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

*Chris Nelson*  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner