

**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 MOTION FOR  
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

**TC24-002**

On January 12, 2024, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Petition from Assurance Wireless USA, L.P. (Assurance Wireless) 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 February 7, 2024, the South Dakota Telecommunications Association's (SDTA) Petition to Intervene was granted. On February 9, 2024, the Commission received Assurance Wireless' Motion for Procedural Schedule. On February 15, 2024, PUC Staff filed a Response to Motion for Procedural Schedule.

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 February 20, 2024, the Commission considered this matter. No party objected to the schedule suggested by PUC Staff in its February 15 filing. The Commission voted unanimously to grant the Motion for Procedural Schedule based on PUC Staff's February 15 response. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Motion for Procedural Schedule is granted. It is further

ORDERED, that the Procedural schedule is as follows:

Data Request Responses Due .....Five business days from receipt of request  
Final Data Requests Issued to all Parties .....April 1, 2024  
Commission Consider Assurance's Petition ..... April 23, 2024

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2024.

<p><b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b></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><i>22 February 2024</i></u></p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

*Kristie Fiegen*  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

*Gary Hanson*  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

*Chris Nelson*  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner