

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING OF)
TRUCONNECT COMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S)
PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF A)
DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER IN THE)
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA FOR THE)
LIMITED PURPOSE OF PROVIDING LIFELINE)
SERVICE TO QUALIFYING CUSTOMERS)

ORDER GRANTING
INTERVENTION

TC24-004

On January 17, 2024, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Petition from TruConnect Communications, Inc. for an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation.

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 22, 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 Chapter 20:10:32.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on February 6, 2024, the Commission considered SDTA's Petition to Intervene. Neither TruConnect Communications, Inc. 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 7th day of February 2024.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE	
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>Kristie Fiegen</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