

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF BARR)
TELL USA INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY)
TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE AND)
INTEREXCHANGE LONG DISTANCE SERVICES IN)
THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)

**ORDER GRANTING
INTERVENTION**

TC24-039

On July 17, 2024, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Barr Tell USA Inc. (Barr Tell) for Certificates of Authority to Provide Local Exchange and Interexchange Telecommunications Services in the State of South Dakota. In its application, Barr Tell seeks Certificates of Authority to provide local access telecommunications service as well as long distance or interexchange service to business/enterprise customers. On July 9, 2024, the Commission received Barr Tell's filing fee.

On July 18, 2024, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of August 2, 2024, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filing electronic listserv. On July 24, 2024, the South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA) filed a Petition to Intervene. On July 29, 2024, SDTA and Barr Tell filed a Joint Stipulation.

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 August 13, 2024, the Commission considered SDTA's Petition to Intervene. Barr Tell USA Inc. did not appear at the meeting. Commission staff did not object 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 14th day of August 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><i>Kristie Fiegen</i></u>
Date: <u>14 Aug 2024</u>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner