

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF) ASSURANCE WIRELESS USA, L.P., TO) EXPAND ITS ELIGIBLE) TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER) DESIGNATED SERVICE AREA TO INCLUDE) TRIBAL LANDS)	ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION TC25-003
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On May 5, 2025, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received Assurance Wireless USA, L.P.'s Petition to expand its Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier to include Tribal Lands for the Purpose of Offering Lifeline Service to Qualifying Customers.

On May 8, 2025, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 23, 2025, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filing electronic listserv. On May 9, 2025, 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 May 20, 2025, 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 21st day of May 2025.

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: *Juni L. Jervst*

Date: 05/21/25

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

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CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

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