

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
EZEE FIBER TEXAS, LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF)
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO OPERATE)
AS A FACILITIES-BASED AND RESALE COMPETITIVE)
LOCAL AND INTEREXCHANGE CARRIER OF)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN THE)
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)**

Docket No. TC25-037

JOINT STIPULATION

The parties in the above captioned proceeding, the South Dakota Telecommunications Association (“SDTA”) and Ezee Fiber Texas, LLC (“Ezee Fiber”) (collectively, the “Parties”), through their respective counsel and/or authorized representatives, submit this Joint Stipulation as a resolution of SDTA’s interest in the Ezee Fiber Application for a Certificate of Authority (the “COA Application”) in the above-captioned docket. Through execution of this document, each of the parties agrees to the following terms:

1. Ezee Fiber filed a COA Application with this Commission on October 30, 2025.
2. SDTA will not object to the issuance of Ezee Fiber’s requested Certificate of Authority if

the Order issuing the Certificate of Authority incorporates the following agreed upon terms:

- a. The Certificate of Authority granted by the Commission should not permit Ezee Fiber to provide any telephone exchange services or switched access services within Rural Telephone Company service areas without having first received a local exchange certificate from the Commission. For purposes of this Joint Stipulation, “Rural Telephone Company” shall be defined as in 47 U.S.C. §153(44) and includes all SDTA Member Companies.
- b. In the future, if Ezee Fiber intends to provide telephone exchange services or switched access services within any area served by a Rural Telephone Company, Ezee Fiber understands that it is required to come before the

Commission in another proceeding to demonstrate its ability to meet the requirements of SDCL 49-31-73 and ARSD 20:10:32:15.

AGREED AND STIPULATED to this 3 day of December 2025.

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