

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST OF CITY
OF BROOKINGS MUNICIPAL TELEPHONE
FOR CERTIFICATION REGARDING ITS USE
OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE
SUPPORT (STUDY AREA: 391650)**

ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATION

TC26-007

On June 3, 2026, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Brookings Municipal Telephone (Company) requesting the Commission to issue a certification to the FCC and USAC indicating it is in compliance with 47 U.S.C. Section 254(e) and should receive all federal universal service support determined for distribution to the Company.

On June 4, 2026, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 19, 2026, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No parties sought intervention. On June 22, 2026, the Company responded to staff's data requests.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31 and 47 U.S.C. § 254.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of June 30, 2026, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission finds that the Company is eligible to receive federal support. The Commission finds that all federal high-cost support provided to the Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the Company's request for certification. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Company is eligible to receive federal support as all federal high-cost support provided to the Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. It is further

ORDERED, that the Commission hereby approves the Company's request for certification.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 7th day of July 2026.

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: Kristie Fiegen

Date: 7 July 2026

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner