

Docket Number: TC26-027
Subject Matter: First Data Request
Request to: Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority (CRSTTA or Company)
Request from: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff
Date of Request: 7/17/26
Responses Due: 7/31/26

- 1-1. Provide an update on CRSTTA's progress to obtain self-certification with the FCC and USAC.

CRSTTA is actively pursuing the transition to federal oversight of its ETC designation. On April 28, 2026, CRSTTA filed a Petition for Conditional Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier with the FCC (WC Docket No. 09-197), pursuant to Section 214(e)(6). The Petition requests that the FCC designate CRSTTA as an ETC, conditioned upon and effective as of CRSTTA's relinquishment of its existing SD PUC designation, so as to avoid any interruption in its ETC status or its eligibility for federal universal service support.

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As of the date of this response, the Commission has not acted on the Petition, no public notice seeking comment has been released, and CRSTTA is not aware of any outstanding questions from Commission staff.

Upon grant of the Petition and the effective relinquishment of its SD PUC designation, CRSTTA would self-certify its use of federal high-cost support directly to the FCC and USAC on an annual basis, in lieu of the State's certification under 47 C.F.R. § 54.314. Until that time, CRSTTA seeks to remain an SD PUC-designated ETC.

- 1-2. Refer to Confidential Exhibit A, for Attachment A, [REDACTED]

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