
BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF FIBER RING REVENUE-POOLING ASSOCIATION FOR APPROVAL OF REVISED RATES	DOCKET NUMBER TC26-____ PETITION
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COMES NOW Darla Pollman Rogers, of Riter Rogers, LLP, 319 South Coteau Street, Pierre, South Dakota 57501, attorney for the Fiber Ring Revenue Pooling Association (“FRRPA”), and represents and petitions the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) as follows:

1. Pursuant to SDCL § 49-31-83, FRRPA was organized on March 17, 1999, to provide a pooling mechanism for a collective, cost shared, cost averaged, nondistance sensitive fully-protected transport network for local exchange companies (“LECs”) whose traffic is carried on any of the joint South Dakota LEC and South Dakota Network, LLC (“SDN”) transport facilities. As a result of this pooling mechanism, the FRRPA users have had the benefit of survivable, distance insensitive, and highly reliable toll, public Internet transport, 911/E911 transport, extended area service transport, Ethernet transport, and redundant capacity. The fully protected transport facilities also enables the LECs in South Dakota to more efficiently meet the infrastructure deployment goals described in SDCL §§ 49-31-60 and 49-31-61.

2. FRRPA’s pooling arrangement was first approved by this Commission on July 20, 2000 (Docket TC00-084). Since that time, FRRPA has filed Petitions with this Commission amending the pooling contracts among FRRPA, SDN and member LECs, including amendment of rates and

addition of traffic classes (*see* Docket TC05-173, Docket TC08-137, Docket TC11-070, Docket TC14-005, Docket TC21-017, Docket TC 21-115 and Docket TC23-007).

3. FRRPA submits this filing (1) to seek approval of revisions to several of the rates contained in Exhibits to the contracts among FRRPA, LECs, and SDN; and (2) to update language contained in some of the Exhibits. Confidential Attachment 1 contains the revised rates and language revisions for which approval is sought.

4. RUL and SRP contracts between FRRPA and its member LECs and between FRRPA and SDN, which continue through December 31, 2026, will remain the same at this time. The First Renewal Term of the contracts will commence on January 1, 2027 and extend through December 31, 2029.

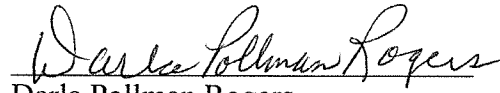
5. FRRPA will revise Exhibits to the RUL and SRP Contracts to reflect the revised rates, once approved.

6. The proposed rates will be effective on January 1, 2027.

WHEREFORE, FRRPA requests that the Commission:

1. Approve the revised rates to the existing FRRPA RUL and SRP contracts as set forth in Confidential Attachment 1;
2. Approve updated language in some of the Exhibits; and
3. Grant such other and further relief as the Commission deems necessary to carry out the objectives of FRRPA and this filing.

DATED this 28th day of September, 2026.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Darla Pollman Rogers". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed contact information.

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