BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX TRIBE TELEPHONE AUTHORITY FOR AN AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY	)))))	**ORDER GRANTING AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY AND GRANTING WAIVERS** **TC16-059**

On October 7, 2016, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Petition from Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority (CRSTTA) for an Amended Certificate of Authority for local exchange service pursuant to SDCL 49-31-69. CRSTTA requests to amend its service territory to include an additional three customers that currently reside in Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC's (CenturyLink) territory. CenturyLink does not object to CRSTTA's request. CRSTTA also requests the Commission waive ARSD 20:10:32:03 (1-8); (10-22); and (24).

On October 13, 2016, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of October 28, 2016, to interested individuals and entities on the PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On October 26, 2016, CRSTTA filed its response to Commission staff's data request and also filed its Certificate of Service on CenturyLink. On November 9, 2016, CRSTTA filed Revised Exhibits A-1 and A-2.

On November 22, 2016, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered the request for an Amended Certificate of Authority. The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3 and 49-31-69 and ARSD 20:10:32:03. The Commission finds that CRSTTA has met the legal requirements established for the granting of an amended certificate of authority. The Commission voted unanimously to grant the requested waivers and approve the Amended Certificate of Authority on the condition that CRSTTA submit letters from the affected customers memorializing their consent within two weeks of this Order. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that CRSTTA's requested waivers of ARSD 20:10:32:03 (1-8); (10-22); and (24) are granted; it is further

ORDERED, that CRSTTA's request for an Amended Certificate of Authority is granted on the condition that CRSTTA submit letters from the affected customers memorializing their consent within two weeks of this Order; and it is further

ORDERED, that CRSTTA's Certificate of Authority is amended to reflect the corresponding revisions to its service territory.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 29th day of November, 2016.

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: Adam de Hueck

Date: 11/29/16

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

GARY HANSON, Commissioner