

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

IN THE MATTER OF STUDY AREA)
BOUNDARIES FOR INCUMBENT)
LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS)
)

**ORDER CERTIFYING
STUDY AREA
BOUNDARY CHANGES**

TC13-026

On February 11, 2019, Commission staff (Staff) filed a memorandum requesting the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) complete its biannual certification of study area boundaries within the state. In its memorandum, Staff described two boundary changes made to the study area boundaries since the Commission's last certification in March of 2017.

The Commission last certified the study area boundaries in December of 2017 and, therefore, Commission certification is required for 2019. Since the last certification made by the Commission, Staff is aware of two boundary changes (Docket No. TC17-023 and TC17-061) that should be submitted to the Federal Communications Commission's Wireline Competition Bureau by March 15, 2019.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on February 15, 2019, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL chapter 49-31. The Commission unanimously voted to certify the current study area boundaries, as described by Staff. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission certifies the current study area boundaries, as described by Staff.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 22nd day of February 2019.

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: <u>Karen E. Cramer</u>
Date: <u>02/22/19</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner