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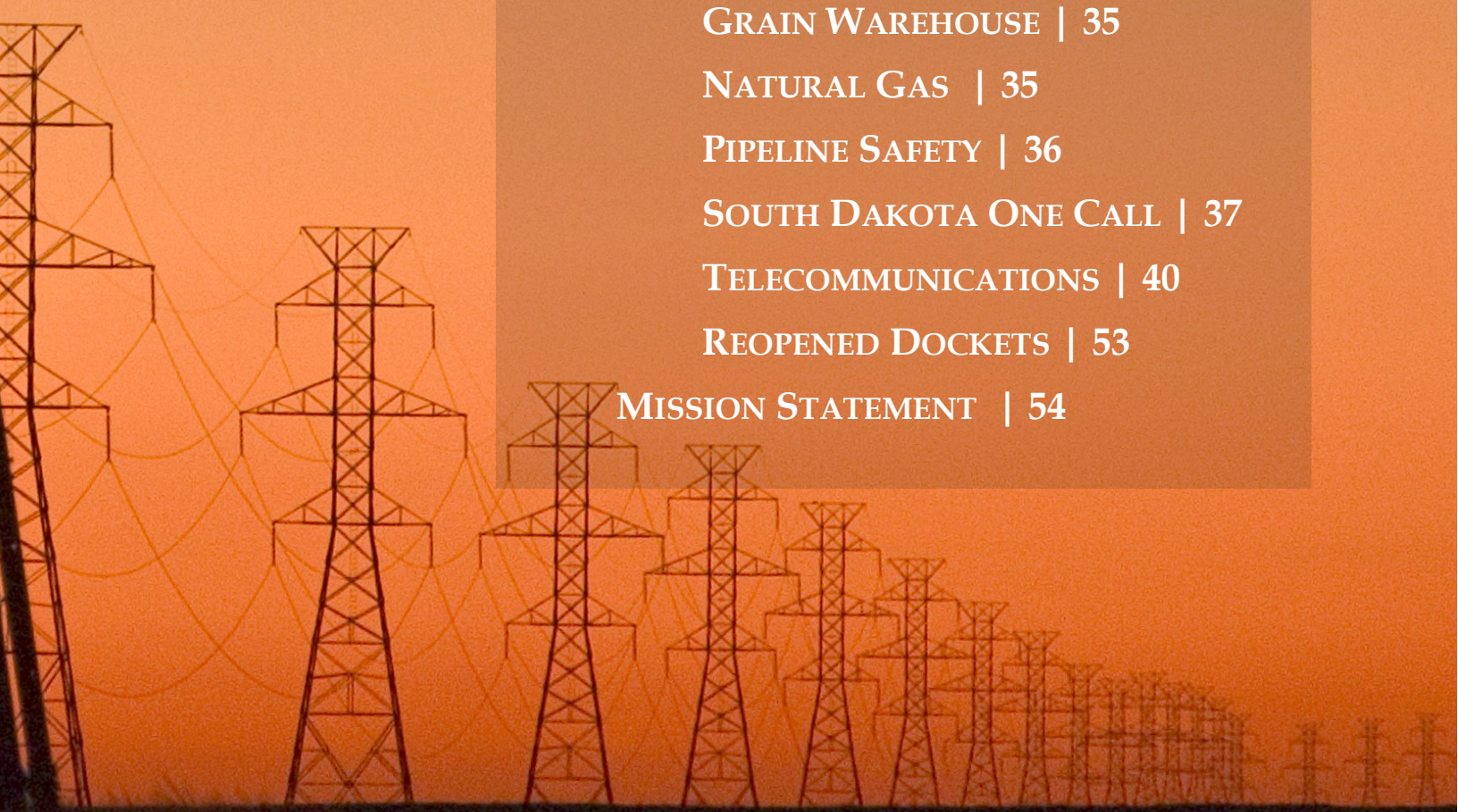
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# About the PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

South Dakotans elect their three Public Utilities Commissioners to staggered, six-year terms. A dedicated staff of analysts, attorneys, consumer representatives and other professionals work with the commissioners to carry out the duties of the PUC. The PUC's website, [www.puc.sd.gov](http://www.puc.sd.gov), contains a wealth of information including audio web casts and recordings of meetings and hearings.

## UTILITY REGULATION

The commission regulates investor-owned electric, natural gas and telephone utilities. The PUC ensures utility companies in South Dakota provide safe and reliable service and that investor-owned companies do so with just and reasonable rates. It plays a more limited regulatory role with respect to wireless communication companies and cooperative, independent and municipal utilities.

## OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES

The PUC helps resolve disputes between customers and their utilities, operates the South Dakota Do Not Call Registry and administers the state's One Call notification center (call before you dig). The commission also operates the natural gas pipeline safety program and licenses and inspects state public grain warehouses and grain buyers.

## ADVOCACY AND EDUCATION

The commission advocates for smart energy and telecommunications policy at the state and federal levels and works hard to educate consumers about ways to save energy and money ([www.SDEnergySmart.com](http://www.SDEnergySmart.com)). The PUC acts as a resource to landowners, communities and developers for both renewable energy development ([www.SDWind.com](http://www.SDWind.com)) and for the build-out of our state's wireless telecommunications networks.

## INFORMATION SUPERHIGHWAY

The commission's main website, [www.puc.sd.gov](http://www.puc.sd.gov), is chock-full of information ranging from utility company phone numbers to summaries of regulatory filings. The commission offers live audio webcasts of dozens of proceedings, including commission meetings and hearings. All audio files are archived for later reference and convenience. The website also contains a comprehensive docket system that encompasses thousands of pages frequently used by PUC commissioners, staff and the public. The website is a valuable resource to utilities, attorneys, consultants and citizens interested in the work of the PUC.

## PUC on the World Wide Web

**[www.SDDoNotCall.com](http://www.SDDoNotCall.com)** includes an overview of how consumers can add their personal phone numbers to the national registry to decrease the amount of telemarketing calls they receive. The site also describes how telemarketing companies doing business in South Dakota need to comply with applicable statutes and rules.

**[www.SDEnergySmart.com](http://www.SDEnergySmart.com)** is a guide for South Dakota consumers to become more energy efficient. The site includes links to the state's utility providers that are partners in the South Dakota Energy Smart initiative.

**[www.SDOneCall.com](http://www.SDOneCall.com)** includes an electronic ticketing system for excavators and others who use the Call Before You Dig notification service and an index of complaints, among other important information. The PUC maintains the site for the One Call Board.

**[www.SDWind.com](http://www.SDWind.com)** has information about wind energy.

# South Dakota's PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSIONERS

**Gary Hanson** is the chairman of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission. He was elected to the commission in 2002 and re-elected in November 2008. He served as the commission's chairman in 2005, 2008 and 2011. Gary represents South Dakota on the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' Committee on Electricity. He served on the executive committee and as treasurer of the Organization of MISO States, is a member of the Mid-America Regulatory Conference, and represented the nation's NARUC commissioners on the steering committee of the National Wind Coordinating Collaborative and is a member of the Advisory Council for New Mexico State University's Center for Public Utilities.

Gary has served as chairman of the South Dakota Underground Pipeline Task Force, as member of Gov. Mike Rounds' Task Force on Wind Development, South Dakota's Energy Task Force, and Gov. George S. Mickelson's Cumulative Environmental Evaluation of Black Hills Mining Task Force. His service to the State also includes three terms in the South Dakota Senate where he was chairman of the committees of Bonding and of Government Audit and Operations, and vice chairman of the Taxation Committee.

A native of Sioux Falls, Gary was twice elected as mayor of that city and oversaw multiple departmental operations of more than 1,200 employees. Prior to serving as mayor, Gary was Sioux Falls' utilities commissioner for six years and was responsible for the development and day-to-day activities for three municipal utilities. He owned several businesses before elected office and is a licensed real estate auctioneer, appraiser and broker.

As a regional and industry leader, Gary is co-founder, past president, chairman and often referred to as the father of the Lewis and Clark Regional Water System. He was chairman of the South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance and president of the Sioux Falls Board of Realtors. He has served on the boards of directors of Lutheran Social Services Credit Counseling Advisory Board, DAV Arthur H. Muchow Independent Living Center, Sioux Falls Jaycees, Northern State University Foundation, Minnehaha Metro Communications Systems, South Dakota Water Congress, and Sister Cities Association. Gary was instrumental in the founding of the Multicultural Center in Sioux Falls, the Great Plains Waicipi, Community Drug Concerns Task Force, as well as endowments for the Sioux Falls Pavilion and the Great Plains Zoo.

Awards and honors received by Gary include being named Distinguished Alumnus of Northern State University, Sioux Falls' City Father of the Year, YMCA Tri-State Hall of Fame, International Lions Club Melvin Jones Fellow, Outstanding Young Citizen of South Dakota, Habitat for Humanity's Hat's Off Award, Spirit of Downtown Sioux Falls Award, White Cane Safety Award, Multiple Sclerosis Society Chapter's Mayor of the Year, Children's Care Hospital Wings of Love Award, DAV's Outstanding Legislator Award, and Life Member of Lions Club Sight and Service Foundation.

He has regularly shared his passion for athletics as a volunteer coach for a variety of youth sports. Gary actively pursues a number of interests including astronomy, carpentry, car engines, birding, genealogy, hunting, fishing, skydiving, SCUBA diving, spelunking, camping, history and sports.

Gary and his wife, Sandy, make their home in Sioux Falls and Pierre. The couple has three children and seven grandchildren.



**CHAIRMAN**  
**Gary Hanson**

Elected 2002 and 2006  
Term ends 2015

**Chris Nelson** is currently the vice chairman of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission. Chris was appointed Jan. 8, 2011, by Gov. Dennis Daugaard to fill a vacancy on the commission and was elected by South Dakota voters in November 2012 to continue his service for the remaining four years of the term. Chris served as the PUC's chairman in 2012 and vice chairman in 2011.

He is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, serving as chairman of the association's Committee on Telecommunications. Additionally, Chris has been appointed to the NARUC Task Force on Federalism and Telecommunications. He has been appointed by the Federal Communications Commission to the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, representing the interests of NARUC.

Previously, Chris served as Secretary of State having been elected in the 2002 general election. Chris was unopposed for reelection in 2006 which was the first time the office was unopposed in the history of South Dakota.

Prior to becoming Secretary of State, Chris held the position of state election supervisor in the Secretary of State's office for 13 years and was uniform commercial code supervisor in the same office for two years.

As Secretary of State, Chris received the 2010 Excellent Service to South Dakota County Officials award from the South Dakota County Officials Association, the 2004 Hazeltine/Taylor award from South Dakota Kids Voting, and the 2003 Excellence in South Dakota Municipal Government award from the South Dakota Municipal League. In 2005, Chris was appointed as a National Governors Association representative on the United States Election Assistance Commission Board of Advisors.

Under Chris's leadership the secretary of state's office was awarded the Election Center's 2009 Professional Practices Program State Award. This annual award is given as recognition for the most outstanding election administration professional practice in the nation. The award recognizes the 2008 development and implementation of a new central election reporting system for the state.

Following graduation from White Lake High School, Chris earned a bachelor's degree in animal science, with highest honors, from South Dakota State University in 1987.

Chris is actively involved in his church and counts agriculture and hunting as two areas of personal interest. He maintains a part-time cattle operation. Chris, his wife Penny and daughter Rebekah reside in Pierre.



**VICE CHAIRMAN**  
**Chris Nelson**

Appointed 2011, Elected 2012  
Term ends 2017



Vice Chairman Chris Nelson and commission counsel Rolayne Wiest attend the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' telecommunications committee meeting. Nelson is chairman of the national committee.



**Kristie Fiegen** was appointed to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission by Gov. Dennis Daugaard on Aug. 9, 2011, to fill a vacancy on the commission. Kristie was then elected to the commission in November 2012, to serve a six-year term. She served as vice chairman of the PUC in 2012. She is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' Committee on Gas and Subcommittee on Pipeline Safety. Kristie provides guidance related to the interests of the public and gas consumers to the Gas Technology Institute as a member of GTI's Public Interest Advisory Committee.

Prior to joining the PUC, Kristie was the president of Junior Achievement of South Dakota for 17 years and was recognized as the top Junior Achievement USA President in 2008. Under Kristie's leadership, participation in Junior Achievement increased from 2,400 to more than 44,000 students annually and her team was named among the top eight franchises in the country nine times. Kristie's career also includes serving as the South Dakota area manager for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for nine years and as a sales representative for Monsanto Company.

Kristie's public service career includes four terms in the South Dakota House of Representatives, from 1993 to 2001. While a legislator, she served as chair of the House Health and Human Service Committee.

She has been active in Rotary, the United Way and Toastmasters, and is an active member of Central Baptist Church.

Kristie earned a bachelor's degree in commercial economics and agricultural business from South Dakota State University and a master's degree in business administration from the University of South Dakota. She grew up on her family's farm near Chancellor, S.D., and is a graduate of Parker High School. Kristie and her husband, Tim, live in Sioux Falls with their sons, Alexander and Jackson.



**COMMISSIONER**  
**Kristie Fiegen**

Appointed 2011, Elected 2012  
Term ends 2019



Public Utilities Commissioners Chris Nelson,  
Kristie Fiegen and Gary Hanson.

# PUC STAFF

The PUC's 28 staff members perform a variety of duties on behalf of the citizens of South Dakota and in support of the commission.

As **executive director**, **Patricia Van Gerpen** is responsible for the overall management of the PUC staff and day-to-day operation of the agency. She makes docket and project assignments and is the liaison between the commissioners and staff on all issues. Patty also works directly on a number of legislative, strategic planning and policy initiatives.

**Leah Mohr**, **deputy executive director**, schedules hearings and various meetings for the commission. She is also the chief writer and editor for the PUC's websites, outreach materials and news releases, handles media inquiries and coordinates logistics for informational and educational meetings. She supervises the commission's administrative support staff.

**Cindy Kemnitz**, **finance manager**, is responsible for the commission's fiscal activities including administrative functions related to the gross receipts tax, the regulatory assessment fee fund and the telephone solicitor registry. She prepares and monitors budgets and handles accounting, payroll and purchasing duties. She also prepares the commission's meeting agendas.

**Sigrid Wald** serves as the **communications specialist**. She assists with the development of educational materials and news releases, meeting and event coordination and website maintenance.

Advising the commissioners are **John Smith**, **general counsel**; **Greg Rislov**, **commission advisor**; and **Rolayne Ailts Wiest**, **commission counsel**. The attorneys also serve as hearing examiners and represent the commission in state and federal courts and before federal regulatory agencies. Rolayne's additional specialties are advising about federal regulation and policies and state legislation and administrative rules. Greg provides policy and technical consultation and research support regarding major regulatory issues.

**Administrative staff** members perform a variety of support services including handling incoming phone calls and mail and greeting guests. Each staff member has specific duties that keep the PUC running smoothly. **Tina Douglas** is the web specialist with primary responsibility for maintaining the PUC's electronic dockets as well as each of the websites the commission operates. **Katlyn Gustafson** schedules and coordinates meeting logistics, travel and training. **Joy Lashley** assists with the preparation of legal documents, distributes meeting agendas and weekly filings, and coordinates mailings.

**Staff analysts** are responsible for investigating, analyzing, evaluating and presenting testimony regarding issues and policies related to the electric, natural gas and telecommunications industries as regulated by the commission. Their educational and professional background includes expertise in accounting, economics, research and engineering. **Brittany Mehlhaff**, **Robin Meyerink**, **Eric Paulson** and **Patrick Steffensen** use these skills to focus on quality of service, financial and rate matters as they work to understand and evaluate complex rate structures, earning requirements, and technical issues of various utility organizations. **Darren Kearney** and **Brian Rounds** are analysts who primarily concentrate on emerging technologies such as renewable energy, wireless telecommunications and energy efficiency efforts. They also engage in outreach activities to consumers, industry representatives and students and provide docket analysis as assigned. **David Henry** is a staff analyst specializing in electric territory boundary mapping. David's temporary position is funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).



**Karen Cremer** and **Kristen Edwards** are **staff attorneys** with practical experience in administrative law, trial procedure and business management principles. They review filings by utilities and represent the staff in proceedings before the commission. They work closely with staff analysts as they develop recommendations for policy, rate, siting and enforcement matters. They coordinate the presentation of the staff's case and cross-examine other parties who submit testimony. Kristen also serves as the staff attorney assigned to South Dakota One Call matters for which legal support is requested.

The **Pipeline Safety Program** is staffed by engineers **Mary Zanter** and **Boice Hillmer** with Mary handling additional duties as program manager. The PUC administers the program on behalf of the U.S. Department of Transportation. Mary and Boice inspect and investigate intrastate natural gas pipelines, master meters and propane systems to ensure the public is provided safe and dependable gas service. The two also analyze utility dockets as assigned.

**Jim Mehlhaff** is the director of the **Grain Warehouse Division** that works to protect property rights of customers and safeguard payments to grain producers. **Judy Page** assists with the issuance of warehouse and grain dealer licenses. **Justin Blais** and **Paul Kenefick-Aschoff** conduct grain warehouse and grain dealer inspections and investigations. The warehouse staff also performs check-off audits for various grain commissions and councils.

The **Consumer Affairs Division** works with customers to answer questions and resolve complaints about the rates and services of regulated utilities. Manager **Deb Gregg** and representatives **Vicky Burns** and **Jason Schuchard** act as liaisons between consumers and utility companies in resolving these issues. This division also coordinates the PUC's presence at home shows and fairs and makes group presentations as requested.



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For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2013

# FINANCIAL REPORT

	BUDGET	GENERAL FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS	OTHER FUNDS	ENCUMBRANCE	BALANCE
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>						
Personal Services	\$1,017,554	\$309,233	\$38,789	\$648,210	\$0	\$21,322
Operating Expenses	\$166,529	\$0	\$0	\$120,486	\$7,634	\$38,409
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM</b>	<b>\$1,184,083</b>	<b>\$309,233</b>	<b>\$38,789</b>	<b>\$768,696</b>	<b>\$7,634</b>	<b>\$59,731</b>
<b>WAREHOUSE</b>						
Personal Services	\$245,723	\$122,238	\$0	\$109,618	\$0	\$13,867
Operating Expenses	\$76,052	\$52,285	\$0	\$6,273	\$0	\$17,494
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM</b>	<b>\$321,775</b>	<b>\$174,523</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$115,892</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$31,360</b>
<b>FIXED UTILITY (Informational Budget)</b>						
Personal Services	\$1,320,899	\$0	\$176,663	\$1,028,607	\$0	\$115,629
Operating Expenses	\$570,473	\$0	\$7,271	\$322,445		\$240,757
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM</b>	<b>\$1,891,372</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$183,934</b>	<b>\$1,351,052</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$356,386</b>
<b>PIPELINE SAFETY (Informational Budget)</b>						
Personal Services	\$179,472	\$0	\$103,353	\$64,530	\$0	\$11,589
Operating Expenses	\$95,292	\$0	\$39,671	\$25,110	\$0	\$30,511
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM</b>	<b>\$274,764</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$143,024</b>	<b>\$89,640</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$42,100</b>
<b>ONE CALL NOTIFICATION (Informational Budget)</b>						
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Expenses	\$662,290	\$0	\$12,003	\$703,693	\$0	-\$53,406
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM</b>	<b>\$662,290</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$12,003</b>	<b>\$703,693</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>-\$53,406</b>
<b>DO NOT CALL LIST (Informational Budget)</b>						
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Expenses	\$39,535	\$0	\$0	\$5,031	\$0	\$34,504
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM</b>	<b>\$39,535</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$5,031</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$34,504</b>
<b>Gross Receipts Tax Fund Revenues</b>						
Grain and Warehouse Licenses *		\$ 92,045			Gross Receipts Tax*	\$ 1,966,593
Check Off Audits		\$ 10,100			Application Fees	\$ 1,250
Interest Earned		\$ 4,499			Interest Earned	\$ 68,033
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 106,644</b>			<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 2,035,876</b>

\* Includes Fines/Penalties



# 2013 YEAR IN REVIEW

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Deemed 39 telecommunications companies as eligible to collectively receive millions of dollars in high cost support from the federal Universal Service Fund for maintaining, upgrading and building out their networks in South Dakota in 2014. The Universal Service Administration Co. estimates companies invested more than \$68.7 million in USF monies in South Dakota in 2012.

Collected, certified and submitted study area boundary information of incumbent local exchange carriers to the Federal Communications Commission to use in the implementation of certain universal service reforms. Effort was supported by affected carriers and the South Dakota Telecommunications Association.

Commissioner Nelson penned an editorial, "When the Telephone Doesn't Work," to illustrate rural call completion issues experienced by many telephone customers in the state that was printed in several state publications. Nelson was selected to participate in a roundtable discussion hosted by U.S. Sen. Tim Johnson to speak about the issue and the PUC's efforts to bring national attention and encourage federal solutions to the myriad challenges of the rural call completion problem.

## RENEWABLE ENERGY

Compiled the annual South Dakota Renewable, Recycled and Conserved Energy Objective report and submitted it to the state Legislature. Companies continue to invest in renewables and energy efficiency and many are on track to meet or exceed the voluntary objective of 10 percent renewable and conserved energy by 2015.

PUC staff member Brian Rounds was elected to serve as president of the M-RETS board of directors. M-RETS is a regional renewable energy tracking system designed to help participants meet their renewable energy standards and objectives.

Completed a lengthy and complex docket involving a complaint brought in 2011 by a small-wind producer, certified as a qualifying facility wind developer, against an electric utility company regarding a power purchase agreement. The commission outlined the payment structure to be used for NorthWestern Energy to purchase power created by Oak Tree Energy and ordered the entities to develop an agreement. As a result of the case, the commission opened a docket to seek input regarding possible development of rules for avoided cost determinations of qualified facilities and how to handle the creation of a legally enforceable obligation (LEO).

## WIRELESS

Monitored the actions and results as new wireless telecommunications sites were launched by companies at several locations including in or near Aberdeen, Hartford, Kadoka, Lake Byron, Lake Campbell, Lead, North Sioux City, Rapid City, Sioux Falls and Springfield. Companies also made a number of technology enhancements on existing towers throughout the year.

Commissioner Kristie Fiegen participated in the Wireless Industry Policymaker Forum at CTIA Wireless 2013, discussing the roles of wireless telecommunications from a state perspective.

## GRAIN WAREHOUSE

Shepherded the passage of legislation to provide the PUC better tools for evaluating the financial soundness of grain buyers and warehouses. Provisions that strengthened the PUC's oversight:

- ◆ Requirements to provide the PUC with current financial information under penalty of perjury
- ◆ Providing the PUC quick access to financial information that is located out of state
- ◆ Requirements for grain buyers and warehouses who fall out of financial compliance to report immediately to the PUC or face criminal penalties
- ◆ Specifying that the PUC must be allowed to conduct inspections of records and facilities; denial of access may result in license suspension
- ◆ Adjusting bond requirements with increases for some grain buyers

Issued licenses to 186 entities with 320 locations and performed 392 on-site inspections at 263 licensed facilities.

Issued a notice to grain sellers and grain buyers that all grain purchases more than 30 days old will be considered cash sales that must be paid pursuant to SDCL 49-45-10 unless the grain buyer has in its possession a voluntary credit sale (VCS) contract signed by both parties. The PUC determined the notice was necessary as a result of a ruling by 5th Circuit Court Judge Portra.

Adopted and amended a number of grain buyer and grain warehouse rules. These recognize contracts signed by only one party as meeting the "in writing" language of SDCL 49-45-11 if such contract is provided to the other party unless the contract is objected to in writing within two days after receipt. These also reflect updated citations and changes in statute.

After inspections revealed working capital deficiencies at Gregory Farmers Elevator Co., PUC staff worked with the board, management and a local bank to correct the company's working capital issues. When it became apparent they would not be able to raise the working capital necessary to continue as a going concern, the commission suspended then revoked the GFEC licenses. With authorization from the company, PUC staff, the board of directors, and the secured creditor, which was a local bank, worked together to receive and review bids and negotiate offers for the purchase of GFEC assets. Interstate Commodities Inc. purchased the facility and received the appropriate licenses from the PUC. There were no claims for unpaid grain as a result of the GFEC insolvency.

Distributed \$100,166.78 (interest included) in proceeds to 29 claimants with allowed claims against the Anderson Seed Co. grain buyer bond. Bond was received by the PUC in 2012 following the failure of Anderson Seed Co. to perform its financial obligations to its grain suppliers.

Commissioners spoke to several agricultural organizations and interest groups throughout the year including Northeast South Dakota Elevator Managers Association (Fiegen), Gregory Farmer's Elevator Co. (Nelson), South Dakota Grain and Feed Association (Nelson) and South Dakota Farmers Union (Nelson).



## ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Hosted a Cost Effectiveness of Energy Efficiency Programs Workshop for Utilities featuring presenters from the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance, Energy and Environment Economics and the state's six investor-owned electric and natural gas utilities.

Approved updates to energy efficiency plans by investor-owned utilities that offer cost-effective energy savings to customers.

MidAmerican Energy Co. – The approved plan is an update of the company's previously-approved plan, which adds high efficiency furnaces and ground source heat pumps to its residential equipment program. Estimated annual energy savings provided by the new programs are 97,319 kilowatt hours of electricity and 204,318 therms of natural gas.

Otter Tail Power Co. – The approved plan is designed to collectively save residential and commercial customers more than 2.8 million kilowatt hours of electricity each year during the 2014-2015 plan period.

Xcel Energy – The approved plan enhances the company's existing residential home lighting program by partnering with the City of Sioux Falls and MidAmerican Energy Co. to deliver and install energy-efficient lighting during home energy audits. The partnership will further promote the use of energy-efficient lighting in the residential market.

## NATURAL GAS

Approved an agreement to allow Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. to revise rates for natural gas service to generate nearly \$900,000 in additional annual revenue, lower than the \$1.5 million the company requested. Also approved the consolidation of the company's two South Dakota service and rate areas, known as the Black Hills area and the East River area, into one.

Commissioner Kristie Fiegen was selected to serve on the Gas Technology Institute's Public Interest Advisory Committee, which provides public and gas consumer interest guidance to GTI. The PIAC is made up of public utility commissioners, consumer advocates, and environmental, economic, and university-based experts from across the United States.

## LEGISLATION

Requested an update, via SB 12, to an existing statute to clarify that certain modifications to energy facilities are subject to the PUC's permitting process. The revision received significant support and was passed.

Refer to "Grain Warehouse" section for summary of the PUC's legislation, HB 1017.

## LEADERSHIP

Commissioner Chris Nelson and Commissioner Kristie Fiegen took their oaths of office to begin their terms on the commission. Nelson will serve in the elected post until 2017; Fiegen until 2019.

Commissioner Gary Hanson was voted to serve as PUC chairperson and Commissioner Chris Nelson was voted vice chairperson.

## ELECTRIC

Granted the release of construction bonds for the Deer Creek Station natural-gas combined cycle electric generation facility, which is operational in eastern South Dakota.

Negotiated with Black Hills Power to reduce the amount of the company's requested rate increase by \$5 million in annual revenues. The approved settlement agreement allowed the company to gain \$8.8 million in annual revenue, or an increase of 6.39 percent. The company sought to raise electric rates 9.94 percent to generate an additional \$13.7 million in annual revenue.

Allowed Black Hills Power to phase in a rate increase associated with the company's share of construction financing costs of the Cheyenne Prairie Generating Station, a natural gas-fired facility being built near Cheyenne, Wyo.

Monitored outages related to an April ice storm that impacted southeastern South Dakota. Kept in close contact with investor-owned utilities and responded to consumer service inquiries. Hosted a forum in Sioux Falls in July at which representatives of Xcel Energy, Sioux Valley Energy and Southeastern Electric Co-op discussed their organizations' recovery efforts to restore service to more than 91,000 electric customers, collectively.

Allowed Xcel Energy a 6.86 percent increase in base rates, plus a 2.2 percent increase associated with a new infrastructure rider. The overall increase for customers in 2013 is approximately 9.06 percent, less than the 11.53 percent the company initially sought.

Monitored outages related to an October blizzard, known as Winter Storm Atlas, which impacted the Black Hills and other portions of western South Dakota. Kept in close contact with Black Hills Power and telephone providers and responded to consumer service inquiries. At the height of the event, Black Hills Power reported more than 41,000 meters out of power. The Public Utilities Commission received a public briefing in early 2014 from Black Hills Power regarding their responsiveness to the outages.

Approved the continuation of a transmission cost recovery tariff for Xcel Energy for the company's share of eight additional local and regional transmission projects. The approved docket follows the cost allocation method developed the previous year that considers the jurisdiction that has created the need for regional transmission investment and the amount of investment that is appropriate to include in retail rates.

Hosted a public input hearing in Brookings for a 43-mile 345kV transmission line proposed to be constructed by Xcel Energy and Otter Tail Power Co. in Brookings and Deuel counties. Known as the Big Stone South-Brookings County project, the line has multi-value project (MVP) status from MISO, identifying it as providing regional reliability, economic value and supporting renewable energy.

Held public input hearings in Aberdeen and Milbank for the proposed Big Stone South-Ellendale 345kV transmission line to be constructed by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. and Otter Tail Power Co. to follow a 160-mile route through Brown, Day and Grant counties. MISO has designated the line as a multi-value project (MVP) (see above definition).

Processed 10 electric service territory boundary agreements to verify electric territory mapping data for conversion to electronic format and use in a Geographic Information System database.

Continued working with counterparts from other states on the Eastern Interconnect States' Planning Council/State Provincial Steering Committee to strategize regional transmission planning and cost allocation efforts.

As part of the Western Interconnection Regional Advisory Body, continued to provide advice to the Western Electricity Coordinating Council, North American Electric Reliability Corporation and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission about electric reliability issues.



Approved the continuation of a transmission cost recovery tariff for Otter Tail Power Co. for the company's share of transmission projects. One additional regional transmission project was approved for recovery through the TCR rider, following the cost allocation method previously developed that considers the jurisdiction that has created the need for regional transmission investment and the amount of investment that is appropriate to include in retail rates.

Submitted comments to the Environmental Protection Agency opposing the EPA's proposal to partially disapprove the State of Wyoming's State Implementation Plan. The issue is of interest to the PUC because it affects Laramie River Station, a coal-fired power plant in Wyoming, from which electricity is sent to Heartland Consumers Power District and Missouri River Energy Services, wholesale public power utilities serving South Dakota. The PUC urged the EPA to allow the state to determine the most effective method for addressing regional haze. The cost of adding and maintaining emission controls at power plants generally affects ratepayers.

## PUBLIC OUTREACH AND CONSUMER ASSISTANCE

Assisted consumers on more than 1,850 occasions with issues and complaints related to electric, natural gas, telecommunications (including wireless), energy efficiency and other utility-related topics.

Conducted personal consumer outreach at home shows in Sioux Falls and Rapid City and fairs in Aberdeen and Huron. Commissioners and staff met with more than 3,300 consumers to answer questions about utility issues and promote the Call Before You Dig program, energy efficiency, Lifeline telephone assistance program and the Do Not Call registry.

Helped to increase the amount of South Dakota telephone numbers on Do Not Call registry to 617,047.

Commissioner Chris Nelson was a guest lecturer for Brookings eighth grade science classes. Nelson and the students discussed wind, hydro and solar applications in South Dakota.

## PIPELINE SITING, SAFETY AND INSPECTION

Commissioner Kristie Fiegen was appointed to the Pipeline Safety Committee of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners.

Completed 165 days of pipeline safety inspections, exceeding the federal requirement of 134 days.

Led four training webinars about inspections, new leak technology, best practices and pipeline classification collectively attended by approximately 100 pipeline operators.

Pipeline safety staff participated in more than 300 hours of training.

Hosted the South Dakota/North Dakota/Wyoming Pipeline Safety Operator Training in Rapid City for more than 200 members of the pipeline industry from the three states. Participants attended presentations by more than 30 experts discussing regulations, distribution and transmission integrity management, damage prevention, pipe protection and investigations. The event also included an exhibitor showcase featuring 28 companies and an educational tour of a propane air mix plant.

Promoted the Call Before You Dig program with statewide news releases for National Safe Digging Month in April and National 8/11 Day in August. Encouraged visitors to the PUC's booth at the Brown County and State fairs to take the One Call pledge to call 811 before any excavation activity.

# TOP PRIORITIES

The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission focuses on the state's ratepayers and utility producers, managing its responsibility with the long-term public interest in mind. Accordingly, the priorities listed on the following pages are those that the commission examines to evaluate the fulfillment of its responsibility.

## ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS

The commission looks after the welfare of South Dakotans as related to electric and natural gas issues. Actions taken by the commission strive to ensure reliable service and reasonable rates from investor-owned utilities as well as fair service territory boundaries for all utilities. The commission follows guidelines prescribed by South Dakota law when siting energy conversion and transmission facilities and serves as an objective resource on renewable energy issues. The components of this priority affect South Dakotans in terms of reliability and cost of their electric and natural gas services.

The PUC uses a number of ways to measure the agency’s effectiveness at handling these issues.

### RATES

Reviewing electric and natural gas rates from around the state, region and nation offers perspective to evaluate the financial impact South Dakota ratepayers experience compared to residents of other states.

Measurement per kWh, 2012

#### Average Residential Electric Rate

10.07 cents	South Dakota
10.59 cents	West North Central Region (Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota)
11.88 cents	United States

Measurement per thousand cubic feet, 2012

#### Average Residential Natural Gas Rate

\$8.39	South Dakota
\$9.88	West North Central Region (Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota)
\$10.71	United States



## COMPLETED ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS DOCKETS

The number of electric and natural gas dockets completed each year reveals the agency's ability to manage its duties and workload. The measurement also alerts agency officials if the process by which dockets are assigned, analyzed and acted upon by staff and commissioners is appropriate. The commission seeks to completely process 85 percent of its annual electric and natural gas dockets within 12 months of a docket being filed.

*Measurement, 2013*

### 2013 Electric and Natural Gas Dockets

<b>52</b>	Completed dockets
<b>13</b>	Completed within approximately 1 month
<b>27</b>	Completed in 2 to 4 months
<b>1</b>	Completed in 5 to 6 months
<b>6</b>	Completed in 7 to 12 months
<b>5</b>	Uncompleted dockets
<b>90%</b>	Percentage completed

## OVERTURNED ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS DOCKETS

Parties that file requests or applications with the PUC and intervenors to those dockets have the right to challenge the commission's decision in circuit court. The number of dockets overturned by judicial order is an assessment of the manner by which the commission perceives and uses its regulatory authority.

*Measurement, 2013*

**Overturned dockets: None**

## ELECTRIC RELIABILITY

The electric utility industry uses indices to track and benchmark reliability performance. Companies use this data to evaluate and improve upon their response to outages, handling of customer complaints and system integrity. Though electric utilities in South Dakota are not required to report these scores to the PUC, the companies discuss the information with the commission and a comparison to national scores is ascertained.

### INDICES

- ◆ **System Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI):**  
The average amount of time a customer's service is interrupted during the reporting period
- ◆ **System Average Interruption Frequency Index (SAIFI):**  
The average number of interruptions that a customer would experience
- ◆ **Customer Average Interruption Duration Index (CAIDI):**  
The average outage duration that any given customer would experience. CAIDI can also be viewed as the average restoration time.

*Measurement, 2013*

### South Dakota 2013 scores compared to National 2012 average

Sixteen of the 18 scores provided to the PUC by South Dakota's six investor-owned utilities were better than the national average. Analyzing the scores with relation to customer base and other factors reveals that the utilities have a high degree of electric reliability performance.

# GRAIN WAREHOUSE

Monitoring the South Dakota grain industry is a significant responsibility of the Public Utilities Commission. The PUC Warehouse Division licenses and inspects:

- ♦ state-licensed grain storage warehouses,
- ♦ federally-licensed grain storage warehouses holding state grain-buyer licenses,
- ♦ grain buyers licensed as processors and non-storage facilities.

Grain brokers and truck-based grain buyers are also licensed but not inspected because they do not maintain grain handling facilities in South Dakota.

The warehouse staff works to reduce producer risk by reviewing the grain buyer and grain warehouse financial statements each year and by performing regular on-site inspections.

The PUC uses three main categories to measure its effectiveness in the grain industry.

## INSPECTIONS

The PUC conducts inspections to ensure compliance with statutes and rules related to the licensing and bonding requirements for grain warehouses and grain buyers. The number of inspections conducted describes the penetration of the agency's review process. The commission aims to inspect each licensed facility annually.

*Measurement, 2013*

**Grain warehouse and grain buyer inspections: 392 inspections at 263 licensed facilities**



Photo provided by South Dakota Department of Tourism





# PIPELINE SAFETY

The PUC has responsibility to regulate hazardous gas intrastate pipelines which includes ensuring the public is provided safe and dependable gas service. As part of its duties, commission staff inspects and investigates natural gas pipeline operators, master meter operators and propane systems for compliance with statutes and administrative rules.

The commission uses the following measurement tools to establish that it is appropriately handling its role with regard to pipeline safety.

## INSPECTIONS

PUC pipeline safety inspectors regularly inspect hazardous gas pipeline operators to determine compliance with state and federal regulations. Inspections occur in the areas of records, field, construction, drug and alcohol, public awareness, incident investigation, operator qualification and integrity management. The number of inspection hours logged by the safety inspectors is an indicator of the agency's thoroughness in this area. Based on the PUC's certification agreement to administer this program for the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), a minimum of 134 inspection days are required.

*Measurement, 2013*

**Inspections: 165 days (134 days required)**

## FEDERAL AUDIT

South Dakota's pipeline safety program is field audited annually by PHMSA's Office of Pipeline Safety (Central Region). The agency reviews inspections conducted and citations issued by the PUC and evaluates the commission's adherence to its pipeline procedures plan. The result of the federal review indicates the PUC's ability to carry out its obligations related to pipeline safety. PHMSA also reviews and scores South Dakota's annual certification document submittals. The total score for calendar year 2013 is a 50/50 weighted average of the percentage score for the 2011 field evaluation and the 2012 progress report. The highest possible score is 100 and the lowest score for any state reported in 2013 was 82.85.

*Measurement, 2013*

**Audit score: 100 out of a possible 100**

## FEDERAL CERTIFICATION

PUC staff members involved in pipeline safety inspection are required to complete six training courses to become a certified pipeline safety instructor. Additional training is required for certification to conduct specialty inspections in the areas of distribution integrity management programs, public awareness and transmission integrity management. The courses are taught by the federal Pipeline Safety Office of Training and Qualifications and are designed to educate federal and state pipeline safety inspectors in the application of compliance requirements, inspection techniques and enforcement procedures.

*Measurement, training/certification to-date*

- ◆ Program Manager: Four of six required courses plus four elective courses completed. Manager is certified to conduct all types of pipeline safety inspections except Distribution Integrity Management Program and Transmission Integrity Management Program inspections.
- ◆ Inspector: New inspector hired with first class completion anticipated in early 2014
- ◆ Staff Attorney: First class completion anticipated in early 2014



# SOUTH DAKOTA ONE CALL BOARD

The PUC assists the South Dakota One Call Board with administering the South Dakota One Call program, commonly referred to as “Call Before You Dig.” This program operates a notification center that informs underground facility operators, such as telephone, electric, petroleum, natural gas, cable television, water and sewer, of any excavation activities. An individual or company preparing to conduct excavating activities can have underground facilities located by calling 811 to reach the One Call notification center. The center will contact the appropriate facility operators who are responsible to accurately mark the underground facilities affected. Parties failing to comply with the statutes and administrative rules that govern the program are subject to complaint action which may result in a penalty assessed by the board.

The correct application of all elements in the process provides many benefits. Excavators preserve their safety and decrease their liability by knowing the location of underground facilities in advance of their activities. Facility operators have greater assurance their assets are guarded against damage, dislocation and disturbance by clearly marking their facilities. The public receives protection from injury, damage and loss of service when the One Call process is followed.

The commission monitors the success of the program by focusing on three key measures.

## TIME IN QUEUE

The prompt handling of locate requests is a top priority of the South Dakota One Call program. Each request of the system is handled in the order by which it is received. Queue times indicate the capability of the system’s representatives to understand and appropriately react to the locate requests, affecting the timeline by which the excavator may proceed with their activity.

*Measurement, 2013*

**Average time in queue: 39.92 seconds**

## LOCATE REQUESTS AND TICKETS

The One Call notification center is the hub of the South Dakota One Call program. It is here that incoming locate requests are received, processed and are dispatched to utilities as outbound locate tickets. Trained operators receive inbound requests from excavators to have dig sites marked and issue outbound locate tickets to the affected utilities that dispatch personnel to locate the underground facilities at the respective dig site. An incoming request will typically result in multiple locate tickets, due to multiple utilities having buried facilities at the same dig location. This inbound and outbound traffic is monitored to reveal the amount of excavation activity throughout the state and the general usage of the One Call system.

*Measurement, 2013*

**Incoming locate requests: 136,814**

**Outgoing locate tickets: 807,176**

## COMPLAINTS FILED

Complaints filed with the One Call Board are reviewed to determine if probable cause of a violation exists. If so, the board may recommend a penalty be assessed. The One Call program’s complaint process is an enforcement as well as an educational tool. Often, parties found in violation were not previously aware of their duties to follow One Call statutes or administrative rules. Processing formal complaints produces enforcement and public awareness results.

*Measurement, 2013*

**Complaints: 32**

# TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The commission has regulatory authority over some telecommunications providers and services in South Dakota. The PUC issues certificates of authority to certain providers; approves switched access rates for local exchange carriers; designates providers as eligible telecommunication carriers and approves plans for investing Federal Universal Service Funds; and arbitrates disputes between providers. In addition, the commission serves as a resource on emerging issues.

The commission continually assesses its performance in dealing with telecommunications issues, with specific attention paid to these measurements:

## COMPLETED TELECOMMUNICATIONS DOCKETS

As with the electric and natural gas category, the number of telecommunications dockets completed each year reveals the agency’s ability to manage its duties and workload. The measurement also alerts agency officials if the process by which dockets are assigned, analyzed and acted upon by staff and commissioners is appropriate. The number can also act as a meter of the amount of activity, within the commission’s jurisdiction, by telecommunications providers in the state. The commission seeks to process 85 percent of its annual telecommunications dockets within 12 months of a docket being filed.

2013 Telecommunications Dockets		
Measurement, 2013		
134	Completed dockets	
17	Completed within approximately 1 month	
76	Completed in 2 to 4 months	
40	Completed in 5 to 6 months	
1	Completed in 7 to 12 months	
8	Uncompleted dockets	
90%	Percentage completed	

## OVERTURNED TELECOMMUNICATIONS DOCKETS

Parties that file requests or applications with the PUC and intervenors to those dockets have the right to challenge the commission’s decision in circuit court. The number of dockets that are overturned by judicial order is an assessment of the manner in which the commission perceives and uses its regulatory authority.

Measurement, 2013  
Overturned dockets: None

## WIRELINE CUSTOMER DENSITY

Customer density is a valuable measurement tool in the telecommunications industry used to help guide policy decisions. It depicts the customers served per mile of line, which is a standard measurement used to show the relative expense of providing state-of-the-art services in rural areas. The lower the customer density, the more expensive it is to serve. In South Dakota the average is 2.92 wireline customers per line mile, which means it costs roughly twice as much for wireline distribution facilities than it would for a state with 5.84 customers per line mile.

Measurement, 2013  
Approximate wireline customers served per mile of line: 2.92

# CONSUMER AFFAIRS

The PUC provides a number of services for consumers. The agency's consumer affairs staff is trained to assist consumers with issues related to their electric, natural gas or telecommunications service, including wireless. They provide educational information about energy efficiency, consumer protection and making wise utility choices. They also offer guidance and referrals for consumers who may have difficulty paying their utility bills. The commission also administers the South Dakota Do Not Call Registry, helping to enroll consumers on the registry and investigating violations against consumers who are on the registry.

The commission evaluates its performance related to consumer affairs by examining the following areas:

## COMPLAINTS COMPLETED WITHIN A MONTH

Consumer complaints are received by the commission via phone, mail, email and, occasionally, are delivered in-person by the complainant. The PUC strives to quickly and fully investigate each incident by analyzing both sides of the complaint and working with the affected parties to informally reach a resolution. The number of complaints completed within a month reveals the commission's effectiveness in responding to consumers. The goal is 90 percent completed within a month.

*Measurement, 2013*

**Complaints completed within a month: 98%**

## FORMAL CONSUMER COMPLAINTS

When a consumer and utility cannot reach a resolution through the informal process, one of the parties may file a formal complaint. A formal complaint is entered into a docket and, unless settled, may result in a hearing before the commission. The commission endeavors to affect complaint resolutions informally and therefore strives for a low number of formal complaints. This measurement is also an assessment of the commission staff's negotiation and mediation skills.

*Measurement, 2013*

**Formal consumer complaints: 0**

## DO NOT CALL REGISTRY

The commission continually uses outreach efforts to educate South Dakotans about enrolling their personal telephone number on the Do Not Call Registry to reduce the number of telemarketing calls they receive. In addition to advocacy, the PUC takes an active role and, at the request of a consumer, will enroll their number on the registry. The PUC tracks the number of South Dakota telephone numbers on the registry, noting the amount of growth each year which is an indication of the success of education efforts.

*Measurement, 2013*

**South Dakota telephone numbers on Do Not Call Registry: 617,047 (2% increase)**



# REGULATED UTILITY COMPANIES

The Commission has territory, complaint and quality of service authority over all natural gas, electric and telecommunications utilities operating within South Dakota. Certain utilities are exempt from the commission’s rate regulation. They include municipal, rural electric cooperatives and small, independent and cooperative telephone companies. The commission retains its switched access rate making authority for all telecommunications companies providing local service, including small, independent and cooperative companies.

## GROSS RECEIPTS TAX ASSESSMENT PAID BY REGULATED UTILITY COMPANY

*The sum of these figures does not correspond with the Gross Receipts Tax Revenues reported on page 7 due to timing issues. Revenues are based on calendar year.*

Electric and Natural Gas Companies	\$995,335
Telecommunications Companies	\$841,763

### INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS COMPANIES

*Investor-owned electric and natural gas companies provide service to specific geographic areas in South Dakota and are regulated by the PUC. These companies are owned by their investors and are managed as private enterprises.*

- Black Hills Power Inc.
- MidAmerican Energy Co.
- Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
- Northern States Power Co. dba Xcel Energy
- NorthWestern Energy
- Otter Tail Power Co.
- South Dakota Intrastate Pipeline Co.

### LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE COMPANIES

*These long distance telephone providers are certified by the PUC to do business in South Dakota. These companies carry traffic between telephone exchanges.*

#### #

- @link Networks Inc.
- 365 Wireless LLC
- 800 Response Information Services LLC

#### A

- Access One Inc.
- Access Point Inc.
- AccessLine Communications Corp.
- ACN Communication Services Inc.
- Affinity Network Inc.
  - dba QuantumLink Communications and HorizonOne Communications
- Airespring Inc.
- Alliance Global Networks LLC
- Alliance Group Services Inc.
  - dba U.S. Republic Communications Inc.
- American Telecommunications Systems Inc.
- Americatel Corporation
  - dba 10 123 Americatel and 1010 123

## Long Distance Telephone Companies (cont.)

Americatel and AMETEX and 1 800 3030  
123 Americatel Collect  
AmeriVision Communications Inc.  
    dba LifeLine Communications  
    dba Affinity 4  
ANPI Business LLC fka Zone Telecom LLC  
Applewood Communications Corp.  
Associated Network Partners Inc.  
AT&T Corp. fka AT&T Communications of the  
    Midwest Inc.  
Avera Communication LLC

### B

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Bandwidth.com CLEC LLC fka Computer  
    Network Technology Corp.  
BCN Telecom Inc. fka NUI Telecom Inc.  
BEK Communications Cooperative  
BellSouth Long Distance Inc.  
    dba AT&T Long Distance Service  
Broadband Dynamics LLC  
Broadview Networks Inc. (bankrupt)  
Broadvox-CLEC LLC  
Broadwing Communications LLC  
BT Communications Sales LLC  
Budget PrePay Inc. dba Budget Phone  
BullsEye Telecom Inc.  
Business Discount Plan Inc.  
Business Network Long Distance Inc.  
Business Telecom Inc. dba EarthLink Business

### C

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Central Telecom Long Distance Inc.  
CenturyLink Public Communications Inc.  
    fka Embarq Payphone Services Inc.  
Cincinnati Bell Any Distance Inc.  
    fka BroadWing Telecommunications Inc.  
Comcast Phone of South Dakota LLC  
    dba Comcast Digital Phone  
Communications Network Billing Inc.  
COMTECH 21 LLC  
Conectado Inc.  
Consolidated Communications Networks Inc.  
Consumer Telcom Inc.  
Convergia Inc.

Covista Inc.  
Crexendo Business Solutions Inc.  
CSDVRS LLC  
CTC Communication Corp. dba EarthLink  
    Business  
Custom Teleconnect Inc.

### D

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DakotaComm LLC  
Deltacom Inc. dba Earthlink Business  
dishNet Wireline LLC fka Liberty Bell Telecom  
    LLC

### E

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Earthlink Business fka New Edge Network Inc.  
    dba New Edge  
Easton Telecom Services LLC  
Embarq Communications Inc.  
    dba CenturyLink Communications  
Encompass Communications LLC  
Enhanced Communications Group LLC  
    dba ECG LLC  
EnTelegent Solutions Inc.  
Entrix Telecom Inc.  
Enventis Telecom Inc.  
Express Communications Inc.

### F

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FiberComm LC  
First Choice Technology Inc.  
First Communications LLC  
France Telecom Corporate Solutions LLC  
Frontier Communications of America Inc.  
    fka Citizens Telecommunications Co.  
    dba Citizens Long Distance Co.

### G

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GC Pivotal LLC  
Global Crossing Telecommunications Inc.  
Global Tel\*Link Corp.  
Globalinx Enterprises Inc.  
    fka TRI-M Communications Inc.  
    dba TMC Communications  
Go Solo Technologies Inc.

## Long Distance Telephone Companies (cont.)

Gold Line Telemanagement Inc.  
Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative  
    dba Golden West Telecommunications  
Granite Telecommunications LLC  
Greenfly Networks Inc. dba Clearlyfly  
    Communications

### H

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Hawk Relay LLC  
HickoryTech Long Distance  
    fka Crystal Communications Inc.  
    dba HickoryTech Long Distance  
Hypercube Telecom LLC fka KMC Data LLC

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IDT America Corp.  
Impact Telecom Inc.  
inContact Inc. dba UCN Inc. fka Buyers United  
    Inc. fka Gypchics Communications Inc.  
    dba BuyersOnline and  
    dba United Carrier Networks  
iNetworks Group Inc.  
Integra Telecom of South Dakota Inc.  
Integrated Services Inc.  
Intelepeer Inc.  
Ionex Communications North Inc. dba Birch  
    Communications Birch Telecom

### K

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KDDI America Inc. fka KDD America Inc.  
Knology of the Black Hills LLC fka PrairieWave  
    Black Hills LLC  
Knology of the Plains Inc. fka PrairieWave  
    Telecommunications Inc.

### L

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Lattice Inc.  
LCR Telecommunications LLC  
Legacy Long Distance International Inc.  
Level 3 Communications LLC  
Lightyear Network Solutions LLC  
Long Lines Metro fka CommChoice LLC

### M

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Main Street Telephone Co.  
Matrix Telecom Inc.  
    dba Matrix Business Technologies  
MCC Telephony of the Midwest Inc.  
    dba Mediacom  
MCI Communications Services Inc.  
    dba Verizon Business Services  
MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC  
    dba Verizon Access Transmission  
    Services  
McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services LLC  
    dba PaeTec Business Services  
Megapath Corp. fka DSLnet Communications  
    LLC and fka DIECA Communications Inc.  
    dba Covad Communications Co.  
Metropolitan Telecommunications of South  
    Dakota Inc. dba MetTel  
Midcontinent Communications Inc.  
Midstate Telecom Inc.  
Mitel NetSolutions Inc. fka Inter-Tel  
    NetSolutions Inc.  
Mobilitie LLC  
Momentum Telecom Inc.  
Multiline Long Distance Inc.

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National Access Long Distance Inc.  
National Directory Assistance LLC  
Nationwide Long Distance Services Inc.  
NECC Telecom Inc.  
Net One International Inc.  
NET-tel Corp.  
Netwolves Network Services  
    fka Norstan Network Services Inc.  
Network Billing Systems LLC  
Network Communications International Corp.  
    aka Mundo Telecom and  
    aka 1800Call4Less  
Network Innovations Inc.  
Network Service Billing Inc.  
NetworkIP LLC dba Elite Telecom  
Neutral Tandem-South Dakota LLC  
New Horizons Communications Corp.



## Long Distance Telephone Companies (cont.)

NobelTel LLC  
North Dakota Long Distance LLC  
Northern Valley Communications LLC  
NOS Communications Inc.  
    dba International Plus and  
    dba Internet Business Association and  
    Ivantage Network Solutions (Inetba) and  
    dba 011 Communications and  
    dba Blueridge Telecom Systems  
NOSVA Limited Partnership  
    dba CierraCom Systems  
NovaTel Ltd. Inc.

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ONLINE SAVINGS INC.  
Onvoy Inc. dba Onvoy Voice Services fka  
    Minnesota Independent Interexchange  
    Corp. dba MEANS Telcom  
OPCOM Inc. dba WCS Telecom dba WCS  
    Operators  
Operator Service Co. LLC dba Excell Services  
Opex Communications Inc. dba TCI Long  
    Distance fka PremierCom Inc.  
OrbitCom fka VP Telecom Inc.

### P

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Pac-West Telecomm Inc.  
PaeTec Communications Inc.  
PNG Telecommunications Inc.  
    dba PowerNet Global Communications  
    and dba CrossConnect  
Primus Telecommunications Inc.  
Public Communications Services Inc.  
Pulse Telecom LLC

### Q

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Quantumshift Communications Inc. dba Vcom  
    Solutions  
Qwest Communications Corp.  
    dba CenturyLink QCC  
Qwest LD Corp. dba Qwest Long Distance  
    dba CenturyLink LD

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RC Communications Inc. dba RC Services  
Reduced Rate Long Distance LLC  
Reliant Communications Inc. fka HJN Telecom  
    Inc.  
Residential Long Distance Inc.  
RRV Enterprises Inc. dba Consumer Access

### S

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Sage Telecom Inc.  
Sancom Inc. dba Mitchell Telecom  
SBC Long Distance LLC dba AT&T Long Distance  
    fka SBC Long Distance Inc.  
Spectrotel Inc. dba OneTouch Communications  
    dba Touch Base Communications  
Sprint Communications Co. LP  
SSTelecom Inc. dba ITC  
Sti Prepaid LLC fka Dialaround Enterprises Inc.  
    (bankrupt)

### T

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TDS Long Distance Corp.  
Telecare Inc.  
Telecom Management Inc.  
    dba Pioneer Telephone  
Telecom North America Inc.  
Teleconnect Long Distance Services and  
    Systems Co. dba Telecom\*USA  
Televvergence Solutions Inc.  
Telrite Corp. dba Life Wireless  
Three River Telco  
    dba Three River Long Distance  
TNCI-OpCo fka TransNational Communications  
    International Inc.  
TOTAL ACCESS TELECOM INC.  
Total Call International Inc.  
Total Holdings dba GTC Communications  
Touchtone Communications Inc.  
TTI National Inc.  
tw Telecom Data Services LLC

## Long Distance Telephone Companies (cont.)

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U.S. Telecom Long Distance Inc.  
fka Corporate Calling Services Inc.  
fka Business Calling Plan Inc.  
Univance Telecommunications Inc.  
USA Digital Communications Inc.

### V

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Velocity The Greatest Phone Company Ever Inc.  
Verizon Enterprise Solutions LLC  
fka NYNEX Long Distance Co.  
Verizon Long Distance LLC  
fka Bell Atlantic Communications Inc.  
Verizon Select Services Inc.  
Voicecom Telecommunications LLC  
dba Intelliverse  
fka Premiere Communications Inc.

### W

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WDT World Discount Telecommunications Co.  
WiTel Communications LLC fka Williams  
Communications LLC  
WiMacTel Inc.  
Windstream Communications Inc. fka ALLTEL  
Holding Corporate Services Inc.  
Windstream KDL Inc.  
Windstream Norlight Inc.  
Windstream NTI Inc. fka Norlight  
Telecommunications Inc.  
Working Assets Funding Service Inc.  
dba Credo Long Distance

### X

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X2Comm Inc. dba DC Communications  
XO Communications Services Inc. fka XO  
Network Services Inc. dba XO LDS  
fka XO Long Distance Services Inc.

### Y

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Yestel USA Inc.

### Z

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Zayo Group LLC fka 360 Networks (USA)

## OPERATOR SERVICE COMPANIES

*An operator service provider is a telecommunications company that provides, by contract, a connection to long distance or local services from such places as hotels, motels, hospitals and campuses. The following operator service providers are authorized to do business in South Dakota.*

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1 800 Collect Inc.

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Global Tel\*Link Corp.

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Inmate Calling Solutions LLC dba ICSolutions  
Intellicall Operator Services Inc. dba ILD

### L

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Lattice Inc.

### N

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Network Operator Services Inc.

### P

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Pay Tel Communications Inc.

### R

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Reliance Telephone Systems Inc.  
(correctional facilities)

### S

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Securus Technologies Inc.  
fka Evercom Systems Inc.

### V

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Value Added Communications Inc. (correctional  
facilities)

## COMPETITIVE LOCAL EXCHANGE COMPANIES

*A CLEC is a local exchange carrier providing local telephone service in competition with the incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC). Some companies can be both a CLEC and an ILEC (see page 29) in different service areas. The following CLECs are certified by the PUC to provide telecommunications services in South Dakota.*

### #

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@link Networks Inc.  
321 Communications Inc.  
360networks (USA) inc.

### A

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Access Point Inc.  
ACN Communication Services Inc.  
ANPI Business LLC kfa Zone Telecom LLC  
AT&T Corporation fka AT&T Communications of the Midwest Inc.  
Aventure Communication Technology LLC  
Avera Communication LLC

### B

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Bandwidth.com CLEC LLC fka Computer Network Technology Corp.  
BCN Telecom Inc.  
BEK Communications Cooperative  
BellSouth Long Distance Inc.  
dba AT&T Long Distance Service  
Broadview Networks Inc. (bankrupt)  
Broadvox-CLEC LLC  
BT Communications Sales LLC  
Budget Prepay Inc. dba Budget Phone  
BullsEye Telecom Inc.

### C

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Common Point LLC  
COMTECH 21 LLC  
Covista Inc.  
Crexendo Business Soutlions Inc.

### D

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DakotaComm LLC  
dishNet Wireline LLC fka Liberty Bell Telecom LLC

### E

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EarthLink Business fka New Edge Network Inc.  
dba New Edge  
EnTelegent Solutions Inc.  
Eventis Telecom Inc.

### F

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FiberComm LC  
France Telecom Corporate Solutions LLC

### G

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GC Pivotal LLC  
Granite Telecommunications LLC  
Greenfly Networks Inc.  
dba Clearly Communications

### H

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HickoryTech Long Distance  
fka Crystal Communications Inc.  
Hypercube Telecom LLC fka KMC Data LLC

### I

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IDT America Corp.  
InContact Inc. dba UCN Inc. fka Buyers United Inc. dba BuyersOnline and dba United Carrier Networks  
iNetworks Group Inc.  
IntelePeer Inc.  
Interstate Telecommunications Co-op (ITC)  
Ionex Communications North Inc. dba Birch Communications Birch Telecom

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Knology of the Black Hills LLC  
fka PrairieWave Black Hills LLC  
Knology of the Plains Inc. fka PrairieWave Telecommunications Inc.



## Competitive Local Exchange Companies (cont.)

### L

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Level 3 Communications LLC  
Long Lines Metro fka CommChoice LLC

### M

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Matrix Telecom Inc.  
    dba Matrix Business Technologies  
MCC Telephony of the Midwest LLC  
    dba Mediacom  
MCIMetro Access Transmission Services LLC  
    dba Verizon Access Transmission  
    Services  
McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services LLC  
    dba PaeTec Business Services  
Megapath Corp. fka DSLnet Communications  
    LLC and fka DIECA Communications Inc.  
    dba Covad Communications Co.  
Metropolitan Telecommunications of South  
    Dakota Inc. dba MetTel  
Midcontinent Communications  
Midstate Telecom Inc.  
Mitel NetSolutions Inc. fka Inter-Tel  
    NetSolutions Inc.  
Mobilitie LLC  
Momentum Telecom Inc.

### N

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Net Talk.Com Inc.  
Neutral Tandem-South Dakota LLC  
Northern Valley Communications LLC  
NOS Communications Inc.  
    dba Blueridge Telecom Systems  
    dba International Plus dba 011  
    Communications dba The Internet  
    Business Association (Inetba)  
    dba iVANTAGE NETWORK SOLUTIONS

### O

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Onvoy, Inc. dba Onvoy Voice Services  
OrbitCom Inc. fka VP Telecom

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Pac-West Telecomm Inc.

### Q

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Quantumshift Communications  
    dba Vcom Solutions  
Qwest Communications Co. LLC  
    dba CenturyLink QCC  
    fka Qwest Communications Corp.

### R

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RC Communications Inc. dba RC Services

### S

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Sage Telecom Inc.  
Sancom Inc. dba Mitchell Telecom  
South Dakota Network LLC dba SDN  
    Communications  
Spectrotel Inc.  
    dba OneTouch Communications  
    dba Touch Base Communications  
Sprint Communications Co. LP  
SSTelecom Inc. dba ITC

### T

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TC Systems Inc.  
tw Telecom Data Service LLC

### V

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Velocity The Greatest Phone Company Ever Inc.

### W

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Windstream KDL Inc. fka Kentucky Data Link  
    Inc.  
Windstream NTI Inc.  
    fka Norlight Telecommunications Inc.

### X

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XO Communications Services Inc. fka XO  
    Network Services Inc. dba XO LDS

### Y

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YMax Communications Corp.

## WIRELESS COMPANIES

*Known by the Public Utilities Commission to be  
doing business in South Dakota*

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365 Wireless LLC

### A

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Alliance Communications Cooperative Inc.  
American Messaging Services LLC fka Verizon  
Wireless Messaging Services LLC  
AT&T Corp.

### B

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BCN Telecom Inc.  
Boomerang Wireless LLC

### C

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Cellular Inc. Network  
City of Brookings dba Swiftel Communications  
(product brand Sprint PSC)  
Coast to Coast Cellular Inc.  
Consumer Cellular Inc.  
Cricket Communications Inc.

### F

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Flash Wireless, LLC  
Free Mobile Inc.

### G

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Globalinx Enterprises Inc  
fka TRI-M Communications Inc. dba  
TMC Communications  
Golden West Technologies Inc. (paging)

### I

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Ionex Communications North, Inc.  
dba Birch Communications Birch  
Telecom  
Iowa Wireless Services LLC dba i Wireless  
i-Wireless LLC

### J

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James Valley Cooperative Telephone Co.  
dba James Valley Telecommunications

### K

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KDDI America Inc.

### L

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Long Lines Wireless LLC

### M

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MCIMetro Access Transmission Services LLC  
dba Verizon Access Transmission  
Services  
Midwest Wireless Communications LLC  
Mitel NetSolutions Inc.  
fka Inter-Tel NetSolutions Inc.

### N

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New Cingular Wireless dba AT&T Mobility  
Nextel West Corp dba Nextel  
NPCR Inc dba Nextel Partners

### O

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OnStar Corp. dba OEM Telematics Services

### P

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Pierre Radio Paging & Telephone Inc.  
PNG Telecommunications Inc.  
dba PowerNet Global Communications  
Puretalk Holdings LLC

### R

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RCC Minnesota and Wireless Alliance  
dba RCC Minnesota Inc.  
Ready Wireless LLC  
Rural Cellular Corp. aka Glacial Cellular 2000  
dba Unicel

### S

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Sage Telecom LLC  
SelecTel Wireless LLC  
Software Cellular Network (North America)  
dba Truphone

## Wireless Companies (cont.)

Sprint Spectrum LP dba Sprint PCS  
ST Messaging Services LLC

### T

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T-Mobile Central LLC dba T-Mobile USA Inc.  
TDS Long Distance Corporation  
Tempo Telecom LLC  
Telrite Corporation dba Life Wireless  
Total Call Mobile Inc.  
Touchtone Communications Inc.  
Tracfone Wireless Inc.  
True Wireless LLC  
tw Telecom Data Services LLC

### V

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Valley Telecommunications Co-op. Association  
Inc.  
Vantek Communications fka McLeodUSA  
Wireless Systems Inc. fka Dakota  
Wireless Systems Inc. (DTG)  
Verizon Enterprise Solutions LLC  
Verizon Long Distance LLC  
Virgin Mobile USA LP

### W

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Western Communications Inc.  
Working Assets Funding Services Inc.  
dba Credo Long Distance  
WWC License LLC

## LOCAL TELEPHONE COMPANIES

*Also known as Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers, the following companies were providing local service when the Telecommunications Act of 1996 was enacted. Some companies can be both an ILEC and a CLEC (see page 26) in different service areas.*

### Independents

#### C

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Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone  
Authority

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Fort Randall Telephone Co.

#### J

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Jefferson Telephone LLC dba Long Lines Ltd.

#### K

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Kennebec Telephone Co.  
Knology Community Telephone Inc.  
fka PrairieWave Community Telephone  
Inc.

#### Q

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Qwest Corp. dba CenturyLink QC

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RC Communications Inc. dba RC Services

#### S

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Stockholm-Strandburg Telephone Co. dba ITC

#### W

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Western Telephone Co.

## Municipals

#### B

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City of Beresford Municipal Telephone Co.  
City of Brookings Utilities Telephone Division  
dba Swiftel Communications

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City of Faith Municipal Telephone Co.  
dba Faith Municipal Telephone Co.

## Cooperatives

#### A

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Alliance Communications Cooperative Inc.

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Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative  
dba Golden West Telecommunications

#### I

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Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative  
(ITC)



## Local Telephone Companies (cont.)

### J

James Valley Telecommunications  
dba James Valley Telecommunications

### M

Midstate Communications Inc.

### R

Roberts County Telephone Cooperative  
Association

### S

Santel Communications Cooperative

### T

TrioTel Communications Inc.

### V

Valley Telecommunications Cooperative  
Association Inc.  
Venture Communications Cooperative Inc.

### W

West River Cooperative Telephone Co.

## Foreign Exchange Carriers

### C

Citizens Telecommunications of Minnesota Inc.  
Consolidated Telcom  
CenturyLink QC

### D

Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative

### F

Farmers Mutual Telephone Co.

### G

Great Plains Communications Inc.

### H

Heartland Telecommunications Company  
of Iowa dba Hickory Tech Corp.

### N

Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co.  
(NebCom Inc.)

### Q

Qwest Corp. - Iowa  
Qwest Corp. - Minnesota  
Qwest Corp. - Nebraska

### R

Red River Rural Telephone Association  
RT Communications Inc.

### T

Three River Telco dba Three River Long  
Distance

### V

Valley Telephone Co.

### W

West River Telecommunications Cooperative

## MISCELLANEOUS

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES

*Certified to provide telecommunications services in South Dakota  
by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.*

### C

Communication Service for the Deaf Inc.  
Communication Access Center for the Deaf and  
Hard of Hearing Inc.

### S

South Dakota Network LLC dba SDN  
Communications

### T

TTUSA Acquisition Inc.

# 2013 DOCKET STATUS REGISTER

Dockets closed between Jan. 1, 2014, and the publication date of this report (Spring 2014) are noted in parentheses.

Type	Filed	Completed	Pending as of 12/31/13
<b>Administrative Items</b>	1	1	0
<b>Civil</b>	1	1	0
<b>Electric</b>	44	30	14
<b>Gas and Electric</b>	2	2	0
<b>Grain Warehouse</b>	2	2	0
<b>Natural Gas</b>	6	6	0
<b>Pipeline Safety</b>	8	7	1
<b>Rulemaking</b>	2	1	1
<b>SD One Call</b>	32	10	22
<b>Telecommunications</b>	138	129	9
	<b>236</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>47</b>

Visit [www.puc.sd.gov](http://www.puc.sd.gov) to check the current status of pending dockets.

## ADMINISTRATION ITEMS

**AA13-001** - Establishment of the Gross Receipts Tax Levy for Fiscal Year 2014  
Filed: 04/23/13 ♦ Completed: 05/02/13

## CIVIL DOCKETS

**Civ13-88** - The State of South Dakota vs. Stromseth Construction, Inc.  
Filed: 02/13/13 ♦ Completed: 12/03/13

## ELECTRIC DOCKETS

**EL13-001** - In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy and West Central Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Filed: 01/10/13 ♦ Completed: 03/07/13

**EL13-002** - In the Matter of the Filing by Otter Tail Power Company for Approval of Tariff Revisions  
Date Filed: 01/17/13 ♦ Completed: 03/07/13

**EL13-003** - In the Matter of the Filing by Otter Tail Power Company for Approval of Tariff Revisions  
Filed: 01/18/13 ♦ Completed: 03/07/13

**EL13-004** - In The Matter of the Request for a Declaratory Ruling Regarding the Electric Service Territory Boundary Between Charles Mix Electric Association, Inc. and Northwestern Corporation dba Northwestern Energy  
Filed: 02/14/13 ♦ Completed: 06/03/13

**EL13-005** - In the Matter of the Joint Request for an Electric Service Territory Boundary Change between Black Hills Power, Inc., and Black Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Filed: 02/15/13 ♦ Completed: 03/14/13

### **Electric Dockets (cont.)**

- EL13-006** - In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy for Approval of its 2013 Transmission Cost Recovery Eligibility and Rate Adjustment  
Filed: 02/27/13 ♦ Completed: 12/17/13
- EL13-007** - In the Matter of the Petition of Otter Tail Power Company for Approval of Deferred Accounting for Certain Transmission-Related Costs for Big Stone II  
Filed: 03/28/13 ♦ Completed: 05/03/13
- EL13-008** - In the Matter of the Filing of Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy for Approval of its 2012 Economic Development Activities and 2013 Budget  
Filed: 04/01/13 ♦ Completed: 05/14/13
- EL13-009** - In the Matter of the Application of Black Hills Power, Inc. for Approval of its Environmental Improvement Adjustment  
Filed: 04/30/13 ♦ Completed: 06/04/13
- EL13-010** - In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Cam-Wal Electric Cooperative, Inc., and Dakota Energy Cooperative, Inc.  
Filed: 04/30/13 ♦ Completed: 06/20/13
- EL13-011** - In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Cam-Wal Electric Cooperative, Inc., and FEM Electric Association, Inc.  
Filed: 04/30/13 ♦ Completed: 06/24/13
- EL13-012** - In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Cam-Wal Electric Cooperative, Inc., and Oahe Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Filed: 04/30/13 ♦ Completed: 06/24/13
- EL13-013** - In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between FEM Electric Association, Inc., and Dakota Energy Cooperative, Inc.  
Filed: 04/30/13 ♦ Completed: 06/24/13
- EL13-014** - In the Matter of the Filing by Otter Tail Power Company for Approval of Revised Customer Information Booklet  
Filed: 04/30/13 ♦ Completed: 07/17/13
- EL13-015** - In the Matter of the Filing by Otter Tail Power Company Regarding Its 2012 Report and 2013 Energy Efficiency Plan Update  
Filed: 05/01/13 ♦ Completed: 06/26/13
- EL13-016** - In the Matter of the Filing by Otter Tail Power Company Regarding its Proposed South Dakota Energy Efficiency Plan for 2014-2015  
Filed: 05/01/13 ♦ Completed: 11/07/13  
Reopened: 11/26/13 ♦ Completed: 12/06/13
- EL13-017** - In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy for Approval of Its 2012 Demand Side Management Report and 2014 Proposed Demand Side Management Plan  
Filed: 05/01/13 ♦ Completed: 12/10/13

### **Electric Dockets (cont.)**

- EL13-018** - In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Dakota Energy Cooperative, Inc. and Oahe Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Filed: 05/02/13 ♦ Completed: 06/20/13
- EL13-019** - In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Oahe Electric Cooperative, Inc. and NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy  
Filed: 05/16/13 ♦ Completed: 06/20/13
- EL13-020** - In the Matter of the Application of Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy and Otter Tail Power Company for a Permit to Construct the Big Stone South to Brookings County 345 kV Transmission Line  
Filed: 06/03/13 ♦ Completed: 02/20/14
- EL13-021** - In the Matter of the Joint Request for Service Rights Exception between Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy and Sioux Valley Energy Electric Cooperative  
Filed: 06/12/13 ♦ Completed: 07/09/13
- EL13-022** - In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between FEM Electric Association, Inc. and NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy  
Filed: 06/13/13 ♦ Completed: 07/22/13
- EL13-023** - In the Matter of the Filing by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for Approval of Tariff Revisions  
Filed: 06/18/13 ♦ Completed: 07/17/13
- EL13-024** - In the Matter of the Joint Request for Service Rights Exception between Otter Tail Power Company and Sioux Valley Energy Electric Cooperative  
Filed: 07/03/13 ♦ Completed: 08/13/13
- EL13-025** - In the Matter of the Request for a Declaratory Ruling by NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy regarding Approving a Qualifying Facility Power Purchase and Sale Agreement  
Filed: 07/15/13 ♦ Completed: 09/24/13
- EL13-026** - In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between FEM Electric Association, Inc. and Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.  
Filed: 07/15/13 ♦ Completed: 08/15/13
- EL13-027** - In the Matter of the Filing by MidAmerican Energy Company for Approval of its Tariff Revisions  
Filed: 08/06/13 ♦ Completed: 09/17/13
- EL13-028** - In the Matter of the Application of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. and Otter Tail Power Company for a Permit to Construct the Big Stone South to Ellendale 345 kV Transmission Line  
Filed: 08/23/13 ♦ Pending
- EL13-029** - In the Matter of the Petition of Otter Tail Power Company for Approval of its 2014 Transmission Cost Recovery Eligibility and Rate Adjustment  
Filed: 08/30/13 ♦ Pending



### **Electric Dockets (cont.)**

- EL13-030** - In the Matter of the Filing by Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy for Approval of its Revised Rate Sheets for its Occasional Delivery Energy Service and Time of Delivery Energy Service  
Filed: 09/06/13 ♦ Completed: 10/31/13
- EL13-031** - In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Dakota Energy Cooperative, Inc. and NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy  
Filed: 09/20/13 ♦ Completed: 11/07/13
- EL13-032** - In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Lake Region Electric Association, Inc. and NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy  
Filed: 11/13/13 ♦ Pending
- EL13-033** - In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Corporation, dba NorthWestern Energy for Approval of a Contract with Deviations  
Filed: 11/14/13 ♦ Completed: 12/12/13
- EL13-034** - In the Matter of the Notification Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:26:04(6) by Lloyd Companies regarding Western Surety Building's HVAC System, Sioux Falls, South Dakota  
Filed: 11/12/13 ♦ Completed: 12/04/13
- EL13-035** - In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Bon Homme Yankton Electric Association, Inc. and Clay-Union Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Filed: 11/15/13 ♦ Pending
- EL13-036** - In the Matter of the Application of Black Hills Power, Inc. for Approval of Deferred Accounting for Costs Incurred Due to Winter Storm Atlas Damage and to Transfer the Remaining Plant Balance for the Soon to be Decommissioned Neil Simpson I, Osage, and Ben French Plants to a Regulatory Asset  
Filed: 11/15/13 ♦ *(Completed: 01/14/14)*
- EL13-037** - In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Howard Municipal Electric and Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy  
Filed: 11/27/13 ♦ *(Completed: 01/14/14)*
- EL13-038** - In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Traverse Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Lake Region Electric Association, Inc.  
Filed: 12/03/13 ♦ Pending
- EL13-039** - In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Central Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Rosebud Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Filed: 12/03/13 ♦ *(Completed: 01/14/14)*
- EL13-040** - In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Central Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Howard Municipal Electric  
Filed: 12/04/13 ♦ *(Completed: 01/14/14)*
- EL13-041** - In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Central Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Dakota Energy Cooperative, Inc.  
Filed: 12/06/13 ♦ *(Completed: 01/14/14)*

### Electric Dockets (cont.)

**EL13-042** - In the Matter of the Joint Request for an Electric Service Rights Exception between NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy and Bon Homme Yankton Electric Association, Inc.  
Filed: 12/19/13 ♦ (Completed: 01/31/14)

**EL13-043** - In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Central Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy  
Filed: 12/30/13 ♦ (Completed: 03/05/14)

**EL13-044** - In the Matter of the Request for Approval of an Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Central Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Pukwana Municipal Electric  
Filed: 12/31/13 ♦ (Completed: 03/04/14)

### GAS AND ELECTRIC DOCKETS

**GE13-001** - In the Matter of the Filing by MidAmerican Energy Company for the Approval of Its Reconciliation for 2012 and its Proposed Energy Efficiency Plan for 2013  
Filed: 02/22/13 ♦ Completed: 04/04/13

**GE13-002** - In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy for Approval of Tariff Revisions  
Filed: 07/25/13 ♦ Completed: 08/28/13

### GRAIN WAREHOUSE DOCKETS

**GW13-001** - In the Matter of Gregory Farmers Elevator Company  
Filed: 03/27/13 ♦ Completed: 08/15/13

**GW13-002** - In the Matter of the Filing by South Dakota Grain & Feed Association for the Approval of a Waiver of ARSD 20:10:12:13(9)  
Filed: 05/13/13 ♦ Completed: 06/12/13

### NATURAL GAS DOCKETS

**NG13-001** - In the Matter of the Filing by MidAmerican Energy Company for Approval of Its 2012 Economic Development Activities and 2013 Proposed Budget  
Filed: 03/08/13 ♦ Completed: 04/24/13

**NG13-002** - In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy for Approval of Its 2013 Economic Development Proposed Budget and 2012 Economic Development Expenses  
Filed: 03/29/13 ♦ Completed: 04/25/13

**NG13-003** - In the Matter of the Filing by MidAmerican Energy Company for Approval of its Tariff Revisions  
Filed: 06/28/13 ♦ Completed: 08/13/13

### Natural Gas Dockets (cont.)

**NG13-004** - In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy for Approval of its Tariff Revisions

Filed: 08/30/13 ♦ Completed: 10/02/13

**NG13-005** - In the Matter of the Filing by MidAmerican Energy Company for Approval of Continuation of the Incentive Gas Supply Procurement Plan

Filed: 09/06/13 ♦ Completed: 10/18/13

**NG13-006** - In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy for Approval of a Contract with Deviations with South Dakota Soybean Processors, LLC

Filed: 09/18/13 ♦ Completed: 10/30/13

### PIPELINE SAFETY

**PS13-001** - In the Matter of the Filing by Commission Pipeline Safety Staff for Approval of a Penalty for a Pipeline Safety Violation by Humboldt Municipal Gas Utilities

Filed: 05/07/13 ♦ Completed: 12/19/13

**PS13-002** - In the Matter of the Filing by Commission Pipeline Safety Staff for Approval of a Penalty for a Pipeline Safety Violation by Crooks Municipal Gas

Filed: 05/07/13 ♦ Completed: 12/19/13

**PS13-003** - In the Matter of the Filing by Commission Pipeline Safety Staff for Approval of a Penalty for a Pipeline Safety Violation by Garretson Municipal Gas Utilities

Filed: 05/07/13 ♦ Completed: 12/19/13

**PS13-004** - In the Matter of the Filing by Crooks Municipal Gas for a Waiver of 49-C.F.R. 192.285(a)(2) and C.F.R. 192.285(c)

Filed: 06/10/13 ♦ Completed: 08/19/13

**PS13-005** - In the Matter of the Filing by Humboldt Municipal Gas Utility for a Waiver of 49-C.F.R. 192.285(a)(2) and C.F.R. 192.285(c)

Filed: 06/20/13 ♦ Completed: 08/19/13

**PS13-006** - In the Matter of the Filing by Garretson Natural Gas Utilities for a Waiver of 49-C.F.R. 192.285(a)(2) and C.F.R. 192.285(c)

Filed: 06/24/13 ♦ Completed: 08/19/13

**PS13-007** - In the Matter of the Filing by Commission Pipeline Safety Staff for Approval of a Penalty for a Pipeline Safety Violation by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.

Filed: 08/06/13 ♦ Completed: 09/11/13

**PS13-008** - In the Matter of the Filing by Commission Pipeline Safety Staff for Approval of a Penalty for a Pipeline Safety Violation by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., East River Area

Filed: 08/09/13 ♦ Pending

## SOUTH DAKOTA ONE CALL COMPLAINTS

- OC13-001** - In the Matter of the Complaint Filed by NorthWestern Energy, Mitchell, South Dakota, Against Menning Backhoe, Corsica, South Dakota, for an Incident Occurring on March 28, 2013, in Corsica, South Dakota  
Filed: 03/28/13 ♦ Completed: 06/11/13
- OC13-002** - In the Matter of the Complaint Filed by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Rapid City, South Dakota, Against Summit Construction, Rapid City, South Dakota, for an Incident Occurring on March 6, 2013, in Rapid City, South Dakota  
Filed: 04/11/13 ♦ Completed: 08/14/13
- OC13-003** - In the Matter of the Complaint Filed by Engbarth Directional Drilling Inc., Canistota, South Dakota, Against CenturyLink, Seattle, Washington, for an Incident Occurring on February 19, 2013, in Rapid City, South Dakota  
Filed: 04/15/13 ♦ Completed: 08/14/13
- OC13-004** - In the Matter of the Complaint Filed by CenturyLink, Rapid City, South Dakota, Against Professional Excavating, Rapid City, South Dakota, for an Incident Occurring on April 5, 2013, in Rapid City, South Dakota  
Filed: 04/17/13 ♦ Completed: 08/14/13  
Reopened: 01/31/14 ♦ Pending
- OC13-005** - In the Matter of the Complaint Filed by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Rapid City, South Dakota, Against Highmark, Inc., Black Hawk, South Dakota, for an Incident Occurring on April 25, 2013, in Summerset, South Dakota  
Filed: 05/06/13 ♦ Completed: 08/14/13
- OC13-006** - In the Matter of the Complaint Filed by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Rapid City, South Dakota, Against Dale Schulke Highmark, Inc., Black Hawk, South Dakota, for an Incident Occurring on May 6, 2013, in Piedmont, South Dakota  
Filed: 05/14/13 ♦ Completed: 08/22/13
- OC13-007** - In the Matter of the Complaint Filed by City of Volga, Volga, South Dakota, Against Meyer Drainage and Excavating, Volga, South Dakota, for an Incident Occurring on May 16, 2013, in Volga, South Dakota  
Filed: 05/17/13 ♦ Completed: 09/26/13
- OC13-008** - In the Matter of the Complaint Filed by Southeastern Electric Cooperative, Inc., Alcester, South Dakota, Against Empire Construction, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, for an Incident Occurring on May 16, 2013, in Volga, South Dakota  
Filed: 06/12/13 ♦ Completed: 10/17/13
- OC13-009** - In the Matter of the Complaint Filed by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Rapid City, South Dakota, Against Teupel Construction, Spearfish, South Dakota, for an Incident Occurring on May 11, 2013, in Spearfish, South Dakota  
Filed: 06/27/13 ♦ *(Completed: 03/18/14)*



### One Call Dockets (cont.)

- OC13-010** - In the Matter of the Complaint Filed by NorthWestern Energy, Huron, South Dakota, Against CenturyLink, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, for an Incident Occurring on June 27, 2013, in Redfield, South Dakota  
Filed: 06/28/13 ♦ (Completed: 01/14/14)
- OC13-011** - In the Matter of the Complaint Filed by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Rapid City, South Dakota, Against Swiftec, Rapid City, South Dakota, for an Incident Occurring on June 24, 2013, in Rapid City, South Dakota  
Filed: 07/03/13 ♦ (Completed: 01/28/14)
- OC13-012** - In the Matter of the Complaint Filed by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Rapid City, South Dakota, Against Swiftec, Rapid City, South Dakota, for an Incident Occurring on June 25, 2013, in Rapid City, South Dakota  
Filed: 07/03/13 ♦ (Completed: 01/28/14)
- OC13-013** - In the Matter of the Complaint Filed by MidAmerican Energy Company, Urbandale, Iowa, Against Sterling Lone Star, Lincoln, Nebraska, for an Incident Occurring on April 8, 2013, in Valley Springs, South Dakota  
Filed: 07/10/13 ♦ Completed: 10/17/13
- OC13-014** - In the Matter of the Complaint Filed by MidAmerican Energy Company, Urbandale, Iowa, Against Select Builders, Harrisburg, South Dakota for an Incident Occurring on April 18, 2013, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota  
Filed: 07/10/13 ♦ Completed: 10/17/13
- OC13-015** - In the Matter of the Complaint Filed by NorthWestern Energy, Huron, South Dakota, Against CenturyLink, Sioux Falls, South Dakota for an Incident Occurring on July 17, 2013, at 1210 S. Ohlman St., Mitchell, S.D.  
Filed: 07/23/13 ♦ (Completed: 01/14/14)
- OC13-016** - In the Matter of the Complaint Filed by NorthWestern Energy, Huron, South Dakota, Against CenturyLink, Sioux Falls, South Dakota for an Incident Occurring on July 17, 2013, at 1123 S. Anderson St., Mitchell, S.D., for Locate Ticket 131960200  
Filed: 07/23/13 ♦ (Completed: 01/14/14)
- OC13-017** - In the Matter of the Complaint Filed by NorthWestern Energy, Huron, South Dakota, Against CenturyLink, Sioux Falls, South Dakota for an Incident Occurring on July 17, 2013, at 1125 S. Anderson St., Mitchell, S.D., for Locate Ticket 131960205  
Filed: 07/23/13 ♦ (Completed: 01/14/14)
- OC13-018** - In the Matter of the Complaint Filed by NorthWestern Energy, Huron, South Dakota, Against Cleary Building Corp., Dell Rapids, South Dakota for an Incident Occurring on July 10, 2013, at 601 Oak St., Springfield, S.D.  
Filed: 07/26/13 ♦ Completed: 11/18/13
- OC13-019** - In the Matter of the Complaint Filed by Sioux Valley Energy, Colman, South Dakota, Against Midwest Excavation, Sioux Falls, South Dakota for an Incident Occurring on July 5, 2013, at 6804 E. Limestone Circle, Sioux Falls, S.D.  
Filed: 08/19/13 ♦ Pending

### One Call Dockets (cont.)

- OC13-020** - In the Matter of the Complaint Filed by Mid-Dakota Rural Water System, Inc., Miller, South Dakota, Against Fink Excavation, Zell, South Dakota for an Incident Occurring on August 23, 2013, at 18576 375th Ave., Tulare, S.D.  
Filed: 08/23/13 ♦ Pending
- OC13-021** - In the Matter of the Complaint Filed by Landscape Garden Centers, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Against Xcel Energy, Sioux Falls, South Dakota for an Incident Occurring on September 30, 2013, at 6505 and 6509 S. Vintage Place, Sioux Falls, S.D.  
Filed: 10/02/13 ♦ Pending
- OC13-022** - In the Matter of the Complaint Filed by Crooks Municipal Utilities, Crooks, South Dakota, Against Thomas Powers, Renner, South Dakota for an Incident Occurring on September 30, 2013, at 47467 258th St., Renner, S.D.  
Filed: 10/02/13 ♦ Pending
- OC13-023** - In the Matter of the Complaint Filed by Northern Natural Gas Company, Omaha, Nebraska, Against R&R Concrete, Hartford, South Dakota, for an Incident Occurring on September 30, 2013, at Western Ave., Sioux Falls, S.D.  
Filed: 10/03/13 ♦ Pending
- OC13-024** - In the Matter of the Complaint Filed by MidAmerican Energy Company, Urbandale, Iowa, Against Ankeny Construction, Yankton, South Dakota, for an Incident Occurring on July 12, 2013, at 3702 Staci Lane, Yankton, S.D.  
Filed: 10/10/13 ♦ Pending
- OC13-025** - In the Matter of the Complaint Filed by MidAmerican Energy Company, Urbandale, Iowa, Against First Dakota Horticulture, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, for an Incident Occurring on August 13, 2013, at 221 S. Sixth Ave., Brandon, S.D.  
Filed: 10/11/13 ♦ Pending
- OC13-026** - In the Matter of the Complaint Filed by MidAmerican Energy Company, Urbandale, Iowa, Against Aaron George, Tea, South Dakota, for an Incident Occurring on July 24, 2013, at 313 N. Minnesota Ave., Sioux Falls, S.D.  
Filed: 10/11/13 ♦ Pending
- OC13-027** - In the Matter of the Complaint Filed by Crooks Municipal Utilities, Crooks, South Dakota, Against Mitchell Construction, Colton, South Dakota, for an Incident Occurring on October 11, 2013, at 25778 Dawson Ave., Sioux Falls, S.D.  
Filed: 10/21/13 ♦ Pending
- OC13-028** - In the Matter of the Complaint Filed by MidAmerican Energy Company, Urbandale, Iowa, Against Stone Hill Construction, Inc., Sioux Falls, South Dakota, for an Incident Occurring on August 6, 2013, at 304 W. 3rd St., Worthing, S.D.  
Filed: 11/04/13 ♦ Pending

### One Call Dockets (cont.)

- OC13-029** - In the Matter of the Complaint Filed by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Rapid City, South Dakota, Against RCS Construction, Inc., Rapid City, South Dakota, for an Incident Occurring on October 24, 2013, at 1111 Zinc St., Rapid City, S.D.  
Filed: 11/13/13 ♦ Pending
- OC13-030** - In the Matter of the Complaint Filed by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Rapid City, South Dakota, Against Heavy Constructors, Inc., Rapid City, South Dakota, for an Incident Occurring on October 23, 2013, at 2125 Jackson Blvd., Rapid City, S.D.  
Filed: 11/19/13 ♦ Pending
- OC13-031** - In the Matter of the Complaint Filed by Kimball School District, Kimball, South Dakota, Against Konechne Digging, Kimball, South Dakota, for an Incident Occurring on August 14, 2013, at 300 S. East St., Kimball, S.D.  
Filed: 12/17/13 ♦ Pending
- OC13-032** - In the Matter of the Complaint Filed by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Rapid City, South Dakota, Against Professional Excavating, Inc., Rapid City, South Dakota, for an Incident Occurring on November 19, 2013, at 4823 Misty Woods Ln., Rapid City, S.D.  
Filed: 12/18/13 ♦ Pending

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS

- TC13-001** - In the Matter of the Application of Nexus Communications, Inc., for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier  
Date Filed: 01/04/13 ♦ Pending
- TC13-002** - In the Matter of the Approval of an Intercarrier Compensation Bill and Keep Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless; Cellular Inc. Network Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Cellular, Inc. Financial Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Midwest Wireless Communications, LLC dba Verizon Wireless; Rural Cellular Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Verizon Wireless (VAW) LLC dba Verizon Wireless; WWC Holding Co., Inc. dba Verizon Wireless and Midstate Communications, Inc.  
Filed: 01/07/13 ♦ Completed: 03/08/13
- TC13-003** - In the Matter of the Approval of an Intercarrier Compensation Bill and Keep Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless; Cellular Inc. Network Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Cellular, Inc. Financial Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Midwest Wireless Communications, LLC dba Verizon Wireless; Rural Cellular Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Verizon Wireless (VAW) LLC dba Verizon Wireless; WWC Holding Co., Inc. dba Verizon Wireless and Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority  
Filed: 01/07/13 ♦ Completed: 03/08/13
- TC13-004** - In the Matter of the Filing by Trans National Communications International, Inc. for Approval of its Access Services Tariff No. 3  
Filed: 01/10/13 ♦ Completed: 04/01/13

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- TC13-005** - In the Matter of the Approval of an Inter-carrier Compensation Bill and Keep Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Midstate Communications, Inc. and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, and its Commercial Mobile Radio Service operating affiliates, dba AT&T Mobility for the State of South Dakota  
Filed: 01/10/13 ♦ Completed: 03/07/13
- TC13-006** - In the Matter of the Approval of an Inter-carrier Compensation Bill and Keep Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless; Cellular Inc. Network Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Cellular, Inc. Financial Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Midwest Wireless Communications, LLC dba Verizon Wireless; Rural Cellular Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Verizon Wireless (VAW) LLC dba Verizon Wireless; WWC Holding Co., Inc. dba Verizon Wireless and Venture Communications Cooperative  
Filed: 01/14/13 ♦ Completed: 03/07/13
- TC13-007** - In the Matter of the Approval of an Inter-carrier Compensation Bill and Keep Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless; Cellular Inc. Network Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Cellular, Inc. Financial Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Midwest Wireless Communications, LLC dba Verizon Wireless; Rural Cellular Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Verizon Wireless (VAW) LLC dba Verizon Wireless; WWC Holding Co., Inc. dba Verizon Wireless and Western Telephone Company  
Filed: 01/14/13 ♦ Completed: 03/07/13
- TC13-008** - In the Matter of the Approval of an Inter-carrier Compensation Bill and Keep Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless; Cellular Inc. Network Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Cellular, Inc. Financial Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Midwest Wireless Communications, LLC dba Verizon Wireless; Rural Cellular Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Verizon Wireless (VAW) LLC dba Verizon Wireless; WWC Holding Co., Inc. dba Verizon Wireless and West River Telecommunications Cooperative  
Filed: 01/14/13 ♦ Completed: 03/08/13
- TC13-009** - In the Matter of the Filing by FiberComm, L.C. for Approval of Revisions to its Access Services Tariff No. 2 (VoIP)  
Filed: 01/24/13 ♦ Completed: 09/27/13
- TC13-010** - In the Matter of the Approval of an Inter-carrier Compensation Bill and Keep Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless; Cellular Inc. Network Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Cellular, Inc. Financial Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Midwest Wireless Communications, LLC dba Verizon Wireless; Rural Cellular Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Verizon Wireless (VAW) LLC dba Verizon Wireless; WWC Holding Co., Inc. dba Verizon Wireless and Fort Randall Telephone Company  
Filed: 01/29/13 ♦ Completed: 03/01/13
- TC13-011** - In the Matter of 321 Communications Inc.'s Failure to Timely Pay the Gross Receipts Tax  
Filed: 01/31/13 ♦ Completed: 03/28/13
- TC13-012** - In the Matter of Hawk Relay, LLC's Failure to Timely Pay the Gross Receipts Tax  
Filed: 01/31/13 ♦ Completed: 03/28/13



### **Telecommunications Dockets (cont.)**

**TC13-013** - In the Matter of Main Street Telephone Company's Failure to Timely Pay the Gross Receipts Tax  
Filed: 01/31/13 ♦ Completed: 03/28/13

**TC13-014** - In the Matter of Momentum Telecom, Inc.'s Failure to Timely Pay the Gross Receipts Tax  
Filed: 01/31/13 ♦ Completed: 03/28/13

**TC13-015** - In the Matter of Pac-West Telecom Inc.'s Failure to Timely Pay the Gross Receipts Tax  
Filed: 01/31/13 ♦ Completed: 03/28/13

**TC13-016** - In the Matter of Pulse Telecom LLC's Failure to Timely Pay the Gross Receipts Tax  
Filed: 01/31/13 ♦ Completed: 03/28/13

**TC13-017** - In the Matter of the Approval of an ICC VoIP Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Neutral Tandem, Inc.  
Filed: 02/05/13 ♦ Completed: 03/17/13

**TC13-018** - In the Matter of the Approval of an Intercarrier Compensation Bill and Keep Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Faith Municipal Telephone Company and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, and its Commercial Mobile Radio Service operating affiliates, dba AT&T Mobility for the State of South Dakota  
Filed: 02/07/13 ♦ Completed: 03/29/13

**TC13-019** - In the Matter of the Approval of an Intercarrier Compensation Bill and Keep Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Brookings Municipal Utilities dba Swiftel Communications and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, and its Commercial Mobile Radio Service operating affiliates, dba AT&T Mobility for the State of South Dakota  
Filed: 02/07/13 ♦ Completed: 03/29/13

**TC13-020** - In the Matter of the Approval of an Intercarrier Compensation Bill and Keep Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between West River Telecommunications Cooperative and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, and its Commercial Mobile Radio Service operating affiliates, dba AT&T Mobility for the State of South Dakota  
Filed: 02/07/13 ♦ Completed: 04/01/13

**TC13-021** - In the Matter of the Application of ANPI Business, LLC for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Local Exchange Services in South Dakota  
Filed: 02/11/13 ♦ Completed: 07/09/13

**TC13-022** - In the Matter of the Application of Telrite Corporation dba Life Wireless, for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier  
Filed: 02/25/13 ♦ Pending

**TC13-023** - In the Matter of the Filing by Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc., for Approval of Revisions to its Access Services Tariff No. 1  
Filed: 02/28/13 ♦ Completed: 04/29/13  
Reopened: 04/30/13 ♦ Completed: 08/12/13

### **Telecommunications Dockets (cont.)**

- TC13-024** - In the Matter of the Filing by Zayo Group, LLC for Approval of its Access Services Tariff No. 1  
Filed: 03/07/13 ♦ Completed: 06/25/13
- TC13-025** - In the Matter of the Approval of an Intercarrier Compensation Bill and Keep Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless; Cellular Inc. Network Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Cellular, Inc. Financial Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Midwest Wireless Communications, LLC dba Verizon Wireless; Rural Cellular Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Verizon Wireless (VAW) LLC dba Verizon Wireless; WWC Holding Co., Inc. dba Verizon Wireless and Santel Communications, Cooperative  
Filed: 03/15/13 ♦ Completed: 04/17/13
- TC13-026** - In the Matter of Study Area Boundaries for Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers  
Filed: 03/27/13 ♦ Completed: 06/25/13
- TC13-027** - In the Matter of the Consideration of Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification Requirements  
Filed: 03/28/13 ♦ Completed: 07/08/13
- TC13-028** - In the Matter of the Application of Network Communications International Corp aka 1800Call4Less for an Amended Certificate of Authority  
Filed: 04/01/13 ♦ Completed: 09/04/13
- TC13-029** - In the Matter of the Filing by Budget PrePay, Inc. dba Budget Phone to Withdraw its Access Services Tariff No. 3  
Filed: 04/04/13 ♦ Completed: 05/13/13
- TC13-030** - In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Service Performance Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and dishNET Wireline, L.L.C. fka Liberty-Bell Telecom, LLC  
Filed: 04/08/13 ♦ Completed: 07/10/13
- TC13-031** - In the Matter of the Filing by AT&T Corp. for Approval of Revisions to its Access Services and Network Interconnection Services Tariff  
Filed: 04/10/13 ♦ Completed: 05/13/13
- TC13-032** - In the Matter of the Filing by TC Systems, Inc. for Approval of Revisions to its Access Service Tariff  
Filed: 04/10/13 ♦ Completed: 05/13/13
- TC13-033** - In the Matter of the Filing by McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. dba PAETEC Business Services for Approval of Revisions to its Access Services Tariff No. 3  
Filed: 04/12/13 ♦ Completed: 08/19/13
- TC13-034** - In the Matter of the Application of Consolidated Telecom, Inc. dba Secured Technologies, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Long Distance Services as an Alternative Operator Service  
Filed: 04/16/13 ♦ Completed: 06/25/13

### Telecommunications Dockets (cont.)

- TC13-035** - In the Matter of the Application of Boomerang Wireless LLC dba enTouch Wireless for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier  
Filed: 04/22/13 ♦ Pending
- TC13-036** - In the Matter of the Application for Transfer of Certificates of Authority from Sage Telecom, Inc. to Sage Telecom Communications, LLC  
Filed: 04/24/13 ♦ Completed: 07/13/13
- TC13-037** - In the Matter of the Approval of an Intercarrier Compensation Bill and Keep Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless; Cellular Inc. Network Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Cellular, Inc. Financial Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Midwest Wireless Communications, LLC dba Verizon Wireless; Rural Cellular Corporation dba Verizon Wireless; Verizon Wireless (VAW) LLC dba Verizon Wireless; WWC Holding Co., Inc. dba Verizon Wireless and Trio Tel Communications, Inc.  
Filed: 04/30/13 ♦ Completed: 05/28/13
- TC13-038** - In the Matter of the Application for Transfer of Certificates of Authority from Trans National Communications International, Inc. to TNCI Operating Company LLC  
Filed: 05/07/13 ♦ Completed: 06/11/13
- TC13-039** - In the Matter of the Filing by OrbitCom, Inc. for Approval of Revisions to its Access Services Tariff No. 2  
Filed: 05/08/13 ♦ Completed: 09/10/13
- TC13-040** - In the Matter of the Filing by Metropolitan Telecommunications of South Dakota, Inc. dba MetTel for Approval of Revisions of its Access Services Tariff No. 3  
Filed: 05/13/13 ♦ Completed: 08/13/13
- TC13-041** - In the Matter of the Filing by Granite Telecommunications, LLC for Approval of Revisions to its Access Services Tariff No. 3  
Filed: 05/13/13 ♦ Completed: 07/17/13
- TC13-042** - In the Matter of the Filing by Knology Community Telephone, Inc. for Approval of Revisions to its Access Services Tariff No. 1  
Filed: 05/20/13 ♦ Completed: 07/17/13
- TC13-043** - In the Matter of the Filing by Knology of the Plains, Inc. for Approval of Revisions to its Access Services Tariff No. 1  
Filed: 05/23/13 ♦ Completed: 08/12/13
- TC13-044** - In the Matter of the Filing by Knology of the Black Hills, LLC for Approval of Revisions to its Access Services Tariff No. 1  
Filed: 05/29/13 ♦ Completed: 08/28/13
- TC13-045** - In the Matter of the Filing by dishNET Wireline L.L.C. for Approval of Revisions to its Access Services Tariff No. 2  
Filed: 05/30/13 ♦ Completed: 07/17/13

### **Telecommunications Dockets (cont.)**

- TC13-046** - In the Matter of the Filing by AT&T Corp. for Approval of Revisions to its Access Services and Network Interconnection Services Tariff  
Filed: 05/31/13 ♦ Completed: 08/19/13
- TC13-047** - In the Matter of the Filing by Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC for Approval of Revisions to its Access Service Tariff  
Filed: 05/31/13 ♦ Completed: 07/09/13
- TC13-048** - In the Matter of the Filing by Midcontinent Communications for Approval of Revisions to its Access Services Tariff  
Filed: 05/31/13 ♦ Completed: 07/17/13
- TC13-049** - In the Matter of the Filing by MCI Metro Access Transmission Services LLC dba Verizon Access Transmission Services for Approval of Revisions to its Access Service Tariff No. 2  
Filed: 06/07/13 ♦ Completed: 07/17/13
- TC13-050** - In the Matter of the Filing by TNCI Operating Company LLC for Approval of its Access Service Tariff No. 1  
Filed: 06/11/13 ♦ Completed: 08/13/13
- TC13-051** - In the Matter of the Filing by Fort Randall Telephone Company for Approval of Revisions to its Intrastate Switched Access Tariff  
Filed: 06/14/13 ♦ Completed: 07/17/13
- TC13-052** - In the Matter of the Filing by Midstate Telecom, Inc. for Approval of Revisions to its Tariff No. 2  
Filed: 06/18/13 ♦ Completed: 08/07/13
- TC13-053** - In the Matter of the Approval of a Wireline Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and 365 Wireless, LLC  
Filed: 06/19/13 ♦ Completed: 07/17/13
- TC13-054** - In the Matter of the Approval of a Four-Party Transit Traffic Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and 365 Wireless, LLC  
Filed: 06/19/13 ♦ Completed: 07/17/13
- TC13-055** - In the Matter of the Request of Citizens Telecommunications Company of Minnesota, LLC for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Filed: 06/24/13 ♦ Completed: 12/10/13
- TC13-056** - In the Matter of the Request of West River Cooperative Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Filed: 06/24/13 ♦ Completed: 12/11/13
- TC13-057** - In the Matter of the Request of Santel Communications Cooperative for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Filed: 06/24/13 ♦ Completed: 12/11/13



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- TC13-058** - In the Matter of the Request of Midcontinent Communications for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Filed: 06/24/13 ♦ Completed: 12/11/13
- TC13-059** - In the Matter of the Request of TrioTel Communications Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Filed: 06/25/13 ♦ Completed: 12/11/13
- TC13-060** - In the Matter of the Filing by Sancom, Inc. dba Mitchell Telecom for Approval of Revisions to its Intrastate Switched Access Tariff No. 1  
Filed: 06/26/13 ♦ Completed: 08/19/13
- TC13-061** - In the Matter of the Filing by Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc., for Approval of Revisions to its Access Services Tariff No. 1  
Filed: 06/26/13 ♦ Completed: 08/13/13
- TC13-062** - In the Matter of the Filing by Northern Valley Communications, LLC for Approval of Revisions to its Access Service Tariff No. 1  
Filed: 06/26/13 ♦ Completed: 09/17/13
- TC13-063** - In the Matter of the Request of Valley Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Filed: 06/26/13 ♦ Completed: 12/11/13
- TC13-064** - In the Matter of the Request of Farmers Mutual Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Filed: 06/26/13 ♦ Completed: 12/11/13
- TC13-065** - In the Matter of the Request of Red River Rural Telephone Association for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Filed: 06/26/13 ♦ Completed: 12/11/13
- TC13-066** - In the Matter of the Request of Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Filed: 06/26/13 ♦ Completed: 12/11/13
- TC13-067** - In the Matter of the Request of Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. fka Stockholm-Strandburg Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Filed: 06/26/13 ♦ Completed: 12/11/13
- TC13-068** - In the Matter of the Request of Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. fka SSTELECOM, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Filed: 06/26/13 ♦ Completed: 12/11/13
- TC13-069** - In the Matter of the Filing by Broadvox-CLEC, LLC for Approval of Revision of its Tariff No. 1  
Filed: 06/26/13 ♦ Completed: 09/17/13

### **Telecommunications Dockets (cont.)**

- TC13-070** - In the Matter of the Filing by Onvoy, Inc. dba Onvoy Voice Services for Approval of Revision of its Tariff No. 1  
Filed: 06/27/13 ♦ Completed: 08/19/13
- TC13-071** - In the Matter of the Request of Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc., Study Area Codes: 391640, 391659, 391667, 391677, 391684 and 391686 for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Filed: 06/27/13 ♦ Completed: 12/11/13
- TC13-072** - In the Matter of the Request of Knology of the Black Hills, LLC for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Filed: 06/27/13 ♦ Completed: 12/11/13
- TC13-073** - In the Matter of the Filing by Neutral Tandem-South Dakota, LLC for Approval of Revision of its Tariff No. 1  
Filed: 06/27/13 ♦ Completed: 09/10/13
- TC13-074** - In the Matter of the Request of Fort Randall Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Filed: 06/27/13 ♦ Completed: 12/11/13
- TC13-075** - In the Matter of the Request of RCC Minnesota, Inc. dba Verizon Wireless for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Filed: 06/27/13 ♦ Completed: 12/11/13
- TC13-076** - In the Matter of the Request of WWC License LLC dba Verizon Wireless for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Filed: 06/27/13 ♦ Completed: 12/11/13
- TC13-077** - In the Matter of the Request of Midstate Communications, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Filed: 06/27/13 ♦ Completed: 12/11/13
- TC13-078** - In the Matter of the Request of Midstate Telecom, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Filed: 06/27/13 ♦ Completed: 12/11/13
- TC13-079** - In the Matter of the Request of Kennebec Telephone Co., Inc. for Certification Regarding Its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Filed: 06/28/13 ♦ Completed: 12/11/13
- TC13-080** - In the Matter of the Request of Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc. for Certification Regarding Its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Filed: 06/28/13 ♦ Completed: 12/10/13
- TC13-081** - In the Matter of the Request of James Valley Wireless, LLC for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Filed: 06/28/13 ♦ Completed: 12/11/13

### **Telecommunications Dockets (cont.)**

- TC13-082** - In the Matter of the Request of Beresford Municipal Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Filed: 06/28/13 ♦ Completed: 12/10/13
- TC13-083** - In the Matter of the Request of James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Filed: 06/28/13 ♦ Completed: 12/11/13
- TC13-084** - In the Matter of the Filing by BullsEye Telecom, Inc. for Approval of Revisions to its Tariff No. 2  
Filed: 06/28/13 ♦ Completed: 08/19/13
- TC13-085** - In the Matter of the Request of Northern Valley Communications, L.L.C. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Filed: 06/28/13 ♦ Completed: 12/11/13
- TC13-086** - In the Matter of the Filing by Sage Telecom, Inc. for Approval of Revisions to its Tariff No. 4  
Filed: 06/28/13 ♦ Completed: 08/19/13
- TC13-087** - In the Matter of the Filing by Ionex Communications North, Inc. dba Birch Communications for Approval of Revisions to its Tariff No. 6  
Filed: 06/28/13 ♦ Completed: 09/04/13
- TC13-088** - In the Matter of the Request of West River Telecommunications Cooperative (Mobridge) for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Filed: 06/28/13 ♦ Completed: 12/11/13
- TC13-089** - In the Matter of the Request of Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Association, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Filed: 06/28/13 ♦ Completed: 12/11/13
- TC13-090** - In the Matter of the Request of Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Filed: 06/28/13 ♦ Completed: 12/11/13
- TC13-091** - In the Matter of the Request of Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Filed: 06/28/13 ♦ Completed: 12/11/13
- TC13-092** - In the Matter of the Request of Knology Community Telephone, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Filed: 06/28/13 ♦ Completed: 12/11/13
- TC13-093** - In the Matter of the Request of RT Communications Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Filed: 06/28/13 ♦ Completed: 12/11/13
- TC13-094** - In the Matter of the Request of City of Faith Municipal Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Filed: 06/28/13 ♦ Completed: 12/10/13

### **Telecommunications Dockets (cont.)**

- TC13-095** - In the Matter of the Request of Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority for Certification Regarding Its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Filed: 06/28/13 ♦ Completed: 12/10/13
- TC13-096** - In the Matter of the Request of Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association and RC Communications, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Filed: 07/01/13 ♦ Completed: 12/11/13
- TC13-097** - In the Matter of the Request of RC Communications, Inc., dba RC Services for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Filed: 07/01/13 ♦ Completed: 12/11/13
- TC13-098** - In the Matter of the Request of Jefferson Telephone Company for Certification Regarding Its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Filed: 07/01/13 ♦ Completed: 12/11/13
- TC13-099** - In the Matter of the Request of Long Lines Wireless, LLC for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Filed: 07/01/13 ♦ Completed: 12/11/13
- TC13-100** - In the Matter of the Request of Western Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Filed: 07/01/13 ♦ Completed: 12/11/13
- TC13-101** - In the Matter of the Request of Venture Communications Cooperative for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Filed: 07/01/13 ♦ Completed: 12/11/13
- TC13-102** - In the Matter of the Request of City of Brookings Municipal Telephone for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Filed: 07/01/13 ♦ Completed: 12/10/13
- TC13-103** - In the Matter of the Request of Brookings Municipal Telephone dba Swiftel Communications for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Filed: 07/01/13 ♦ Completed: 12/10/13
- TC13-104** – In the Matter of the Filing by Sprint Communications Company L.P. for Approval of its Access Services Tariff No. 3  
Filed: 07/31/13 ♦ Completed: 09/17/13
- TC13-105** - In the Matter of the Application of BCN TELECOM, INC. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Local Exchange Services in South Dakota  
Filed: 08/13/13 ♦ Completed: 12/02/13
- TC13-106** - In the Matter of the Application of i-wireless LLC for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier  
Filed: 08/15/13 ♦ Pending

### Telecommunications Dockets (cont.)

- TC13-107** - In the Matter of the Application of Teleport Communications America, LLC for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Local Exchange Services in South Dakota  
Filed: 08/26/13 ♦ Completed: 10/17/13
- TC13-108** - In the Matter of the Filing by Sage Telecom Communications, LLC for Approval of its Access Service Tariff No. 1  
Filed: 08/27/13 ♦ Completed: 10/23/13
- TC13-109** - In the Matter of Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC's Petition for Approval of Non-Impaired Wire Center Lists Pursuant to the Triennial Review Remand Order  
Filed: 08/30/13 ♦ Pending
- TC13-110** - In the Matter of the Filing by IntelePeer, Inc. for Approval of Revisions to its Access Service Tariff No. 1  
Filed: 09/05/13 ♦ *(Completed: 03/06/14)*
- TC13-111** - In the Matter of Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC's Petition for Approval of Revisions to its Performance Assurance Plan  
Filed: 09/12/13 ♦ Completed: 12/06/13
- TC13-112** - In the Matter of the Filing by Teleport Communications America, LLC for Approval of its Access Service Tariff  
Filed: 10/01/13 ♦ Completed: 11/12/13
- TC13-113** - In the Matter of the Approval of an ICC VoIP Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Level 3 Communications, LLC  
Filed: 10/04/13 ♦ Completed: 11/12/13
- TC13-114** - In the Matter of the Approval of a Relative Use Factor Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Level 3 Communications, LLC  
Filed: 10/04/13 ♦ Completed: 11/12/13
- TC13-115** - In the Matter of the Filing by XO Communications Services, Inc. for Approval of Revisions to its Access Service Tariff  
Filed: 10/04/13 ♦ Completed: 12/19/13
- TC13-116** - In the Matter of the Filing by MCC Telephony of the Midwest, LLC for Approval of Revisions to Tariff No. 1  
Filed: 10/10/13 ♦ Completed: 12/20/13
- TC13-117** - In the Matter of the Application of City of Brookings Municipal Telephone dba Swiftel Communications for an Amended Certificate of Authority  
Filed: 10/23/13 ♦ Completed: 12/05/13
- TC13-118** - In the Matter of the Joint Application for Approval of an Amendment to the Certificate of Authority of Midstate Communications, Inc. and for Waiver of Certain Requirements of ARSD 20:10:32:03  
Filed: 10/29/13 ♦ Completed: 12/19/13

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- TC13-119** - In the Matter of the Approval of an ICC VoIP Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Zayo Group, LLC  
Filed: 11/01/13 ♦ Completed: 12/02/13
- TC13-120** - In the Matter of @link Networks, Inc.'s Failure to Timely File Annual Reports, Pay Post-Bankruptcy Petition Gross Receipts Tax, and Maintain in Effect Its Corporate Registration and Sales Tax Permit  
Filed: 11/12/13 ♦ Completed: 12/30/13
- TC13-121** - In the Matter of Alticom, Inc.'s Failure to Timely File Annual Reports, Pay Post-Bankruptcy Petition Gross Receipts Tax, and Maintain in Effect Its Corporate Registration and Sales Tax Permit  
Filed: 11/12/13 ♦ Completed: 12/30/13
- TC13-122** - In the Matter of Broadvox-Clec, LLC's Failure to Timely Pay the Gross Receipts Tax  
Filed: 11/12/13 ♦ Completed: 12/30/13
- TC13-123** - In the Matter of Caribbean Telephone & Telegraph's Failure to Timely File Annual Reports, Pay Post-Bankruptcy Petition Gross Receipts Tax, and Maintain in Effect Its Corporate Registration and Sales Tax Permit  
Filed: 11/12/13 ♦ Completed: 12/30/13
- TC13-124** - In the Matter of Covista, Inc.'s Failure to Timely Pay the Gross Receipts Tax  
Filed: 11/12/13 ♦ Completed: 12/30/13
- TC13-125** - In the Matter of Go Solo Technologies, Inc.'s Failure to Timely Pay the Gross Receipts Tax  
Filed: 11/12/13 ♦ Completed: 12/30/13
- TC13-126** - In the Matter of Hawk Relay, LLC's Failure to Timely Pay the Gross Receipts Tax  
Filed: 11/12/13 ♦ Completed: 12/30/13
- TC13-127** - In the Matter of J D Services, Inc.'s Failure to Timely File Annual Reports, Pay Post-Bankruptcy Petition Gross Receipts Tax, and Maintain in Effect Its Corporate Registration and Sales Tax Permit  
Filed: 11/12/13 ♦ Completed: 12/30/13
- TC13-128** - In the Matter of Net Talk.Com, Inc.'s Failure to Timely Pay the Gross Receipts Tax  
Filed: 11/12/13 ♦ Completed: 12/30/13
- TC13-129** - In the Matter of Net-Tel Corporation's Failure to Timely File Annual Reports, Pay Post-Bankruptcy Petition Gross Receipts Tax, and Maintain in Effect Its Corporate Registration and Sales Tax Permit  
Filed: 11/12/13 ♦ Completed: 12/30/13
- TC13-130** - In the Matter of Parcel Consultants dba Minimum Rate Pricing, Inc.'s Failure to Timely File Annual Reports, Pay Post-Bankruptcy Petition Gross Receipts Tax, and Maintain in Effect Its Corporate Registration and Sales Tax Permit  
Filed: 11/12/13 ♦ Completed: 12/30/13



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- TC13-131** - In the Matter of Pathnet, Inc.'s Failure to Timely File Annual Reports, Pay Post-Bankruptcy Petition Gross Receipts Tax, and Maintain in Effect Its Corporate Registration and Sales Tax Permit  
Filed: 11/12/13 ♦ Completed: 12/30/13
- TC13-132** - In the Matter of Starlink Communications, LLC's Failure to Timely File Annual Reports, Pay Post-Bankruptcy Petition Gross Receipts Tax, and Maintain in Effect Its Corporate Registration and Sales Tax Permit  
Filed: 11/12/13 ♦ Completed: 12/30/13
- TC13-133** - In the Matter of Total National Telecommunications, Inc. dba Total World Telecom's Failure to Timely File Annual Reports, Pay Post-Bankruptcy Petition Gross Receipts Tax, and Maintain in Effect Its Corporate Registration and Sales Tax Permit  
Filed: 11/12/13 ♦ Completed: 12/30/13
- TC13-134** - In the Matter of Univance Telecommunications, Inc.'s Failure to Timely File Annual Reports, Pay Post-Bankruptcy Petition Gross Receipts Tax, and Maintain in Effect Its Corporate Registration and Sales Tax Permit  
Filed: 11/12/13 ♦ Completed: 12/30/13
- TC13-135** - In the Matter of Yestel USA, Inc.'s Failure to Timely Pay the Gross Receipts Tax  
Filed: 11/12/13 ♦ Completed: 12/30/13
- TC13-136** - In the Matter of the Approval of a Wireline Adoption Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Onvoy, Inc.  
Filed: 11/27/13 ♦ *(Completed: 01/09/14)*
- TC13-137** - In the Matter of the Filing by Broadvox-CLEC, LLC for Approval of Revisions to Tariff No. 1  
Filed: 12/03/13 ♦ *(Completed: 03/05/14)*

## REOPENED DOCKETS

- EL08-031** - In the Matter of the Application by Buffalo Ridge II LLC a subsidiary of Iberdrola Renewables, Inc., for an Energy Conversion Facility Permit for the Construction of the Buffalo Ridge II Wind Farm and Associated Collection Substation and Electric Interconnection System.  
Filed: 10/31/08 ♦ Closed: 04/23/09  
Reopened: 02/25/11 ♦ Reclosed: 03/14/11  
Reopened 11/26/13 ♦ Reclosed: 12/17/13
- EL09-015** - In the Matter of the Application by Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. for an Energy Conversion Facility Siting Permit for the Deer Creek Station Project Combined-Cycle Natural Gas Energy Conversion Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Including a Water Supply System and Electric Transmission System.  
Filed: 07/28/09 ♦ Closed: 07/22/10  
Reopened: 11/14/13 ♦ Closed: 12/02/13
- EL11-001** - In the Matter of the Petition of Black Hills Power, Inc. to Establish an Environmental Measures Cost Recovery Tariff  
Filed: 01/25/11 ♦ Closed: 07/08/11  
Reopened: 05/11/12 ♦ Reclosed: 06/26/12  
Reopened: 04/04/13 ♦ Reclosed: 04/25/13  
Reopened: 05/14/13 ♦ Reclosed: 05/23/13
- EL11-002** - In the Matter of the Application of Black Hills Power, Inc. for Approval of Energy Efficiency Programs, Tariffs and Cost Recovery Mechanism  
Filed: 01/26/11 ♦ Closed: 07/08/11  
Reopened: 04/24/12 ♦ Reclosed: 04/27/12  
Reopened: 06/07/13 ♦ Reclosed: 07/17/13
- EL12-046** - In the Matter of the Application of Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy for Authority to Increase its Electric Rates  
Filed: 06/29/12 ♦ Closed: 04/24/13  
Reopened: 11/26/13 ♦ Reclosed: 01/09/14
- HP09-002** - In the Matter of the Application by Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. for an Energy Conversion Facility Siting Permit for a Natural Gas Pipeline to Support the Deer Creek Station Project.  
Filed: 07/28/09 ♦ Closed: 07/22/10  
Reopened: 11/14/13 ♦ Reclosed: 12/02/13
- TC13-023** - In the Matter of the Filing by Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc., for Approval of Revisions to its Access Services Tariff No. 1  
Filed: 02/28/13 ♦ Closed: 04/29/13  
Date Reopened: 04/30/13 ♦ Reclosed: 08/12/13

# MISSION STATEMENT

The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission will serve and protect South Dakota's consumers by ensuring safe, reliable and high quality utility services. The commission will exercise its authority and influence to ensure that residential and business consumers have access to utility services at fair and reasonable rates. The commission will be proactive and solutions – oriented in striving to maximize consumer utility value and education while working to enhance the economic and environmental well-being for citizens of the state of South Dakota.





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