

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

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

) **ORDER CERTIFYING STUDY AREA**  
) **BOUNDARY CHANGES**  
)  
) **TC13-026**

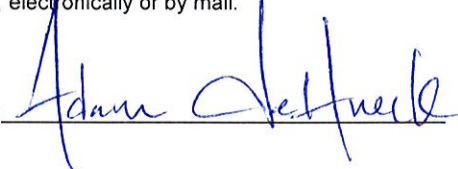
On March 1, 2023, South Dakota Public Utilities Commission staff (Staff) reopened the docket to have the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) complete its biannual certification of study area boundaries within the state.

The Commission last certified the study area boundaries in February of 2021 and, therefore, Commission certification is required for 2023. Since the last certification made by the Commission, Staff is aware of three boundary changes (Dockets No. TC21-041, TC22-057 and TC22-069) that should be submitted to the Federal Communications Commission's Wireline Competition Bureau by March 15, 2023. Staff filed a memorandum outlining the boundary changes on March 8, 2023.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on March 14, 2023, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL chapter 49-31. The Commission unanimously voted to certify the current study area boundaries, as described by Staff. It is therefore

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 14th day of March 2023.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE	
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically or by mail.	
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner