

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

IN THE MATTER OF STAFF'S PETITION) FOR AN ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE) AGAINST NATIONAL ACCESS LONG) DISTANCE, INC.))	ORDER ADOPTING PLAN AND DISMISSING SHOW CAUSE WITHOUT PREJUDICE TC20-061
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On December 17, 2020, Commission staff (Staff) filed a Petition for an Order to Show Cause (Petition). In its Petition, Staff requested the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) issue an order requiring National Access Long Distance, Inc. (National Access) to come forward and show cause as to why its Certificate of Authority should not be revoked. Staff alleged that the basis for the Petition was the failure of National Access to respond to numerous Staff contacts.

On December 23, 2020, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No comments were filed. On January 11, 2021, the Commission issued an Order to Show Cause as requested by Staff. On February 3, 2021, National Access filed a letter detailing certain commitments it had made to Staff in order to resolve this issue.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Ch. 49-31, specifically 49-31-3 and 49-31-38 and ARSD 20:10:01:45.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on February 19, 2021, the Commission discussed this matter. Staff recommended the Commission adopt the go-forward plan as detailed in the February 3, 2021 letter filed by National Access and assess the \$1,000.00 fine agreed to as part of that plan. The Commission voted unanimously to adopt National Access's plan as detailed in the February 3, 2021 letter and to assess a fine in the amount of \$1,000.00. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission hereby adopts National Access's plan as a resolution to this docket. It is further

ORDERED, that a fine in the amount of \$1,000.00, to be paid within thirty days of this Order, is hereby assessed against National Access. It is further

ORDERED, that the Order to Show Cause shall be dismissed, and the docket closed upon receipt of the \$1,000.00 fine.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 25th day of February 2021.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically or by mail.
By: <u>Adam Detrick</u>
Date: <u>2/25/21</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Negen
KRISTIE NEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner