BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF ASSURANCE WIRELESS USA, L.P. FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER FOR THE PURPOSE OF OFFERING LIFELINE SERVICE TO QUALIFYING CUSTOMERS	)	**ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO DEFER** **TC24-002**

On January 12, 2024, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Petition from Assurance Wireless USA, L.P. (Assurance) for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier for the Purpose of Offering Lifeline Service to Qualifying Customers.

On January 18, 2024, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of February 2, 2024, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filing electronic listserv.

On February 7, 2024, the South Dakota Telecommunications Association's (SDTA) Petition to Intervene was granted. On February 9, 2024, the Commission received Assurance's Motion for Procedural Schedule. On February 15, 2024, PUC Staff filed a Response to Motion for Procedural Schedule. On February 22, 2024, Assurance filed responses to staff's first set of data requests and the Commission issued an Order Granting Motion for Procedural Schedule. On March 5, 2024, Assurance filed responses to staff's second set of data requests. On April 5, 2024, SDTA filed comments. On April 8, 2024, Assurance filed responses to staff's third set of data requests. On April 15, 2024, the parties filed a Joint Motion to Defer Consideration. On April 18, 2024, Assurance filed supplemental responses to staff's data requests.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31, ARSD Chapter 20:10:32 and 20:10:01, specifically ARSD 20:10:01:22.04.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on April 23, 2024, the Commission considered this matter and heard argument from the parties. The Commission voted unanimously to grant the Motion to Defer. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Motion to Defer is granted and this docket will be heard at a regularly scheduled Commission meeting at a future date.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 24th day of April 2024.

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: Kristen Edwards

Date: 24 April 2024

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson

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Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner