

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF BLUE)
JAY WIRELESS, LLC, FOR DESIGNATION)
AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)
CARRIER)**

**ORDER GRANTING
MOTION TO BIFURCATE**

TC14-019

On May 23, 2014, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier from Blue Jay Wireless, LLC (Blue Jay) for the purpose of offering Lifeline services on a wireless basis throughout a majority of South Dakota, in both rural and non-rural areas. On, May 29, 2014, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 13, 2014, to interested individuals and entities. On June 13, 2014, the South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA) filed a Petition to Intervene. On June 26, 2014, SDTA was granted intervention. On January 16, 2015, Blue Jay filed a Motion to Bifurcate, requesting that the Commission consider Blue Jay's Petition "only as it pertains to the non-rural areas and reserve any ruling or decision which pertains to rural service."

At its February 2, 2015, meeting, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31. Commission staff recommended that the Commission grant Blue Jay's Motion to Bifurcate. The Commission voted unanimously to grant the Motion to Bifurcate. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Motion to Bifurcate is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 4th day of February, 2015.

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: 2-4-15

Date: Rayne West

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner