

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST OF RCC)
MINNESOTA, INC. DBA VERIZON WIRELESS FOR)
CERTIFICATION REGARDING ITS USE OF)
FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT)**

**ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATION**

TC13-075

On June 27, 2013, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from RCC Minnesota, Inc. dba Verizon Wireless (RCC Minnesota) requesting that the Commission issue a certification to the FCC and USAC indicating it is in compliance with 47 U.S.C. Section 254(e). RCC Minnesota's ETC designation was relinquished in docket TC12-158. As such, the Commission is requested to certify that all federal high cost support was used in the preceding calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities for which the support was intended. The requested certification does not include the upcoming calendar year. On July 5, 2013, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 19, 2013, to interested individuals and entities. No parties sought intervention.

On October 22, 2013, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31 and 47 U.S.C. § 254. Commission staff recommended certification. The Commission unanimously voted to approve RCC Minnesota's request for certification that past support was used for its intended purposes. The Commission did not make a finding as to whether future support will be used for its intended purposes, as RCC Minnesota will not receive support beginning in 2013. The Commission finds that all federal high-cost support provided to RCC Minnesota was used in the preceding calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. It is therefore

ORDERED, that all federal high-cost support provided to RCC Minnesota was used in the preceding calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. It is further

ORDERED, that the Commission approves RCC Minnesota's request for certification that past support was used for its intended purposes.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 31st day of October, 2013.

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	
By:	<u>Loy Lashley</u>
Date:	<u>10.31.13</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner