

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
)	
Petition Filed by the South Dakota)	CC Docket No. 96-45
Public Utilities Commission for Agreement in)	
Redefining the Service Areas of)	
Certain Telephone Companies in South Dakota)	

REPORT AND ORDER

Adopted: April 25, 2016

Released: April 25, 2016

By the Chief, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau:

1. The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (SD PUC) seeks to withdraw its petition for the Commission's concurrence in redefinition of the service areas of four South Dakota rural local exchange carriers, because the competitive carrier at issue recently relinquished its eligible telecommunications carrier designation.¹ We grant the SD PUC's withdrawal request and, accordingly, we dismiss its pending petition.

2. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to authority delegated under sections 0.91, 0.204(b), and 0.291 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.204(b), and 0.291, that the request for withdrawal filed by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, on April 18, 2016, IS GRANTED, and the Petition for FCC Agreement in Redefining Rural Telephone Company Service Areas, filed by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, on September 25, 2008, IS DISMISSED.

3. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to section 1.102(b)(1) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.102(b)(1), that this order SHALL BE EFFECTIVE upon release.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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¹ Letter from Rolayne Wiest, Commission Counsel, SDPUC, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, CC Docket No. 96-45, <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/view?id=60001570838> (filed Apr. 18, 2016) (requesting to withdraw redefinition petition). *See also* Petition for FCC Agreement in Redefining Rural Telephone Company Service Areas, CC Docket No. 96-45, <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/comment/view?id=5515318748> (filed Sept. 25, 2008); *Comment Sought on a Petition by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission for Agreement in Redefining the Service Area of Certain Telephone Companies*, Public Notice, 23 FCC Rcd 14615 (WCB 2008) (seeking comment on petition); *Initiation of a Proceeding to Consider a Petition Filed by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission for Agreement in Redefining the Service Areas of Certain Telephone Companies in South Dakota*, Public Notice, 23 FCC Rcd 18366 (WCB 2009) (announcing initiation of proceeding).