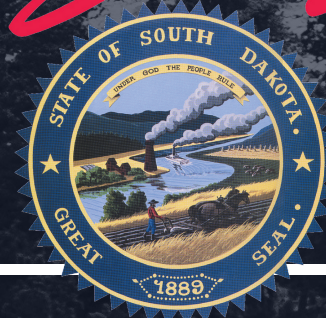


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COMMISSION**

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About the PUC

South Dakota Public Utilities Commissioners are elected statewide to staggered, six-year terms. A dedicated staff of analysts, attorneys, consumer representatives, and other professionals work with the commissioners to carry out the duties of the PUC. The PUC's website, puc.sd.gov, contains a wealth of information including audio webcasts and recordings of meetings and hearings.



REGULATION

The commission regulates investor-owned electric, natural gas, and telephone utilities. The PUC ensures utility companies in South Dakota provide safe and reliable service and that investor-owned companies do so with just, reasonable rates. The commission has a limited regulatory role with respect to telecommunications companies and cooperative, independent and municipal utilities.

The PUC has authority to issue permits for the construction of energy conversion, AC/DC conversion, wind energy, solar energy and electric transmission facilities, as well as certain pipelines, including those designed to transport coal, gas, liquid hydrocarbon products or carbon dioxide.



SITING



ADVOCACY

The commission advocates for communications and energy policy at state and federal levels.

The PUC helps resolve disputes between customers and their utilities. The commission operates the South Dakota Do Not Call registry, natural gas pipeline safety program, and licenses and inspects public grain warehouses and grain buyers.



OTHER DUTIES

PUC Information Online

In addition to regulatory information, the PUC website carries content specifically designed to inform and assist consumers.

Don't Know? Don't Answer! Right from the PUC's homepage, folks can access a plethora of tips and hints about how to avoid falling victim to a phone scam. The best defense? If you don't know the number that's calling you, don't answer the phone! Check it out at puc.sd.gov/scamcalls.

Life. Uninterrupted. The site, SDDoNotCall.com, dispenses advice about how consumers can add their personal phone numbers to the national Do Not Call Registry to reduce the amount of telemarketing calls they receive. The site also describes how telemarketing companies doing business in South Dakota need to comply with applicable statutes and rules.

CHAIRMAN CHRIS NELSON



ELECTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

Chris was appointed to the commission by Gov. Dennis Daugaard on Jan. 8, 2011, to fill a vacancy. In November 2012, South Dakota voters elected Chris to continue his service for the remaining four years of the term to which he was appointed. He was re-elected to a full term in November 2016 and November 2022.

COMMISSION LEADERSHIP

Chris served as the PUC's chairman in 2012, 2015, 2016 and 2021 and as vice chairman in 2011, 2013, 2014, 2019 and 2020.

EXPERIENCE

Prior to joining the PUC, Chris was elected South Dakota's secretary of state in the 2002 general election. He was unopposed for re-election in 2006, which was the first time the office was unopposed in the history of South Dakota.

Before serving as secretary of state, Chris held the position of state election supervisor in the secretary of state's office for 13 years and was uniform commercial code supervisor in the same office for two years.

NATIONAL & REGIONAL ROLES

Chris' current roles include:

- member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' board of directors
- co-chair of NARUC's Washington Action Program
- member of NARUC's Investment Committee
- chairman of the state members of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service
- member of the National Regulatory Research Institute's board of directors
- chairman of NARUC's Broadband Expansion Task Force

Past roles include:

- chairman of NARUC's Committee on Telecommunications

NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Chris' re-election in 2016 earned him the honor of garnering the highest electoral percentage ever for a contested statewide race.

As secretary of state, Chris received the 2010 Excellent Service to South Dakota County Officials award from the South Dakota County Officials Association, the 2004 Hazeltine/Taylor award from South Dakota Kids Voting and the 2003 Excellence in South Dakota Municipal Government award from the South Dakota Municipal League.

Under Chris' leadership, the secretary of state's office was awarded the Election Center's 2009 Professional Practices Program State Award. This annual award is given as recognition for the most outstanding election administration professional practice in the nation. The award recognizes the 2008 development and implementation of a new central election reporting system for the state.

EDUCATION

Following graduation from White Lake High School, Chris earned a bachelor's degree in animal science, with highest honors, from South Dakota State University in 1987.

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For additional information about Chris Nelson, view his full biography at puc.sd.gov/chrisnelsonbio

VICE CHAIRPERSON

KRISTIE FIEGEN

ELECTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

Kristie was appointed to the commission on Aug. 9, 2011, by Gov. Dennis Daugaard, to fill a vacancy. She was elected to her first, full six-year term in November 2012 and re-elected in November 2018.

COMMISSION LEADERSHIP

Kristie served as the commission's chairperson in 2017 and 2018 and as vice chairperson in 2012, 2015, 2016 and 2021.

EXPERIENCE

Prior to joining the PUC, Kristie was the president of Junior Achievement of South Dakota for 17 years. Kristie's career also includes serving as the South Dakota area manager for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for nine years and as a sales representative for the Monsanto Company.

Kristie's public service career also includes four terms in the South Dakota House of Representatives from 1993 to 2001. While a legislator, she served as chairperson of the House Health and Human Services Committee.

NATIONAL & REGIONAL ROLES

Kristie's current roles include:

- member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' Committee on Gas
- member of the NARUC Subcommittee on Pipeline Safety
- chairperson of SPP's Regional Allocation Review Task Force
- chairperson of SPP's Improved Resource Availability Task Force
- member of Southwest Power Pool's Regional States Committee
- chairperson of SPP's RSC Nominating Committee
- member of the Gas Technology Institute's Public Interest Advisory Committee

Past roles include:

- president of the Southwest Power Pool's Regional State Committee

NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Kristie was recognized as the top Junior Achievement USA President in 2008. Under her leadership, participation in Junior Achievement increased from 2,400 to more than 44,000 students annually and her team was named among the top eight franchises in the country nine times.

EDUCATION

Following her graduation from Parker High School, Kristie attended South Dakota State University and earned a bachelor's degree in commercial economics and agricultural business. She then went on to earn a master's degree in business administration from the University of South Dakota.

LEARN MORE

For additional information about Kristie Fiegen, view her full biography at puc.sd.gov/kristiefiegen



Commissioner Fiegen addresses a Southwest Power Pool group, including FERC Chairman Richard Glick shown behind Fiegen, regarding resource adequacy.

COMMISSIONER GARY HANSON



ELECTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

Gary was first elected to the PUC in 2002. South Dakota voters re-elected Gary to continue serving on the PUC in 2008, 2014 and 2020.

COMMISSION LEADERSHIP

Gary served as the commission's chairman in 2005, 2008, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2019 and 2020 and as vice chairman in 2003, 2004, 2011, 2017 and 2018.

EXPERIENCE

Gary was twice elected mayor of Sioux Falls and oversaw multiple departmental operations. Prior to serving as mayor, Gary was Sioux Falls' utilities commissioner for six years and was responsible for the day-to-day activities for three municipal utilities. He owned several businesses before being elected to office. Gary served three terms in the South Dakota Senate, was chair of the committees on Bonding and of Government Audit and Operations, and was vice chair of the Taxation Committee.

NATIONAL & REGIONAL ROLES

Gary's current roles include:

- member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' Committee on Electricity
- member of the NARUC's Electric Vehicle Working Group
- member of the Advisory Council for New Mexico State University's Center for Public Utilities
- member of the Organization of MISO States' Board of Directors and Committee on Conflict of Interest
- member of the national Low-Income Energy Forum

Past roles include:

- president of the Mid-America Regulatory Conference
- served on the executive committee and as treasurer of the Organization of MISO States
- represented NARUC on the steering committee of the National Wind Coordinating Collaborative
- chairman of the South Dakota Underground Pipeline Task Force
- chairman of the South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance
- member of Gov. Mike Rounds' Task Force on Wind Development
- member of South Dakota's Energy Task Force
- member of Gov. George S. Mickelson's Cumulative Environmental Evaluation of Black Hills Mining Task Force
- president and chairman of the Lewis and Clark Regional Water System
- president of the Sioux Falls Board of Realtors

NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Gary co-founded the \$650 million Lewis and Clark Regional Water System. He was also instrumental in the founding of the Multicultural Center, transformation and revitalization of Falls Park, Community Drug Concerns Task Force, Great Plains Waicipi, and endowments for the Sioux Falls Pavillion and Great Plains Zoo. While Gary was mayor of Sioux Falls, the violent crime rate was decreased every year except one for a total decrease of over 35%.

Awards and honors received by Gary include: Distinguished Alumnus of Northern State University, Sioux Falls' City Father of the Year, YMCA Tri-State Hall of Fame, International Lions Club Melvin Jones Fellow, Outstanding Young Citizen of South Dakota, Habitat for Humanity's Hat's Off Award, Spirit of Downtown Sioux Falls Award, White Cane Safety Award, Multiple Sclerosis Society Chapter's Mayor of the Year, Children's Care Hospital Wings of Love Award, DAV's Outstanding Legislator Award, and Life Member of Lions Club Sight and Service Foundation.

LEARN MORE

For additional information about Gary Hanson, view his full biography at puc.sd.gov/garysbio

ABOUT THE PUC STAFF

The PUC's staff members perform a variety of duties on behalf of the citizens of South Dakota in support of the commission

As **executive director, Patricia Van Gerpen** is responsible for the overall management of the PUC staff and day-to-day operations of the agency. She makes docket and project assignments and is the liaison between the commissioners and staff on all issues. Patricia also works directly on a number of legislative, strategic planning and policy initiatives.

Leah Mohr, deputy executive director, schedules hearings and various meetings for the commission. She oversees the PUC's websites, outreach materials and news releases, handles media inquiries and coordinates logistics for informational and educational meetings. She supervises the commission's administrative support staff and functions.

Cindy Kemnitz, finance manager, is responsible for the commission's fiscal activities including administrative functions related to the gross receipts tax, the regulatory assessment fee fund and the telephone solicitor registry. She prepares and monitors budgets and handles accounting, payroll and purchasing duties. She also prepares the commission's meeting agendas.

Brittany Olson serves as the **communications specialist**. She is responsible for the development of educational materials and news releases, and assists with meeting and event coordination, and website management.

Advising the commissioners are **Karen Cremer** and **Adam de Hueck** as **commission attorneys** and **Greg Rislov** as **commission advisor**. The attorneys also serve as hearing examiners and represent the commission in federal courts and before federal regulatory agencies. Greg provides policy and technical consultation and research support regarding major regulatory issues.

Administrative staff members perform a variety of support services including handling incoming phone calls and mail and greeting guests. Each staff member has specific duties that keep the PUC running smoothly. **Joy Lashley** has primary responsibility for maintaining the PUC electronic docket system as well as each of the websites the commission operates. **Mikayla Frick** provides support during commission meetings and hearings, coordinates travel logistics, distributes meeting agendas, minutes, and weekly filings, and maintains the docket management system.

Staff analysts are responsible for investigating, analyzing, evaluating and presenting testimony regarding issues and policies related to electric, natural gas and telecommunications industries as regulated by the commission. Their educational and professional backgrounds include expertise in math, accounting, economics, and research as well as intensive training in regulatory issues. **Brittany Mehlhaff, Eric Paulson, Joseph Rezac, and Patrick Steffensen** use these skills to focus on quality of service, financial and rate matters as they work to understand and evaluate complex rate structures, earning requirements, and technical issues of various utility organizations. **Darren Kearney and Jon Thurber** primarily concentrate on siting dockets, emerging technologies, and energy efficiency efforts. They also engage in outreach activities to consumers, industry representatives and students, and provide other docket analysis as assigned.

Kristen Edwards and **Amanda Reiss** are **staff attorneys** with practical experience in administrative law, trial procedure, and business management principles. They review filings by utilities and represent the staff in proceedings before the commission. They work closely with staff analysts to develop recommendations for policy, rate, siting and enforcement matters. They coordinate the presentation of the staff's case and cross-examine other parties who submit testimony.

The **Pipeline Safety Program** is staffed by engineers **Mary Zanter** and **Boice Hillmer** with Mary handling additional duties as program manager. The PUC administers the program on behalf of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration. Mary and Boice inspect and investigate intrastate natural gas pipelines to ensure the public is provided safe and dependable gas service. They also analyze utility dockets as assigned.

Cody Chambliss is the manager of the **Grain Warehouse Program** that works to protect property of and safeguard payments to grain producers. **Justin Blais**, **Paul Kenefick-Aschoff** and **Sarah McIntosh** conduct grain warehouse and grain buyer inspections and investigations, and review financial documents. Paul also assists with issuance of warehouse and grain buyer licenses. The warehouse staff also performs check-off audits for various grain commissions and councils.

The **Consumer Affairs Program** works with consumers to answer questions and resolve complaints about the rates and services of regulated utilities. Manager **Deb Gregg** and representatives **Vicky Burns** and **Jason Schuchard** act as liaisons between consumers and utility companies in resolving these issues. This program's staff also coordinates the PUC's presence at home shows and the State Fair and makes group presentations as requested.



Staff members are recognized for their many years of service to the state. Consumer affairs representative Vicky Burns, left, received her pin celebrating 15 years of service at a commission meeting in February. In July, Chairman Chris Nelson congratulated staff attorney Kristen Edwards, right, on her 10 years of service.

FINANCIAL REPORT 2022

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022

	BUDGET	GENERAL FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS	OTHER FUNDS	ENCUMBRANCE	BUDGET NOT EXPENDED
ADMINISTRATION						
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$1,314,999	\$375,092	\$27,140	\$863,204	\$0	\$49,563
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$193,168	\$0	\$0	\$143,811	\$8,638	\$40,719
TOTAL PROGRAM	\$1,508,167	\$375,092	\$27,140	\$1,007,015	\$8,638	\$90,282

GRAIN WAREHOUSE

PERSONAL SERVICES	\$298,716	\$200,089	\$0	\$76,181	\$0	\$22,446
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$91,928	\$60,607	\$0	\$4,209	\$629	\$26,483
TOTAL PROGRAM	\$390,644	\$260,696	\$0	\$80,390	\$629	\$48,929

FIXED UTILITY (INFORMATIONAL BUDGET)

PERSONAL SERVICES	\$1,503,786	\$0	\$2,198	\$1,297,029	\$0	\$204,559
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$462,935	\$0	\$0	\$182,789	\$10,304	\$269,842
TOTAL PROGRAM	\$1,966,721	\$0	\$2,198	\$1,479,818	\$10,304	\$474,401

PIPELINE SAFETY (INFORMATIONAL BUDGET)

PERSONAL SERVICES	\$302,544	\$0	\$150,432	\$72,385	\$0	\$79,727
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$99,156	\$0	\$17,635	\$12,054	\$2,010	\$67,457
TOTAL PROGRAM	\$401,700	\$0	\$168,067	\$84,439	\$2,010	\$147,184

DO NOT CALL REGISTRY

PERSONAL SERVICES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$16,180	\$0	\$0	\$6,594	\$0	\$9,586
TOTAL PROGRAM	\$16,180	\$0	\$0	\$6,594	\$0	\$9,586

GROSS RECEIPTS TAX FUND REVENUES & FEES

GRAIN & WAREHOUSE LICENSES*	\$164,475	GROSS RECEIPTS TAX*	\$2,398,922
CHECK OFF AUDITS	\$1,000	APPLICATION FEES	\$1,000
INTEREST EARNED	\$3,413	INTEREST EARNED	\$44,195
TOTAL REVENUE	\$168,888	TOTAL REVENUE	\$2,444,117

*Includes Fines/Penalties

2022 YEAR IN REVIEW

A look back highlighting actions taken by the PUC during the 2022 calendar year.

ELECTRIC & NATURAL GAS

The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission looks after the interests of South Dakotans as related to electric and natural gas issues. Actions taken and decisions made by the commission strive to ensure reliable service and reasonable rates from investor-owned utilities as well as legal and accurate service territory boundaries for all utilities. The commission follows guidelines prescribed by South Dakota law when siting energy conversion and electric transmission facilities. The components of this priority affect South Dakotans in terms of reliability and cost of their electric and natural gas services.

The PUC uses several measures to gauge the agency's effectiveness at handling these issues. Here is a look at the PUC's electric and natural gas work in 2022.

ELECTRIC & NATURAL GAS RATE CHANGES & ADJUSTMENTS

Reviewing electric and natural gas rates from around the state, region and nation offers perspective to evaluate the financial impact of South Dakota ratepayers' experience compared to residents in other states.

AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL UTILITY RATES

ELECTRIC

Measurement per kWh, 2022

NATURAL GAS

Measurement per thousand cubic feet, 2021



South Dakota

12.17 cents

\$9.75



West Central Region
(Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri,
Nebraska, North Dakota and South
Dakota)

12.83 cents

\$10.13



United States

15.12 cents

\$12.78

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA)

In August, the PUC approved an update to **Otter Tail Power Co.**'s Phase-in Cost Recovery rider rate, allowing the company to recover an additional \$2,997,688 annually through two different rate structures: a percent of bill factor and per meter charge. The project costs approved to be recovered by the Phase-in rider rate were associated with the Astoria Station Natural Gas Plant, Merricourt Wind (North Dakota) Energy Center, additional load in the Lake Norden area, retirement of the Hoot Lake (Minnesota) Plant, Ashtabula III (North Dakota) wind farm purchase, and Advanced Grid Infrastructure projects. As a result, a typical customer using an average of 1,000 kWh per month could see their monthly bill increase by approximately \$7.54 per month. See docket EL22-013.

ELECTRIC & NATURAL GAS RATE CHANGES & ADJUSTMENTS CONTINUED...

In May, the commission approved **Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.**'s annual update to its Infrastructure Cost Recovery rider rate. The company sought to recover \$940,248 in projected costs associated with the Thunder Spirit (North Dakota) Wind Project and other projects that benefit South Dakota customers. As a result of this update, the typical residential customer using 853 kWh per month saw a \$0.35 decrease to their monthly bill. See docket EL22-007.

The commission approved an update to **Xcel Energy**'s infrastructure rider factor in December with an overall revenue requirement of negative \$2,400,533. In the filing, the company requested to transfer recovery of all projects included in the infrastructure rider to base rates as part of its ongoing rate case proceeding in docket EL22-017. The company estimates the average bill impact for a typical residential customer using 750 kWh per month will be a decrease of \$10.85 per month resulting in a \$0.83 monthly credit on customer bills. See docket EL22-026.

State law authorizes the PUC to approve a tariff mechanism for the automatic annual adjustment of charges for the jurisdictional costs of new or modified transmission facilities with a design capacity of 34.5 kV or more and which are more than five miles in length. In 2022, four companies sought commission approval for this Transmission Cost Recovery rider rate.

- In February, **Otter Tail Power Co.**'s updated TCR rider was approved by the commission. The request, to generate \$2,197,832 annually, would cover the company's South Dakota share of electric grid expenses in the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) and Southwest Power Pool (SPP) in addition to continuing to include four transmission projects that the commission had previously approved for the TCR rider. As a result of this change, an average residential customer using 1,000 kWh per month could see their monthly bill increase by approximately \$0.09. See docket EL21-031.
- In March, **MidAmerican Energy Co.**'s updated TCR rider rate was approved by the commission. In its request, the company described its costs assessed by MISO and the associated benefit to South Dakota customers would amount to an annual decrease of \$111,447. Although the total revenue requirement decreased, this was driven by a large over collection during the prior year for the large general service class. While those large customers saw a decrease in their rate, residential customers saw a slight increase, with a typical residential customer averaging 700 kWh per month receiving an approximate \$0.24 monthly bill increase. See EL22-003.
- The commission approved an updated TCR rider rate for **Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.** in May. The updated rate included costs associated with five transmission projects: three that were previously approved and two new projects. The new projects were replacements of 41.6 kV lines to 60 kV and included a 19.2-mile span from Greenway to Hague and a 5.8-mile line from Hague to Herreid. The upgraded lines provide increased reliability and capacity for load growth. In its application, MDU sought to recover an annual revenue requirement of \$2,524,329. The effect on customers is estimated as an \$8.87 monthly bill increase for a typical residential customer using 853 kWh per month. See docket EL22-006.
- In December, **Xcel Energy**'s updated TCR rider rate was approved by the commission. Updates to the rider included the addition of 10 new rebuild projects, combining two previously approved projects into one, and moving 20 previously approved projects to base rate recovery, leaving a total of 20 projects as part of the TCR. Xcel proposes to continue recovering the costs associated with the 20 previously approved projects through base rates (See docket EL22-017). The result of moving this cost recovery to base rates is a negative \$849,618 TCR revenue requirement and translates to roughly a \$2.72 monthly decrease for an average residential customer using 750 kWh per month. See docket EL22-022.

ELECTRIC & NATURAL GAS RATE CHANGES & ADJUSTMENTS CONTINUED...

In May, the commission received and began processing MidAmerican Energy Co.'s application for approval to increase rates by approximately \$7.037 million for natural gas service to customers in its South Dakota service territory. The commission will make a decision in 2023. See docket NG22-005.

PUC staff began processing a request received in June from Xcel Energy to increase revenue for electric service in its South Dakota service territory by approximately \$44.1 million annually. Due to the large amount of public interest shown in this docket, the commission held a public input meeting in Sioux Falls in November. A final decision on this case is expected in 2023. See docket EL22-017.



Commissioner Chris Nelson answers questions during the Q&A portion of a public input meeting in Sioux Falls regarding Xcel Energy's application to increase revenue in November. Though state law did not require the PUC hold a meeting for public input in the docket, one was held as a result of the amount of public interest shown.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

The commission approved updates to energy efficiency and conservation programs. In 2022, the estimated energy savings for all investor-owned utilities was 14,739 megawatt hours of electricity and 6,476 dekatherms of natural gas.

- **Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.** updated its Conservation Program Tracking Mechanism in 2022. The commission approved a revised Conservation Tracking Adjustment rate of \$0.025 per dk in February. As a result, a residential customer using 70 dk annually would see an estimated annual increase of \$0.35. MDU's conservation program provides incentives to residential customers for using high-efficiency heating equipment and programmable thermostats. Rebates for high efficiency furnaces are available for commercial customers as well. In addition, commercial customers can apply for rebates on a customized basis where the company reviews each project individually and offers a rebate based on the amount of energy savings projected. See docket NG22-001.
- **Xcel Energy's** 2023 Demand Side Management and revised Cost Adjustment Factor was approved by the commission, along with the company's 2021 DSM status report, 2021 DSM Tracker Account and performance incentive earned in 2021. The 2023 DSM plan includes no changes in either the residential or business offerings, which includes incentives for efficient lighting and water heating and enrollment in the company's Saver's Switch program, for example. All Xcel customers collectively share the cost of the DSM program, with an average residential customer using 750 kWh per month paying \$0.36 a month, a slight decrease over the previous year's rate. See docket EL22-010.
- **Otter Tail Power Co.** continued its Energy Efficiency Plan in 2022. The commission approved the 2021 financial incentive, 2021 Energy Efficiency Plan Status Report and an unchanged Energy Efficiency Adjustment Factor in June. The company's residential and commercial programs incentivize customers to use efficient lighting, heat pumps, appliances, and thermostats among other energy-saving measures. See docket EL22-011.

SITING

In February, the PUC received **SCS Carbon Transport LLC**'s application for a permit to construct and operate a carbon dioxide transmission pipeline. Following the filing, Commissioner Kristie Fiegen disqualified herself from the docket due to a familial relationship with a landowner along the proposed pipeline route and Gov. Kristi Noem appointed State Treasurer Josh Haeder to serve as acting commissioner for the docket. The proposed project plans to span five states and include approximately 2,000 miles of pipelines for the transportation of CO₂ from more than 30 ethanol plants, including seven in South Dakota. Approximately 469 miles of pipeline would be placed in the state, crossing Beadle, Brown, Clark, Codington, Edmunds, Hamlin, Hand, Hyde, Kingsbury, Lake, Lincoln, McCook, McPherson, Minnehaha, Miner, Spink, Sully, and Turner counties. Five public input meetings were held in Onida, Sioux Falls, De Smet, Redfield, and Aberdeen in March of 2022 and were collectively attended by more than 1,000 people. The PUC received over 450 applications for party status in this docket and granted intervention to more than 430. An evidentiary hearing and final decision by the commission are expected to take place in 2023. See docket HP22-001.



The commission held five public input meetings, in Onida, Sioux Falls (top photo), De Smet, Redfield and Aberdeen (bottom photo), for the proposed Summit carbon pipeline in March.

In March of 2022, the PUC granted TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, LP's motion to release their road bond, remove public liaison officer and accept final reporting on the **Keystone XL Pipeline** project. TC Energy terminated the Keystone XL project in June 2021 after President Joe Biden revoked the Presidential Permit that would have allowed Keystone to construct and operate a pipeline segment across the international border. TransCanada Keystone Pipeline originally filed its application with the commission in March 2009 and was granted a permit to construct in June 2010. The company returned to the PUC in 2014 seeking an order accepting certification of the permit issued in 2010. Commissioners issued a final decision finding the permit valid and accepted certification in January 2016. See docket HP09-001.

In August of 2022, the South Dakota Supreme Court upheld the PUC's decision in docket EL19-003 to grant a permit to construct the **Crowned Ridge Wind Farm**. Intervenor Amber Christenson and Allen Robish sought an appeal to the high court in May 2020 following the 3rd Circuit Court's affirmation of the commission's decision in April. See South Dakota Supreme Court case #29334.

In 2022, the South Dakota Supreme Court twice upheld the commission's 2020 decision in docket EL19-027 to grant a permit to construct the **Crowned Ridge Wind II** project. The decision was first affirmed in March regarding an appeal sought by Garry Ehlebracht, Steven Greber, Mary Greber, Richard Rall, Amy Rall, and Laretta Kranz following the 3rd Circuit Court's affirming of the PUC's decision in March of 2021. A separate appeal to South Dakota's high court, sought by Amber Christenson and Allen Robish, upheld the PUC's decision in August. See South Dakota Supreme Court cases #29610 and #29615.

SITING CONTINUED...

Navigator Heartland Greenway, LLC filed its application for a permit to construct a carbon dioxide transmission pipeline with the commission in September. The project includes approximately 1,300 miles of pipeline spanning five states and plans to transport CO₂ from more than 21 ethanol and fertilizer plants, including three ethanol plants in South Dakota. The CO₂ would be transported to permanent and secure underground sequestration in Illinois and/or to off-take facilities for commercial or industrial use. South Dakota's portion of the project includes 111.9 miles of pipeline crossing Brookings, Moody, Minnehaha, Lincoln, and Turner counties. The PUC held public input meetings in Canton, Flandreau and Sioux Falls in November and had more than 400 members of the public collectively attend. The commission received numerous applications for party status and granted intervention to nearly 140 parties. The commission is expected to hold an evidentiary hearing and render its final decision in 2023. See docket HP22-002.

In November, the PUC determined and announced it had no jurisdiction over the proposed **Gregory County Pumped Storage Project**. While many energy-related facilities would require a PUC permit prior to construction, in this case, federal permitting jurisdiction supersedes state jurisdiction for hydroelectric projects on the navigable water of the United States. The GCPSP, a joint effort by Missouri River Energy Services and MidAmerican Energy Company, is proposed to be constructed along the Missouri River in Gregory County with transmission facilities in Charles Mix County. If built, the project is expected to have a nameplate capacity 1,800 megawatts.



Commissioners and staff listen to public comments at the third public input meeting, held in Sioux Falls, for the proposed Navigator Heartland Greenway carbon pipeline project. Meetings were also held in Canton and Flandreau.

ELECTRIC RELIABILITY

The electric power generation resources are undergoing an ever-increasing rate of change and reliability has become more of a regional issue. Given intermittent generation facilities such as wind and solar are replacing the coal and nuclear generation fleet, utilities, and the Regional Transmission Organizations (RTOs) they belong to, and the state regulatory authorities such as the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission are heavily engaged in assuring resource adequacy and reliability are maintained. RTO members and interested stakeholders spend many hours meeting each week to resolve detailed and complex issues identified by in-depth studies.

The entire nation is involved in this effort. Data and results are shared although each RTO area has its own unique issues which require unique considerations. Virtually all utilities, regulated or unregulated, are involved in the effort and all work together to assure reliability at an affordable cost.

The PUC has a direct interest in overseeing its jurisdictional utilities meet or exceed service standards required by RTO membership, and expectations for operating in South Dakota. The good news is that South Dakota jurisdictional utilities have continued their strong record of providing reliable service.

Under the indices most used to measure utility performance, 17 of the 18 scores registered by the South Dakota utilities were **above the national median**, which is a strong showing for their overall ability to serve reliably.

LEGISLATION

The annual **PUC Briefing for Legislators** in January provided an opportunity for Commissioners Nelson, Fiegen and Hanson to share current information with lawmakers about PUC hot topics such as telecommunications, broadband, pipeline safety, siting, energy regulation, regional transmission organizations, and grain warehouses.

The commission successfully shepherded three bills revising **grain buyer statutes** designed to better protect producers. The new legislation increased penalties for actions related to grain transactions, prohibited and provided a penalty for grain brokers engaging in certain transactions or activities, and reduced the period for filing claims upon the revocation of a grain buyer license.

The commission supported legislation to add solar energy facilities to the financial security for **decommissioning**. The legislation allows the PUC to ensure funds are available to decommission solar projects should it be required. The measure was soundly approved by the legislature.



Commissioner Gary Hanson observes while Commissioner Chris Nelson and PUC finance manager Cindy Kemnitz deliver the PUC's 2023 budget request to the Joint Appropriations Committee.



Commissioners Kristie Fiegen and Gary Hanson converse with South Dakota Senator Joshua Klumb during the PUC's annual Open House for Legislators.

The PUC's proposed legislation to establish safety standards regarding **biogas gathering lines** through minimal regulation received unanimous support from both chambers. At the time, such lines were unregulated, not falling under either state or federal authority and posed a threat to public safety.

In September, PUC commissioners urged U.S. Senators Mike Rounds and John Thune to oppose **proposed, federal electric transmission permitting reform legislation** known as Manchin Legislation. The legislation, introduced by Sen. Joe Manchin of West Virginia, strove to federalize the process to site electric transmission lines, eliminating state authority over the siting of electric transmission projects found by the Secretary of Energy to be "national interest facilities" and abolishing or significantly reducing the protections state law currently provides for landowners and citizens in the area. Originally attached to the federal government's stopgap funding package, the legislation was removed amid strong opposition.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The commission has varied regulatory authority over telecommunications providers and services in South Dakota. The PUC issues certificates of authority to certain providers; approves switched access rates for local exchange carriers; designates providers as eligible telecommunications carriers and certifies carriers as eligible to receive federal high-cost support; approves interconnection agreements between providers; and arbitrates disputes between providers. In addition, the commission serves as a resource on emerging issues.

The PUC uses several measures to gauge the agency's effectiveness at handling these issues. Here is a look at the commission's telecommunications work in 2022.

BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT

While the commission does not have a statutory duty related to broadband service, it recognizes the importance of broadband availability to South Dakotans and advocates for the expansion of advanced telecommunications services. The Federal Communications Commission tracks broadband deployment through an Annual Broadband Progress Report. The report describes telecommunications deployment according to census blocks. The information is updated annually to reflect changes in population and the construction of new homes. The PUC uses this information to track broadband expansion in the state.

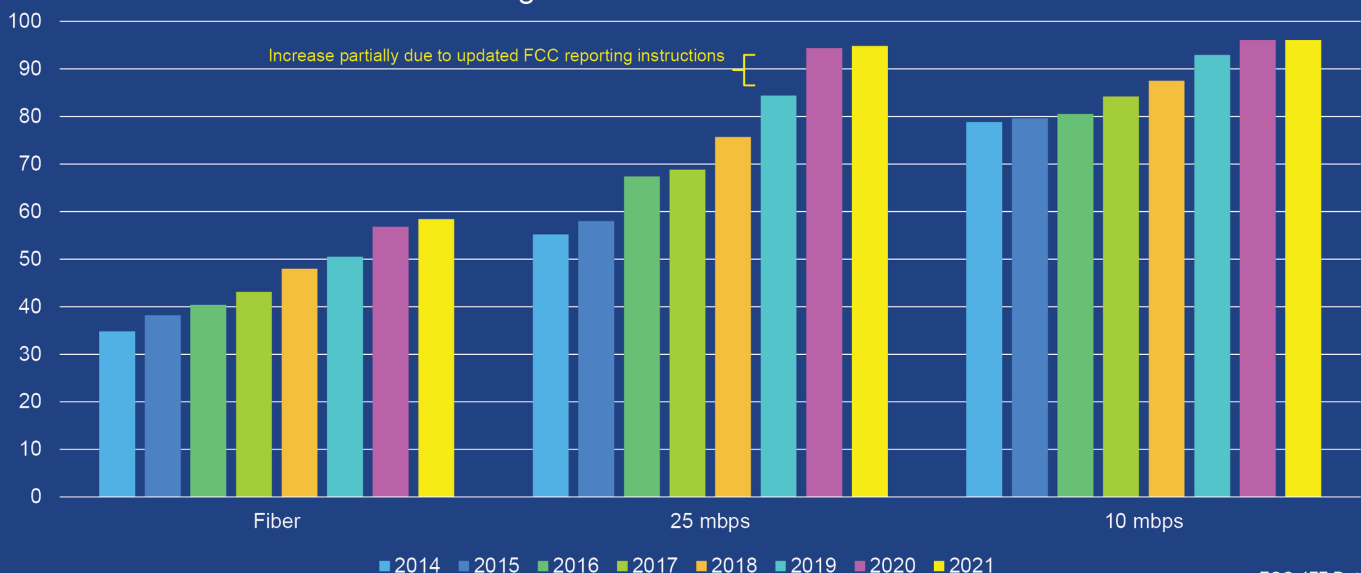
Measurement, for reporting year ending June 30, 2021

New census blocks that meet 10 Mbps download speed: 627

New census blocks that meet 25 Mbps download speed: 1,608

BROADBAND PROGRESS IN SD

Percentage of SD Census Blocks Served



FCC 477 Data: June 2021

UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND

In March, the commission issued an order denying **LTD Broadband LLC's** application for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier for the purpose of receiving federal universal service support, by a 2-1 vote with Commissioner Hanson dissenting. The decision came after a December 2021 hearing that included the South Dakota Telecommunications Association as an intervenor. In April, LTD requested reconsideration or rehearing. The commission denied the request for reconsideration and granted the request for rehearing, limited in scope to newly discovered evidence and/or facts and circumstances arising subsequent to the previous hearing. In August, LTD requested the docket be suspended; STDA objected and requested the docket be closed. The commission closed the docket in October. See docket TC21-001.

Twenty-six telecommunications carriers were deemed eligible to collectively receive millions of dollars in high-cost support from the federal Universal Service Fund for maintaining, upgrading and building out their voice and broadband networks in South Dakota. Each year, the commission must certify to the Federal Communications Commission that these carriers, designated as Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETCs), are using funds for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which support is intended. Dollars invested reflect the strengthening and expansion of telecommunications infrastructure to enhance system reliability and enable more service options to more customers, particularly in rural areas. In 2021, the Universal Service Administrative Co. distributed approximately \$126.5 million in High-Cost Support and over \$1.2 million in Lifeline and Link-Up monies to South Dakota companies.

SDTA CONFERENCE

Telecommunications professionals from South Dakota and beyond gathered at the South Dakota Telecommunications Association's annual meeting to collaborate, communicate and connect. PUC Commissioner Gary Hanson and PUC staff members Amanda Reiss, Karen Cremer and Adam de Hueck, pictured top right, attended in August. PUC Commissioner Kristie Fiegen, pictured bottom right, paused during sessions to catch up with Larry Thompson of Vantage Point Solutions and Jim Edman of the U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency. Also in attendance were Dan Caldwell, Consortia Consulting; Randy and Deb Houdek, Venture Communications/Highmore; Shirley Bloomfield, NTCA-The Rural Broadband Association; and PUC Commissioner Chris Nelson, pictured bottom left.



CONSUMER AFFAIRS

The PUC provides a number of services for consumers. The agency's consumer affairs staff is trained to assist consumers with issues related to their electric, natural gas and telecommunications service, including wireless. They provide educational information about energy efficiency, consumer protection and making wise utility choices. They offer guidance and referrals for consumers who may have difficulty paying their utility bills. The commission also administers the South Dakota Do Not Call Registry, registering telephone solicitors, helping to enroll consumers on the registry, and investigating violations against consumers who are on the registry.

The commission examines the following areas to evaluate its performance in this field:

CONSUMER COMPLAINTS & ASSISTANCE

The PUC assisted consumers on more than 1,700 occasions with issues and complaints related to electric, natural gas, telecommunications (including wireless), pipeline siting, energy efficiency, and other utility-related topics.

Complaints Resolved Within a Month

The PUC strives to quickly and fully investigate each incident by analyzing both sides of the complaint and working with the affected parties to informally reach a resolution. The number of complaints resolved within a month reveals the commission's effectiveness in responding to consumers. The goal is 90% resolved within a month.

Measurement, 2022

Complaints resolved within a month: 98%

Formal Consumer Complaints

When a consumer and utility cannot reach a resolution through the informal process, one of the parties may file a formal complaint. A formal complaint is entered into a docket and, unless settled, may result in a hearing before the commission. The commission endeavors to affect complaint resolutions informally and therefore strives for a low number of formal complaints. This measurement is also an assessment of the PUC staff's negotiation and mediation skills.

Measurement, 2022

Formal Consumer Complaints: 1

DO NOT CALL REGISTRY

The commission continually uses outreach efforts to educate South Dakotans about enrolling their personal telephone number on the Do Not Call Registry to reduce the number of telemarketing calls they receive. In addition to advocacy, the PUC takes an active role and, at the request of a consumer, will enroll their number on the registry. The PUC tracks the number of South Dakota telephone numbers on the registry, noting the amount of growth each year which is an indication of the success of education efforts.

Measurement, 2022

South Dakota telephone numbers on Do Not Call Registry: 706,684 (0.8% increase)

DON'T KNOW? DON'T ANSWER! INFORMATIONAL CAMPAIGN

The commission continued educating consumers about scam calls through their ongoing "Don't Know? Don't Answer!" informational campaign. The campaign informs consumers about scam calls, the tricks scam callers use to gain access to sensitive information or resources and provides tips on to report scams and protect against their tactics.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

The PUC visited with more than 3,800 consumers about the purpose and services of the PUC at **spring home shows** in Sioux Falls and Rapid City and at the **South Dakota State Fair**.



Commissioners and PUC staff spoke with consumers, continued to increase awareness about avoiding scam calls and gave producers an opportunity to “Ask an Inspector” any grain questions they might have at PUC booths at the Sioux Empire Home Show in Sioux Falls, Black Hills Home Show in Rapid City and South Dakota State Fair in Huron.



PIPELINE SAFETY

The PUC has responsibility to regulate natural gas intrastate pipelines, which includes ensuring the public is provided safe and dependable gas service. The pipeline safety program has two full-time employees who are fully trained by the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) Training and Qualifications. As part of its duties, commission staff inspects and investigates natural gas pipeline operators for compliance with federal and state statutes and administrative rules.

South Dakota natural gas distribution lines: 5,268 miles

South Dakota natural gas intrastate transmission lines: 304 miles

INSPECTIONS

PUC pipeline safety inspectors regularly inspect natural gas pipeline operators to determine compliance with state and federal regulations. Inspections occur in the areas of records, construction, drug and alcohol, public awareness, incident investigation, operator qualification, and integrity management. The number of inspection hours logged by the safety inspectors is an indicator of the agency's thoroughness in this area. The PUC's certification agreement to administer this program for the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration specifies a minimum number of inspection days required annually.

Measurement, 2022

Inspections: 148 days (134 days required)

FEDERAL EVALUATION

South Dakota's Pipeline Safety Program is field evaluated annually by PHMSA's Office of Pipeline Safety. The agency reviews inspections conducted and citations issued by the PUC and evaluates the commission's adherence to its pipeline safety procedures plan. The result of the federal review indicates the PUC's ability to carry out its obligations related to pipeline safety. PHMSA also reviews and scores South Dakota's annual certification document submittals.

Measurement, 2022

Evaluations score: 100% (15 out of 51 state programs received a score of 100%)

GRAIN WAREHOUSE

The Public Utilities Commission is responsible for monitoring the South Dakota grain industry. To reduce producer risk, the PUC's Grain Warehouse Program licenses and inspects state-licensed grain storage warehouses, federally-licensed grain storage warehouses holding state grain-buyer licenses. All grain buyers licensed in South Dakota are inspected annually.

The PUC uses three main categories — inspections, licenses and license revocations — to measure its effectiveness in monitoring the grain industry. See these results plus other major happenings in the PUC's grain program in 2022.

INSPECTIONS

Inspections ensure compliance with statutes and rules related to the licensing and bonding requirements for grain warehouses and grain buyers. The number of inspections describes the penetration of the program's review process. State law requires that each licensed facility receive one inspection each year.

Measurement, 2022

Inspections: 485 (371 required)

LICENSES

The PUC issues licenses for grain buyers and grain warehouses doing business in the state. Each licensed entity is required to apply for renewal annually. As part of the licensing and renewal process, the commission reviews financial statements and analyzes grain buyers' ability to pay grain producers and suppliers. The number of licenses handled by the PUC depicts the wide scope of the commission's monitoring of the industry.

Measurement, 2022

- Class A Grain Buyer Licenses (entities that use voluntary credit sale contracts and exceed \$5,000,000 in annual purchases): 124 entities with 293 locations.
- Class B Grain Buyer Licenses (entities that do not use voluntary credit sale contracts and do not exceed \$5,000,000 in annual purchases): 75 entities with 79 locations.
- State Warehouse Licenses (entities that store grain for hire): 44 entities with 66 locations.
- Federal Warehouse Licenses (entities that are licensed by the USDA to store grain for hire): 36 entities with 144 locations.

LICENSE REVOCATIONS & RECEIVERSHIPS

If a licensed warehouse or grain buyer fails to meet its obligations to its producers, the PUC follows prescribed laws and administrative rules to investigate, audit or take necessary action to limit damage to the public. Options available to the commission include license revocation and receivership. Though the PUC works diligently to minimize producer risk, some license revocations and receiverships cannot be avoided. If a receivership is deemed necessary, the commission may apply to the circuit court to appoint a receiver. The determination of an appropriate receiver and the powers and duties given to that receiver are decided by the circuit court, not the PUC.

Measurement, 2022

License Revocations: 0

Receiverships: 1

FARMERS COOPERATIVE ELEVATOR OF AVON

PUC staff wrapped up receivership of **Farmers Cooperative Elevator of Avon** in April of 2022. A portion of the cooperative, including the grain elevator, agronomy business and bulk fuel business, was sold to Battle Creek Farmers Cooperative N/S dba Farmers Pride Coop in March 2022. Following the sale, all producers and creditors were paid in full. Farmers Pride also retained elevator and agronomy employees, resulting in no loss of jobs or services in the Avon community. The full process began in July 2021 when the commission granted PUC staff's request to seek receivership due to the elevator's financial difficulties. The 1st Judicial Circuit Court ordered PUC Grain Warehouse Program Manager Cody Chambliss to serve as receiver, limited to control of the grain elevator, in August 2021. This allowed the cooperative to continue operating the fuel station, farm store and fertilizer plant while utilizing grain assets to pay grain-related debt. See docket GW21-002.

ASK AN INSPECTOR PROMOTIONAL CAMPAIGN

The commission launched their new **"Ask an Inspector"** promotional campaign at the South Dakota State Fair. The campaign encourages producers to contact the PUC's grain warehouse staff with any questions about South Dakota's grain industry and to report any concerns about the practices or financial solvency of grain businesses operating in South Dakota.



In February, Commissioner Kristie Fiegen joined grain warehouse inspector Justin Blais for an inspection of a grain facility in Parker, South Dakota. State law requires that every facility licensed by the state must be inspected at least once a year.

LEADERSHIP

Commissioners hold a number of leadership roles with national and regional organizations. They also engage with South Dakota consumers, students, industry professionals and community leaders through many public gatherings each year.

SOUTH DAKOTA PUC

Commissioner Chris Nelson continued to serve as the PUC chairman and **Commissioner Kristie Fiegen** carried on in her role as vice chairperson.

Commissioner Chris Nelson was re-elected in November to serve on the PUC until 2029.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENTS

Chairman Chris Nelson spoke about universal service contribution reform with members of INCOMPAS (the internet and competitive networks association) and the use of critical minerals in clean energy and for energy security at the Center for Public Utilities Current Issues Forum. He also delivered a PUC update to South Dakota audiences including Agtegra representatives; the Pierre Rotary Club; South Dakota Federation of Labor members; NorthWestern Energy's board of directors; and rural electric managers, staff and publication editors. He presented general information about the PUC's siting authority to county officials at district and state conferences. Nelson connected with students from Newell, James Valley Christian School, Chamberlain, South Dakota Mines, and legislative interns to share insight about the PUC, state government, and how the electric grid is changing. He also offered remarks at the ribbon cutting of NorthWestern Energy's Bob Glanzer Generating Station near Huron, spoke with Sioux Falls' Kiwanis and Sertoma groups and lent a hand at Boys State to help run the Boys State Senate.

Vice Chairperson Kristie Fiegen spread the message about the importance of public service and the mission and current events at the PUC at numerous presentations and speaking engagements. She discussed such topics as leadership, ethics, citizenship, state government, and renewable energy with students from Sioux Falls, Newell, Chamberlain and Parker as well as South Dakota Girls State delegates. Her remarks at the Midwest Economic Outlook Summit in Fargo, North Dakota, focused on the need for a balance of energy resources to effectively "keep the lights on." Rural electric staff members and managers heard an update from Fiegen about the PUC at gatherings throughout the state.

Commissioner Gary Hanson offered thoughts about nuclear energy as part of a panel discussion at the New Mexico State University Center for Public Utilities' Current Issues Forum. The session explored the benefits, costs and challenges of nuclear energy and other emerging technologies. He also spoke to several service and nonprofit organizations regarding the workings of the PUC and issues of energy reliability, affordability, and environmental protection, and the potential of what electric generation will look like in the future. Hanson's expertise was also shared as part of an Electric Vehicle nationwide working group with the purpose of, among other issues, discovering and helping promote opportunities for mitigating potential impacts to the grid from EVs.

SOUTHWEST POWER POOL

Commissioner Kristie Fiegen, a member of Southwest Power Pool's Regional State Committee, was selected to serve as chairperson of the Regional Allocation Review Task Force, Improved Resource Availability Task Force, and the RSC Nominating Committee. The RARTF is responsible for defining the analytical methods used to review the reasonableness of the regional allocation methodology. The IRATF was formed in 2021 following Winter Storm Uri to assess and make recommendations related to fuel assurance and resource planning and availability for the SPP region.



Top Left: Commissioner Kristie Fiegen appears on a panel at Midwest Economic Outlook Summit in Fargo in March. The event brought together chambers of commerce, industry leaders and economic experts from across the Midwest and was livestreamed to 25 communities across five states. Bob Sinner (shown), president of SB&B Foods, was also a panelist at the event.



Top Right: Chris Nelson and Kristie Fiegen were on hand for the opening of NorthWestern Energy's new Bob Glanzer Generation Station near Huron. Commissioners commemorated the event taking with a few photos with company CEO Bob Rowe and Community Relations Manager Tom Glanzer, along with his mother Penny. The new facility was named in honor of Glanzer's late father.



Bottom Left: Commissioner Nelson spoke at an awards luncheon for a State FFA Career Development event, encouraging students to not think of the the day as the end of their preparation, but as the beginning of a great adventure in taking opportunities to learn through FFA events and life.



Bottom Right: PUC Commissioners engaged with Heartland Energy CEO Russ Olson at Heartland Energy's Summer Conference.

REGULATED UTILITY COMPANIES

A listing of the companies regulated by the PUC in 2022.

2022 REGULATED UTILITY COMPANIES

The commission has territory, complaint and quality of service authority over all natural gas, electric and telecommunications utilities operating within South Dakota. Certain utilities are exempt from the commission's rate regulation. Those include municipal, rural electric cooperatives and small, independent and cooperative telephone companies. The commission retains the switched access rate making authority for all telecommunications companies providing local service, including small, independent and cooperative companies.

GROSS RECEIPTS TAX ASSESSMENT PAID BY REGULATED UTILITY COMPANIES

The sum of these figures does not correspond with the Gross Receipts Tax Revenues reported on page 7 due to timing issues. Revenues are based on calendar year.

Electric and Natural Gas Companies	\$ 1,485,492
Telecommunications Companies	\$ 463,547

INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS COMPANIES

Investor-owned electric and natural gas companies provide service to specific geographic areas in South Dakota and are regulated by the PUC. These companies are owned by their investors and are managed as private enterprises.

Black Hills Energy	NorthWestern Energy
MidAmerican Energy Co.	Otter Tail Power Co.
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.	South Dakota Intrastate Pipeline Co.
Northern States Power Co. dba Xcel Energy	

LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE COMPANIES

These long distance telephone providers are certified by the PUC to do business in South Dakota. These companies carry traffic between telephone exchanges.

#	Alliance Global Networks LLC
800 Response Information Services LLC	AmeriVision Communications Inc. dba Affinity 4
A	ANPI LLC
Access One Inc.	AT&T Corp.
AccessLine Communications Corp. dba Voice	B
Telco Services	Bandwidth.com CLEC LLC
ACN Communication Services LLC	BCN Telecom Inc.
Affinity Network Inc.	BEK Communications Cooperative
Airespring Inc.	BIF IV Intrepid OpCo LLC
Airus Inc.	Blackfoot Communications Inc.
Alliance Communications Cooperative Inc.	Broadband Dynamics LLC

LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE COMPANIES CONTINUED...

B continued...

Broadsmart Global Inc.
Broadview Networks Inc.
Broadvox-CLEC LLC
Broadwing Communications LLC
BullsEye Telecom Inc.
Business Network Long Distance Inc.

C

CBTS Technology Solutions LLC
Central Telecom Long Distance Inc.
CenturyLink Communications LLC dba Lumen
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority
City of Faith Municipal Telephone Co.
Clarity Telecom LLC dba Bluepeak Fiber
Clear Rate Communications LLC
Combined Public Communications LLC
Comcast Phone of South Dakota LLC
Communications Network Billing Inc. (*withdrew 05/22*)
Communications Venture Corp. dba INdigital
ComTech 21 LLC
Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services Inc.
Consolidated Communications Networks Inc.
Consolidated Telecom Inc.
Consumer Telcom Inc.
Convergia Inc.
Crexendo Business Solutions Inc.
Crown Castle Fiber LLC
CSDVRS LLC
Custom Teleconnect Inc.

D

DeltaCom LLC
dishNET Wireline LLC

E

Easton Telecom Services LLC
Education Networks of America Inc.
Electric Lightwave LLC dba Allstream
Enhanced Communications Group LLC dba ECG LLC
EnTelegent Solutions Inc.
Express Communications Inc.

F

FiberComm LC
First Choice Technology Inc.

F continued...

First Communications LLC
France Telecom Corporate Solutions LLC
Frontier Communications of America Inc.
Fusion LLC
Fusion Cloud Services LLC

G

GC Pivotal LLC dba Global Capacity
Global Crossing Telecommunications Inc.
Global Tel*Link Corp. dba ViaPath Technologies
GoDaddy.com LLC
Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative Inc. dba Golden West Telecommunications
Granite Telecommunications LLC
Greenfly Networks Inc. dba Clearly Communications

H

Heartland Telecommunications Company of Iowa

I

IDT America Corp.
InContact Inc.
Inmate Calling Solutions LLC dba ICSolutions
Integrated Services Inc.
Intrado Communications LLC
Intrado Safety Communications Inc.

J

James Valley Cooperative Telephone Co.
Jefferson Telephone Co. LLC aka Long Lines

K

KDDI America Inc.

L

Level 3 Communications LLC
Level 3 Telecom Data Services LLC
Lingo Telecom LLC dba Trinsic Communications dba VarTec Telecom dba Excel Telecommunications dba Impact Telecom dba Americatel dba Lingo
Long Lines Metro LLC
LTS Telecommunications Services (USA) Inc.

LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE COMPANIES CONTINUED...

M

MagicJack SMB Inc.
MCC Telephony of the Midwest LLC dba Mediacom
MCI Communications Services LLC dba Verizon
Business Services
MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC dba
Verizon Access Transmission Services
McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services LLC dba
PAETEC Business Services
Metropolitan Telecommunications of South Dakota Inc.
dba MetTel
Midcontinent Communications
Middle Mile Infrastructure LLC
Midstate Communications Inc.
Mobilitie LLC
Motorola Solutions Connectivity Inc.
Multiline Long Distance Inc.

N

National Access Long Distance Inc.
Nationwide Long Distance Services Inc.
Native American Telecom LLC – Pine Ridge
Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications Inc.
NebraskaLink Holdings LLC dba OPTK Networks
Netwolves Network Services LLC
Network Communications International Corp. dba
NCIC Inmate Communications
Network Innovations Inc.
Network Service Billing Inc. (withdrew COA 05/22)
NetworkIP LLC dba Elite Telecom
Neutral Tandem–South Dakota LLC
New Horizons Communications Corp.
NextGen Communications Inc.
NGA 911 LLC
North Dakota Long Distance LLC
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co.
Northern Valley Communications LLC
NOS Communications Inc. dba International Plus dba
011 Communications dba Internet Business
Association dba Iwantage Network Solutions dba
Blueridge Telecom Systems
NOSVA Limited Partnership

O

Onvoy LLC
Opex Communications Inc.

P

PaeTec Communications LLC
Pay Tel Communications Inc.
Peerless Network of South Dakota LLC
PNG Telecommunications Inc. dba PowerNet Global
Communications dba CrossConnect dba Thr!ve
Premier Communications Inc. dba Premier
Communications
Public Communications Services Inc. (*cancelled
COA 03/22*)

Q

Quantumshift Communications dba Inc. vCom Solutions
Qwest Corp. dba CenturyLink QC

R

RC Technologies
Reduced Rate Long Distance LLC
Reliance Telephone Systems Inc.
RingSquared Telecom LLC

S

Santel Communications Cooperative Inc.
SBC Long Distance LLC
Securus Technologies LLC
Simwood Inc.
Spectrotel of the West LLC
Standard Tandem LLC
Stratus Networks Inc.

T

TDS Long Distance Corp.
Telecom Management Inc. dba Pioneer Telephone
Televergence Solutions Inc.
Telrite Corp.
Three River Telco dba Three River Long Distance
Time Clock Solutions LLC
Time Warner Cable Business LLC
Toly Digital Networks Inc.
Total Holdings Inc. dba GTC Communications Inc.
Touchtone Communications Inc.

LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE COMPANIES CONTINUED...

U

Uniti National LLC
U.S. Telecom Long Distance Inc.
USA Digital Communications Inc.

V

Valley Communications Inc. dba Valley FiberCom
Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Association Inc.
Value-Added Communications Inc. dba ViaPath Technologies
Velocity, A Managed Services Company, Inc.
Venture Vision Inc.
Verizon Long Distance LLC
Verizon Select Services Inc.
Voicecom Telecommunications LLC dba Intelliverse

W

Wide Voice LLC
WiTel Communications LLC
WiMacTel Inc. dba Intellicall Operator Services
Windstream Communications LLC
Windstream KDL LLC
Windstream New Edge LLC
Windstream Norlight LLC
Working Assets Funding Service Inc. dba Credo Long Distance

X

X2Comm Inc. dba DC Communications (discontinued 09/22)
XO Communications Services LLC

Z

Zayo Group LLC

OPERATOR SERVICE COMPANIES

An operator service provider is a telecommunications company that provides, by contract, a connection to long distance or local services from such places as hotels, motels, hospitals, correctional facilities and campuses. The following operator service providers are authorized to do business in South Dakota.

C

Combined Public Communications LLC
Consolidated Telecom Inc. dba Secured Technologies Inc.
Custom Teleconnect Inc.

G

Global Tel*Link Corp. dba ViaPath

I

Inmate Calling Solutions LLC dba ICSolutions

N

Network Communications International Corp. dba NCIC
Inmate Communications

P

PayTel Communications Inc.
Public Communications Services Inc. (cancelled COA 03/22)

R

Reliance Telephone Systems Inc.

S

Securus Technologies LLC

V

Value-Added Communications Inc. dba ViaPath Technologies

W

WiMacTel Inc. dba Intellicall Operator Services

COMPETITIVE LOCAL EXCHANGE COMPANIES

A CLEC is a local exchange carrier providing local telephone service in competition with the incumbent local exchange carriers (ILEC). Some companies can be both a CLEC and an ILEC (see page 30) in different service areas. The following CLECs are certified by the PUC to provide telecommunications services in South Dakota.

#

321 Communications Inc.

A

ACN Communication Services LLC
Airespring Inc.
Airus Inc.
ANPI Business LLC
ANPI LLC
AT&T Corp.
ATV Holdings LLC dba Mitchell Telecom

B

Bandwidth.com CLEC LLC
BCN Telecom Inc.
BEK Communications Cooperative
BIF IV Intrepid OpCo LLC
Blackfoot Communications Inc.
BlueBird Communications SD LLC
Broadsmart Global Inc.
Broadview Networks Inc.
Broadvox-CLEC LLC
BullsEye Telecom Inc.

C

CBTS Technology Solutions LLC
Celerity Networks LLC
CenturyLink Communications LLC dba Lumen
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority
Clarity Telecom LLC dba Bluepeak Fiber
Clear Rate Communications LLC
Communications Venture Corp. dba INdigital
COMTECH 21 LLC
Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services Inc.
Crexendo Business Solutions Inc.
Crown Castle Fiber LLC

D

dishNET Wireline LLC

E

Easton Telecom Services LLC
Education Networks of America Inc.
Electric Lightwave LLC dba Allstream
eNetworks LLC
EnTelegent Solutions Inc.
ExteNet Systems Inc.

F

FiberComm LC
France Telecom Corporate Solutions LLC
Fusion Cloud Services LLC

G

GC Pivotal LLC dba Global Capacity
Granite Telecommunications LLC
Greenfly Networks Inc. dba Clearly Communications

I

IDT America Corp.
InContact Inc. dba UCN Inc.
Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative Inc.
Intrado Communications LLC
Intrado Safety Communications Inc.

L

Level 3 Communications LLC
Level 3 Telecom Data Services LLC
Lingo Telecom LLC dba Trinsic Communications dba
VarTec Telecom dba Excel Telecommunications
dba Impact Telecom dba Americatel dba Lingo
Long Lines Metro LLC

M

MagicJack SMB Inc.
MCC Telephony of the Midwest Inc. dba Mediacom
MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC dba
Verizon Access Transmission Services
McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services LLC dba
PAETEC Business Services
Metropolitan Telecommunications of South Dakota Inc.
dba MetTel
Midcontinent Communications
Midstate Communications Inc.
Mobilitie LLC
Motorola Solutions Connectivity Inc.

N

Native American Telecom LLC - Pine Ridge
Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications Inc.
NetFortris Acquisition Co. Inc.
Neutral Tandem-South Dakota LLC
New Horizons Communications Corp.
NextGen Communications Inc.
NGA 911 LLC
Northern Valley Communications LLC
NOS Communications Inc.

COMPETITIVE LOCAL EXCHANGE COMPANIES CONTINUED...

O

Onvoy LLC

P

Peerless Network of South Dakota LLC

Q

Quantumshift Communications dba Vcom Solutions

R

RC Technologies

S

Simwood Inc.

South Dakota Network LLC dba SDN Communication

Spectrotel Inc. dba One Touch Communications dba
Touch Base Communications

SQF LLC

Standard Tandem LLC

T

Teleport Communications America

Time Clock Solutions LLC

U

Uniti National LLC

V

Valley Communications Inc. dba Valley FiberCom

Velocity, A Managed Services Company Inc.

Venture Vision Inc.

W

Wide Voice LLC

Windstream KDL LLC

Windstream New Edge LLC

X

XO Communications Services LLC

Y

Ymax Communications Corp.

Z

Zayo Group LLC

WIRELESS COMPANIES

Known by the Public Utilities Commission to be doing business in South Dakota.

A

Air Voice Wireless LLC

Alliance Communications Cooperative Inc.

Alliant Technologies LLC

Alltel Corp.

American Messaging Services LLC

AmeriVision Communications Inc. dba Lifeline

Communications dba Affinity 4

Assurance Wireless USA LP

B

Bark Technologies Inc.

Best Buy Health Inc. dba GreatCall

Boomerang Wireless LLC dba enTouch Wireless

Brookings Municipal Telephone dba Swiftel
Communications

C

Cintex Wireless LLC dba SFone Wireless

Clear Mobile LLC dba Clear Wireless

Comcast OTR1 LLC

CommNet Cellular Inc.

Consumer Cellular Inc.

Cox Wireless LLC dba Cox Mobile

Cricket Wireless LLC

CSC Wireless LLC dba Altice Mobile

D

Databytes Inc. (cancelled 02/22)

DISH Wireless LLC (Boost Mobile brand)

E

EarthLink LLC

Easy Telephone Services Co. dba Easy Wireless

Enhanced Communications Group LLC dba ECG LLC
and Boom Mobile

Excellus Communications LLC

Excess Telecom Inc.

F

FiberComm LC

Flash Wireless LLC

G

Gabb Wireless Inc.

GloTell US Corp.

Go Technology Management LLC

Google North America Inc. dba Project Fi by Google

Granite Telecommunications LLC

H

Hello Mobile Telecom LLC

Hoop Wireless LLC

WIRELESS COMPANIES CONTINUED...

I

IM Telecom LLC dba Infiniti Mobile
IDT Domestic Telecom Inc.
i-wireless LLC
Insight Mobile Inc.

J

James Valley Cooperative Telephone Co. dba James
Valley Telecommunications
James Valley Wireless LLC

K

Kajeet Inc.
KDDI America Inc.

L

Locus Telecommunications LLC
Lycamobile USA Inc.

M

Marconi Wireless Holdings LLC dba Credo Mobile
Maxsip Telecom Corp.
MetroPCS of Michigan LLP dba Metro by T-Mobile
Mint Mobile LLC
Mobi Inc.

N

Native Wireless LLC
NetZero Wireless Inc. dba magicJack wireless
(cancelled 12/22)
New Cingular Wireless PCS LLC dba AT&T Mobility LLC
NewPhone Wireless LLC
Nextel West Corp. dba Nextel
Nextiva
Nexus Communications Inc. dba Reachout Wireless
North American Local LLC
NPCR Inc. dba Nextel Partners

O

OnStar LLC
Onvoy Spectrum LLC
Orbic North America LLC

P

Pareteum Corp.
Patriot Mobile LLC
Peerless Network of South Dakota LLC
PNG Telecommunications Inc. dba PowerNet
Puretalk Holdings Inc.

Q

Q Link Wireless LLC

R

Ready Wireless LLC
Rural Cellular Corp.

S

Sage Telecom Communications LLC dba TruConnect
Sarver Corp.
SelectTel Inc. dba SelectTel Wireless
Soehl Electronics Inc. dba Vantek Communications
Sprint Spectrum LP dba Sprint PCS
Standing Rock Telecom
Stream Communications LLC
STS Media Inc. dba FreedomPop
STX Group LLC dba Twigby

T

T C Telephone LLC dba Horizon Cellular
(cancelled 02/22)
Telecom Management Inc. dba Pioneer Telephone
Telefonica USA Inc.
Tempo Telecom LLC
The Light Phone Inc.
Ting Inc.
T-Mobile Central LLC dba T-Mobile USA Inc.
TouchTone Communications Inc.
TracFone Wireless Inc.
Troomi Wireless Inc.
TruConnect Communications Inc.
Truphone Inc.
Tube Incorporated dba Reach Mobile

U

U.S. Mobile LLC
UVNV Inc.

V

Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Association Inc.
Visible Service LLC
Vodafone US Inc. dba Vodapone Americas

W

WaveNation LLC
Western Communications Inc.
Whoop Connect Inc.
Wing Tel Inc.
Wizie Mobile LLC
Working Assets Funding Service Inc. dba Credo Long
Distance
Wrizzle Inc.

Z

Zefcom LLC

LOCAL TELEPHONE COMPANIES

Also known as Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers, the following companies were providing local services when the Telecommunications Act of 1996 was enacted. Some companies can be both an ILEC and a CLEC (see page 27) in different service areas.

INDEPENDENT

C

Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority
Clarity Telecom LLC dba Vast Broadband

F

Fort Randall Telephone Co.

J

Jefferson Telephone LLC dba Long Lines

K

Kennebec Telephone Co.

Q

Qwest Corp. dba CenturyLink QC

MUNICIPALS

B

Beresford Municipal Telephone Co.
City of Brookings Municipal Telephone

F

City of Faith Telephone Co.

COOPERATIVES

A

Alliance Communications Cooperative Inc.

G

Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative Inc. dba
Golden West Telecommunications

I

Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative Inc.

J

James Valley Cooperative Telephone Co.

M

Midstate Communications Inc.

R

RC Technologies

S

Santel Communications Cooperative

T

TrioTel Communications Inc.

V

Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Association
Venture Communications Cooperative

W

West River Cooperative Telephone Co.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE COMPANIES

C

Citizens Telecommunications Company of Minnesota
LLC
Consolidated Telcom Inc.

D

Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative

F

Farmers Mutual Telephone Co.

G

Great Plains Communications LLC

H

Heartland Telecommunications Company of Iowa

N

Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co.

Q

Qwest Corp. dba CenturyLink QC

R

Red River Rural Telephone Association
RT Communications Inc.

T

Three River Telco

V

Valley Telephone Co.

W

West River Telecommunications Cooperative

OTHER TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES

Certified to provide telecommunications services in South Dakota by the Public Utilities Commission.

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South Dakota Network LLC dba SDN Communications

DOCKET STATUS REGISTER

A look at all of the dockets filed with the PUC in 2022.

Type	Filed	Completed	Pending as of Jan. 1, 2023
Administrative Items	3	3	0
Complaint	1	0	1
Electric	36	28	8
Gas & Electric	2	2	0
Grain Warehouse	7	5	2
Hydrocarbon & Carbon Dioxide Pipeline	2	0	2
Natural Gas	11	9	2
Telecommunications	69	62	7
TOTALS	131	109	22

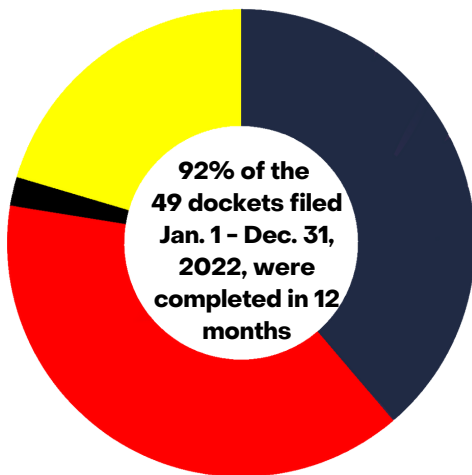
Dockets closed between Jan. 1, 2023, and the publication date of this report (Spring 2022) are noted in parentheses.

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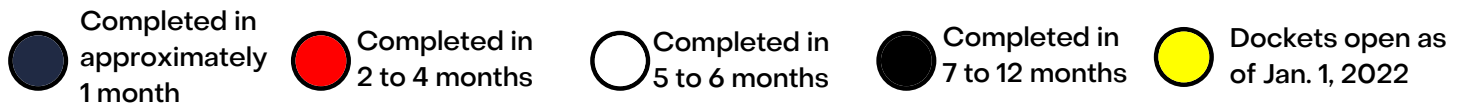
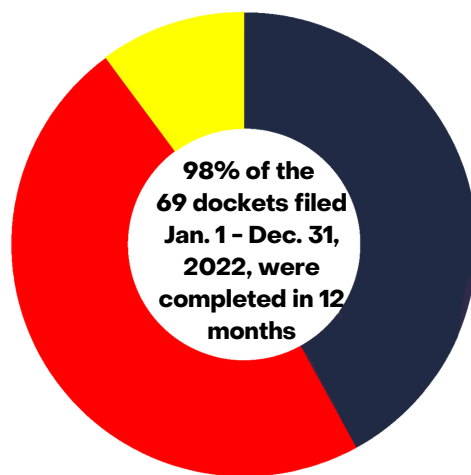
COMPLETED DOCKETS

The number of dockets filed and completed each year reveals the agency's ability to manage its duties and workload. The measurement also assists agency officials in managing the process by which dockets are assigned, analyzed and acted upon by staff and commissioners. The commission seeks to completely process 90 percent of its electric and natural gas dockets and telecommunications dockets within 12 months of a docket being filed.

Electric and Natural Gas Dockets



Telecommunications Dockets



ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

AA22-001 - Establishment of the Gross Receipts Tax Levy for Fiscal Year 2023

Date Filed: 03/18/22 ♦ Completed: 04/20/22

AA22-002 - In the Matter of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, Electrification of Transportation Investigation

Date Filed: 06/21/22 ♦ Completed: 11/14/22

AA22-003 - In the Matter of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, Demand Response Investigation

Date Filed: 06/21/22 ♦ Completed: 11/14/22

COMPLAINT DOCKETS

CE22-001 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Amber Christenson, Linda Lindgren and Timothy Lindgren against Crowned Ridge Wind LLC regarding Project Sound Level Compliance

Date Filed: 09/21/22 ♦ Pending

ELECTRIC DOCKETS

EL22-001 - In the Matter of the Filing by Otter Tail Power Company for Approval of Tariff Revisions to Its Rates for Small Power Production and Cogeneration

Date Filed: 01/28/22 ♦ Completed: 03/31/22

EL22-002 - In the Matter of the Application of Black Hills Power, Inc. dba Black Hills Energy for Approval to Provide a Light Emitting Diode (LED) Option for Street Lighting Service Customers

Date Filed: 02/01/22 ♦ Completed: 04/12/22

EL22-003 - In the Matter of the Filing by MidAmerican Energy Company for Approval of Tariff Revisions regarding Its 2021 Transmission Cost Recovery Reconciliation and 2022 Transmission Cost Recovery Factors

Date Filed: 02/15/22 ♦ Completed: 03/24/22

EL22-004 - In the Matter of the Filing by MidAmerican Energy Company for Approval of Tariff Revisions to Its Rate SAL - Street and Area Lighting Tariff

Date Filed: 02/18/22 ♦ Completed: 03/18/22

EL22-005 - In the Matter of the Application of Black Hills Power, Inc. dba Black Hills Energy for Approval of Its 2021 Economic Development Report and 2022 Economic Development Plan

Date Filed: 02/28/22 ♦ Completed: 03/30/22

EL22-006 - In the Matter of the Filing by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Subsidiary of MDU Resources Group Inc., for Approval of the Annual Update to Its Transmission Cost Recovery Rider Rate

Date Filed: 03/01/22 ♦ Completed: 05/31/22

EL22-007 - In the Matter of the Filing by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Subsidiary of MDU Resources Group Inc., for Approval of the Annual Update to Its Infrastructure Rider Rate

Date Filed: 03/01/22 ♦ Completed: 05/31/22

EL22-008 - In the Matter of the Filing of Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy for Approval of Its 2021 Economic Development Activities and 2022 Budget

Date Filed: 03/08/22 ♦ Completed: 04/25/22

ELECTRIC DOCKETS CONTINUED...

EL22-009 - In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy for Approval of Its 2022 Economic Development Plan and 2021 Economic Development Report
Date Filed: 03/31/22 ♦ Completed: 05/11/22

EL22-010 - In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy for Approval of Its 2021 Demand Side Management Report and 2023 Proposed Demand Side Management Plan
Date Filed: 04/29/22 ♦ Completed: 12/15/22

EL22-011 - In the Matter of Otter Tail Power Company's 2021 South Dakota Energy Efficiency Plan Status Report and 2022 Annual Filing to Update the Energy Efficiency Adjustment Rider
Date Filed: 05/02/22 ♦ Completed: 06/09/22

EL22-012 - In the Matter of the Application of Black Hills Power, Inc. dba Black Hills Energy for Approval to Implement a Revision to its Standard Forms
Date Filed: 05/19/22 ♦ Completed: 06/15/22

EL22-013 - In the Matter of Otter Tail Power Company's Petition for Approval of Phase-In Rider Rate
Date Filed: 06/01/22 ♦ Completed: 08/31/22

EL22-014 - In the Matter of the Filing by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Subsidiary of MDU Resources Group Inc., for Approval to Revise Residential Electric Dual Fuel Space Heating Service Rate 53
Date Filed: 06/15/22 ♦ Completed: 09/29/22

EL22-015 - In the Matter of the Joint Request for an Electric Service Territory Boundary Change between Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy and Southeastern Electric Cooperative Inc.
Date Filed: 06/15/22 ♦ Completed: 07/22/22

EL22-016 - In the Matter of the Filing by Otter Tail Power Company for Approval to Temporarily Suspend Credit Card Fees
Date Filed: 06/29/22 ♦ Completed: 07/07/22

EL22-017 - In the Matter of the Application of Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy for Authority to Increase its Electric Rates
Date Filed: 06/30/22 ♦ Pending

EL22-018 - In the Matter of the Filing by MidAmerican Energy Company for Approval of Tariff Revisions to its Rates for Cogeneration and Small Power Production Facilities
Date Filed: 06/30/22 ♦ Completed: 08/03/22

EL22-019 - In the Matter of the Joint Request for Approval of an Electric Service Rights Exception between Dakota Energy Cooperative, Inc. and Northern Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Date Filed: 07/07/22 ♦ Completed: 08/08/22

EL22-020 - In the Matter of the Joint Request for Approval of an Amended Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Black Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc. and West River Electric Cooperative
Date Filed: 07/29/22 ♦ Completed: 09/30/22

ELECTRIC DOCKETS CONTINUED...

EL22-021 – In the Matter of the Filing by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Subsidiary of MDU Resources Group Inc., a Request for Waiver of Fuel and Purchase Power Adjustment Rate 58
Date Filed: 08/03/22 ♦ Completed: 09/14/22

EL22-022 – In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy for Approval of Its 2023 Transmission Cost Recovery Eligibility and Rate Adjustment
Date Filed: 09/01/22 ♦ Completed: 12/19/22

EL22-023 – In the Matter of the Joint Request for Service Rights Exception between Southeastern Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Central Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Date Filed: 09/02/22 ♦ Completed: 09/30/22

EL22-024 – In the Matter of the Application of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Subsidiary of MDU Resources Group Inc., for Approval to Implement New Rate Schedule High Density Contracted Demand Response Rate 45
Date Filed: 09/21/22 ♦ (Completed: 01/10/23)

EL22-025 – In the Matter of Otter Tail Power Company's Petition for Approval of Tariff Revisions to Rate Schedule, Section 13.01 Energy Adjustment Rider
Date Filed: 09/30/22 ♦ Completed: 11/29/22

EL22-026 – In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy for Approval of Its 2023 Infrastructure Rider Project Eligibility and Factor Update
Date Filed: 09/30/22 ♦ Completed: 12/19/22

EL22-027 – In the Matter of the Joint Request for Approval of an Amended Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Clay-Union Electric, Inc. and the City of Vermillion
Date Filed: 10/05/22 ♦ Completed: 10/31/22

EL22-028 – In the Matter of the Joint Request for Approval of an Electric Service Agreement between NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy and Clay-Union Electric, Inc.
Date Filed: 10/11/22 ♦ Completed: 11/09/22

EL22-029 – In the Matter of the Filing by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for Approval of Tariff Revisions to Its Rates for Rate 95 and Rate 96
Date Filed: 10/12/22 ♦ (Completed: 01/06/23)

EL22-030 – In the Matter of the Joint Request for Service Rights Exception between Douglas Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Southeastern Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Date Filed: 10/17/22 ♦ Completed: 11/09/22

EL22-031 – In the Matter of the Petition of Otter Tail Power Company for Approval of the Transmission Cost Recovery Rider Rate
Date Filed: 11/01/22 ♦ (Completed: 02/17/23)

EL22-032 – In the Matter of the Joint Request for Approval of an Amended Electric Service Territory Boundary Agreement between Black Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Black Hills Power, Inc. dba Black Hills Energy
Date Filed: 11/07/22 ♦ Completed: 12/21/22

ELECTRIC DOCKETS CONTINUED...

EL22-033 - In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy for Approval of Tariff Revisions to Its Small Qualifying Facility Rider (Rates 73 and 74)
Date Filed: 11/15/22 ♦ Pending

EL22-034 - In the Matter of the Joint Request for Service Rights Exception between Codington-Clark Electric Cooperative, Inc. and NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy
Date Filed: 12/02/22 ♦ (Completed: 01/19/23)

EL22-035 - In the Matter of the Joint Request for Service Rights Exception between Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy and Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. dba Sioux Valley Energy
Date Filed: 12/22/22 ♦ (Completed: 01/19/23)

EL22-036 - In the Matter of the Application of Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy for Approval of a Tariff Revision to Include February as an Extended Billing Period Month
Date Filed: 12/22/22 ♦ (Completed: 01/27/23)

GAS & ELECTRIC DOCKETS

GE22-001 - In the Matter of the Filing by MidAmerican Energy Company for Approval of a Revised Customer Information Welcome Booklet
Date Filed: 04/19/22 ♦ Completed: 08/22/22

GE22-002 - In the Matter of the Application of NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy for Approval of Corporate Restructuring
Date Filed: 06/01/22 ♦ Completed: 08/03/22

GRAIN WAREHOUSE DOCKETS

GW22-001 - In the Matter of Dallas Langley Trucking's Application for a Grain Buyer License
Date Filed: 01/03/22 ♦ Completed: 03/18/22

GW22-002 - In the Matter of Roslyn Elevator, Roslyn, South Dakota
Date Filed: 02/03/22 ♦ Pending

GW22-003 - In the Matter of the Settlement Agreement with Atlantic Grain & Trade, LLC
Date Filed: 03/08/22 ♦ Completed: 04/05/22

GW22-004 - In the Matter of PUC Staff's Complaint Against Crossroads Cooperative
Date Filed: 03/08/22 ♦ Completed: 05/05/22

GW22-005 - In the Matter of the PUC Staff's Complaint Against Organic Producers of Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota (OPINS), North Bend, Nebraska
Date Filed: 06/17/22 ♦ (Completed: 01/24/23)

GW22-006 - In the Matter of the PUC Staff's Complaint Against South Dakota Hutterian Co-Operative of Aberdeen, South Dakota
Date Filed: 07/15/22 ♦ Completed: 10/03/22

GW22-007 - In the Matter of the Settlement Stipulation with Hefty Seed Company of Baltic, South Dakota
Date Filed: 10/13/22 ♦ Completed: 11/15/22

HYDROCARBON AND CARBON DIOXIDE PIPELINE DOCKETS

HP22-001 - In the Matter of the Application by SCS Carbon Transport LLC for a Permit to Construct A Carbon Dioxide Transmission Pipeline

Date Filed: 02/07/22 ♦ Pending

HP22-002 - In the Matter of the Application of Navigator Heartland Greenway, LLC for a Permit Under The South Dakota Energy Conversion and Transmission Facilities Act to Construct the Heartland Greenway Pipeline in South Dakota

Date Filed: 09/27/22 ♦ Pending

NATURAL GAS DOCKETS

NG22-001 - In the Matter of the Filing by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for Approval of Its Revised Conservation Tracking Adjustment

Date Filed: 01/28/22 ♦ Completed: 02/25/22

NG22-002 - In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy for Approval of a Contract with Deviations with Redfield Energy, LLC

Date Filed: 03/23/22 ♦ Completed: 04/21/22

NG22-003 - In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy for Approval of a Contract with Deviations with Ben Crick

Date Filed: 03/28/22 ♦ Completed: 04/27/22

NG22-004 - In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy for Approval of Its 2022 Economic Development Plan and 2021 Economic Development Report

Date Filed: 03/31/22 ♦ Completed: 05/11/22

NG22-005 - In the Matter of the Application of MidAmerican Energy Company for Authority to Increase its Natural Gas Rates

Date Filed: 05/18/22 ♦ (Completed: 03/31/23)

NG22-006 - In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy for Approval of a Contract with Deviations with CE bp Renew Dynamic Co II, LLC

Date Filed: 06/17/22 ♦ Completed: 08/04/22

NG22-007 - In the Matter of the Filing by MidAmerican Energy Company for Approval of Its 2021 Economic Development Activities and 2022 Proposed Budget

Date Filed: 07/06/22 ♦ Completed: 09/02/22

NG22-008 - In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy for Approval of Its Gas Transportation Tariff Revisions Regarding Fuel Retention Percentage

Date Filed: 08/26/22 ♦ Completed: 10/03/22

NG22-009 - In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy for Approval of its Refund Plan regarding Its Recovery of Manufactured Gas Plant Site Remediation Costs

Date Filed: 10/14/22 ♦ Completed: 11/23/22

NG22-010 - In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy for Approval of a Contract with Deviations with Ace Ready Mix, Inc.

Date Filed: 11/09/22 ♦ Completed: 11/23/22

NATURAL GAS DOCKETS CONTINUED...

NG22-011 – In the Matter of the Filing by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Subsidiary of MDU Resources Group Inc., for Approval of Authority to Establish North Deadwood Expansion Area Surcharge Rate 75
Date Filed: 11/18/22 ♦ (Completed: 03/03/23)

TELECOMMUNICATIONS DOCKETS

TC22-001 – In the Matter of the Approval of an Unbundled Network Elements (UNEs) – Resale Forbearance Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between CenturyLink QC and dishNET LLC
Date Filed: 01/27/22 ♦ Completed: 02/23/22

TC22-002 – In the Matter of the Approval of a FCC Modernizing Unbundling and Resale Requirements Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between CenturyLink QC and dishNET LLC
Date Filed: 01/27/22 ♦ Completed: 02/23/22

TC22-003 – In the Matter of the Approval of the LIS Facility PVU Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Level 3 Communications, LLC
Date Filed: 02/11/22 ♦ Completed: 03/18/22

TC22-004 – In the Matter of the Approval of the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Simwood Inc.
Date Filed: 02/11/22 ♦ Completed: 03/18/22

TC22-005 – In the Matter of the Application of Torch Wireless for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier for Purposes of Lifeline Only in the State of South Dakota
Date Filed: 02/17/22 ♦ Completed: 03/30/22

TC22-006 – In the Matter of the Approval of the Interconnection Agreement between Brookings Municipal Utilities dba Swiftel Communications and T-Mobile USA, INC.
Date Filed: 02/17/22 ♦ Completed: 03/21/22

TC22-007 – In the Matter of SDTA's Petition for Waiver of Filing Deadline for the Commission's Annual USF Certification Process
Date Filed: 03/17/22 ♦ Completed: 04/20/22

TC22-008 – In the Matter of an Application of NebraskaLink Holdings, LLC for a Certificate of Authority for Interexchange Service in the State of South Dakota
Date Filed: 03/18/22 ♦ Completed: 07/08/22

TC22-009 – In the Matter of the Petition of AirVoice Wireless, LLC dba AirTalk Wireless for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the State of South Dakota
Date Filed: 03/28/22 ♦ Pending

TC22-010 – In the Matter of the Filing of Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC for Approval of Revisions to Its Access Service Tariff
Date Filed: 05/19/22 ♦ Completed: 06/23/22

TC22-011 – In the Matter of the Request of City of Brookings Municipal Telephone for Certification Regarding Its Use of Federal Universal Service Support (Study Area: 391650)
Date Filed: 06/03/22 ♦ Completed: 09/14/22

TELECOMMUNICATIONS DOCKETS CONTINUED...

TC22-012 - In the Matter of the Request of Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. for Certification Regarding Its Use of Federal Universal Service Support (Study Area: 391654)
Date Filed: 06/08/22 ♦ Completed: 09/14/22

TC22-013 - In the Matter of the Request of Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc., fka SSTELECOM, Inc. for Certification Regarding Its Use of Federal Universal Service Support (Study Area: 399013)
Date Filed: 06/08/22 ♦ Completed: 09/14/22

TC22-014 - In the Matter of the Filing of MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC dba Verizon Access Transmission Services for Approval of Revisions to Its Access Services Tariff No. 2
Date Filed: 06/09/22 ♦ Completed: 07/11/22

TC22-015 - In the Matter of the Request of Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. for Certification Regarding Its Use of Federal Universal Service Support (Study Areas: Armour-391640, Golden West Telecom-391659, Kadoka-391667, Sioux Valley-391677, Union-391684, Vivian-391686)
Date Filed: 06/13/22 ♦ Completed: 09/14/22

TC22-016 - In the Matter of the Request of James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company for Certification Regarding Its Use of Federal Universal Service Support (Study Area: 391664)
Date Filed: 06/15/22 ♦ Completed: 09/14/22

TC22-017 - In the Matter of the Request of James Valley Wireless, LLC for Certification Regarding Its Use of Federal Universal Service Support (Study Area: 399014)
Date Filed: 06/15/22 ♦ Completed: 09/14/22

TC22-018 - In the Matter of the Request of Northern Valley Communications, LLC for Certification Regarding Its Use of Federal Universal Service Support (Study Areas: 399017 and 396340)
Date Filed: 06/15/22 ♦ Completed: 09/14/22

TC22-019 - In the Matter of the Filing of Airus, Inc. for Approval of Revisions to Its Access Services Tariff No. 1
Date Filed: 06/21/22 ♦ Completed: 07/22/22

TC22-020 - In the Matter of the Approval of an Unbundled Network Elements (UNEs) - Resale Forbearance Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Ymax Communications Corp. for the State of South Dakota
Date Filed: 06/21/22 ♦ Completed: 07/22/22

TC22-021 - In the Matter of the Approval of a FCC Modernizing Unbundling and Resale Requirements Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Ymax Communications Corp. for the State of South Dakota
Date Filed: 06/21/22 ♦ Completed: 07/22/22

TC22-022 - In the Matter of the Filing of Peerless Network of South Dakota, LLC for Approval of Revisions to Its Access Services Tariff No. 1
Date Filed: 06/21/22 ♦ Completed: 07/22/22

TELECOMMUNICATIONS DOCKETS CONTINUED...

TC22-023 - In the Matter of the Request of TrioTel Communications, Inc. for Certification Regarding Its Use of Federal Universal Service Support (Study Areas: McCook 391669 and Tri-County Telecom 391682)

Date Filed: 06/22/22 ♦ Completed: 09/14/22

TC22-024 - In the Matter of the Request of Kennebec Telephone Co., Inc. for Certification Regarding Its Use of Federal Universal Service Support (Study Area: 391668)

Date Filed: 06/22/22 ♦ Completed: 09/14/22

TC22-025 - In the Matter of the Request of Fort Randall Telephone Company for Certification Regarding Its Use of Federal Universal Service Support (Study Area: 391660)

Date Filed: 06/23/22 ♦ Completed: 09/14/22

TC22-026 - In the Matter of the Request of Santel Communications Cooperative Inc. for Certification Regarding Its Use of Federal Universal Service Support (Study Area: 391676)

Date Filed: 06/23/22 ♦ Completed: 09/14/22

TC22-027 - In the Matter of the Request of Venture Communications Cooperative for Certification Regarding Its Use of Federal Universal Service Support (Study Area: 391680)

Date Filed: 06/27/22 ♦ Completed: 09/14/22

TC22-028 - In the Matter of the Request of Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Association, Inc. for Certification Regarding Its Use of Federal Universal Service Support (Study Area: 391685)

Date Filed: 06/27/22 ♦ Completed: 09/14/22

TC22-029 - In the Matter of the Request of West River Telecommunications Cooperative for Certification Regarding Its Use of Federal Universal Service Support (Study Area: Mobridge-391671)

Date Filed: 06/27/22 ♦ Completed: 09/14/22

TC22-030 - In the Matter of the Request of RT Communications, Inc. for Certification Regarding Its Use of Federal Universal Service Support (Study Area: 512251)

Date Filed: 06/27/22 ♦ Completed: 09/14/22

TC22-031 - In the Matter of the Filing of Granite Telecommunications, LLC for Approval of Revisions to Its Access Services Tariff No. 3

Date Filed: 06/27/22 ♦ Completed: 07/22/22

TC22-032 - In the Matter of the Request of Midstate Communications, Inc. for Certification Regarding Its Use of Federal Universal Service Support (Study Areas: ILEC-391670 and CLEC-399011)

Date Filed: 06/27/22 ♦ Completed: 09/14/22

TC22-033 - In the Matter of the Request of Jefferson Telephone Company for Certification Regarding Its Use of Federal Universal Service Support (Study Area: 391666)

Date Filed: 06/28/22 ♦ Completed: 09/14/22

TC22-034 - In the Matter of the Request of Beresford Municipal Telephone Company for Certification Regarding Its Use of Federal Universal Service Support (Study Area: 391649)

Date Filed: 06/28/22 ♦ Completed: 09/14/22

TELECOMMUNICATIONS DOCKETS CONTINUED...

TC22-035 - In the Matter of the Request of RC Technologies for Certification Regarding Its Use of Federal Universal Service Support (Study Area: 391674)
Date Filed: 06/28/22 ♦ Completed: 09/14/22

TC22-036 - In the Matter of the Approval of an Unbundled Network Elements (UNEs) - Resale Forbearance Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Greenfly Networks, Inc. dba Clearly Communications for the State of South Dakota
Date Filed: 06/29/22 ♦ Completed: 08/19/22

TC22-037 - In the Matter of the Approval of a FCC Modernizing Unbundling and Resale Requirements Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Greenfly Networks, Inc. dba Clearly Communications for the State of South Dakota
Date Filed: 06/29/22 ♦ Completed: 08/22/22

TC22-038 - In the Matter of the Filing by dishNET Wireline, LLC for Approval of Revisions to Its Access Services Tariff No. 2
Date Filed: 06/29/22 ♦ Completed: 07/20/22

TC22-039 - In the Matter of the Request of West River Cooperative Telephone Company Certification Regarding Its Use of Federal Universal Service Support (Study Area: 391689)
Date Filed: 06/29/22 ♦ Completed: 09/14/22

TC22-040 - In the Matter of the Request of City of Faith Municipal Telephone Company for Certification Regarding Its Use of Federal Universal Service Support (Study Area: 391653)
Date Filed: 06/29/22 ♦ Completed: 09/14/22

TC22-041 - In the Matter of the Request of Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority for Certification Regarding Its Use of Federal Universal Service Support (Study Area: 391647)
Date Filed: 06/29/22 ♦ Completed: 09/14/22

TC22-042 - In the Matter of the Request of Midcontinent Communications for Certification Regarding Its Use of Federal Universal Service Support (Study Area: 399005)
Date Filed: 06/30/22 ♦ Completed: 09/14/22

TC22-043 - In the Matter of the Request of Alliance Communications Cooperative Inc. for Certification Regarding Its Use of Federal Universal Service Support (Study Areas: 391405, 391642, 391657 and 399024)
Date Filed: 06/30/22 ♦ Completed: 09/14/22

TC22-044 - In the Matter of the Request of Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC for Certification Regarding Its Use of Federal Universal Service Support (Study Area: 395145)
Date Filed: 07/01/22 ♦ Completed: 09/14/22

TC22-045 - In the Matter of the Request of Clarity Telecom, LLC dba Bluepeak Fiber for Certification Regarding Its Use of Federal Universal Service Support (Study Area: ILEC-391652 and CLEC-399006)
Date Filed: 07/01/22 ♦ Completed: 09/14/22

TELECOMMUNICATIONS DOCKETS CONTINUED...

TC22-046 - In the Matter of the Filing by Teleport Communications America LLC for Approval of Revisions to Its Access Services Tariff

Date Filed: 07/05/22 ♦ Completed: 08/19/22

TC22-047 - In the Matter of the Filing by AT&T Corp. for Approval of Revisions to Its Access Services Tariff

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TC22-048 - In the Matter of the Filing of Midcontinent Communications for Approval of Revisions to Its Switched Access Tariff

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TC22-049 - In the Matter of the Filing by Clarity Telecom, LLC dba Bluepeak Fiber for Approval of Revisions to Vast Broadband fka Knology of the Plains' South Dakota Access Tariff No. 3 and Vast Broadband fka Knology of the Black Hills, LLC's South Dakota Access Services Tariff No. 2

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TC22-050 - In the Matter of the Filing of Onvoy, LLC for Approval of Revisions to Its Access Services Tariff No. 2

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TC22-051 - In the Matter of the Unbundling and Resale Requirements Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and FiberComm, L.C. for the State of South Dakota

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TC22-052 - In the Matter of the Filing of Intrado Communications, LLC for Approval of Revisions to Its Access Services Tariff No. 2

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TC22-053 - In the Matter of the Resale Forbearance Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Metropolitan Telecommunications of South Dakota Inc. for the State of South Dakota

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TC22-054 - In the Matter of the Approval of an Unbundled Network Elements (UNEs) - Forbearance Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Metropolitan Telecommunications of South Dakota Inc. for the State of South Dakota

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TC22-055 - In the Matter of the Application of BIF IV Intrepid OpCo LLC for Certificates of Authority to Provide Local Exchange and Interexchange Telecommunications Services in the State of South Dakota

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TC22-057 - In the Matter of the Application of Beresford Municipal Telephone Company for an Amended Certificate of Authority

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TC22-058 - In the Matter of the Approval of an FCC Modernizing Unbundling and Resale Requirements Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Consolidated Communications Enterprises Services, Inc. (fka Enventis Telecom Inc.) for the State of South Dakota

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TC22-059 - In the Matter of the Approval of an FCC Modernizing Unbundling and Resale Requirements Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Consolidated Communications Enterprises Services, Inc. (fka Crystal Communications) for the State of South Dakota

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TC22-060 - In the Matter of the Approval of an Unbundled Network Elements (UNEs) – Resale Forbearance Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Consolidated Communications Enterprises Services, Inc. (fka Enventis Telecom Inc.) for the State of South Dakota

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TC22-061 - In the Matter of the Approval of an Unbundled Network Elements (UNEs) – Resale Forbearance Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Consolidated Communications Enterprises Services, Inc. (fka Crystal Communications) for the State of South Dakota

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TC22-062 - In the Matter of the Approval of an FCC Modernizing Unbundling and Resale Requirements Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Granite Telecommunications, LLC for the State of South Dakota

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TC22-066 - In the Matter of Opex Communications Inc. dba TCI Long Distance's Failure to Timely Pay Gross Receipts Tax

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TC22-068 - In the Matter of Total Holdings Inc. dba GTC Communications' Failure to Timely Pay Gross Receipts Tax

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TC22-069 - In the Matter of the Application of City of Brookings Municipal Telephone dba Swiftel Communications for an Amended Certificate of Authority

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REOPENED DOCKETS

EL18-021 - In the Matter of the Application of Otter Tail Power Company for Authority to Increase Its Electric Rates

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TC19-009 - In the Matter of the Petition of North American Local, LLC for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the State of South Dakota

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South Dakota Rural Electric representatives paused for a group photo while touring Southwest Power Pool's Operations Data Center in Little Rock, Arkansas. The trip also included an educational session, hosted by Commissioner Kristie Fiegen and SPP staff, on SPP market operations, transmission, balancing authority, and the generation interconnection process.

MISSION STATEMENT

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