

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY MATRIX)	ORDER APPROVING
TELECOM, INC. DBA MATRIX BUSINESS)	TARIFF REVISIONS
TECHNOLOGIES ALSO DBA TRINSIC)	
COMMUNICATIONS FOR APPROVAL OF)	TC12-121
REVISIONS TO ITS ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF)	
NO. 5)	

On August 2, 2012, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Matrix Telecom, Inc. dba Matrix Business Technologies also dba Trinsic Communications (Matrix) for approval of revisions to its Access Services Tariff No. 5. The purpose of this filing is to implement the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) intercarrier compensation reforms as set forth in its Connect America Fund Order (Order), released November 18, 2011.¹ As part of its Order, the FCC adopted "bill-and-keep as the default methodology" and "end state" for all intercarrier compensation traffic, including intrastate traffic. The FCC further adopted a defined "transition path" for moving to this end state. The first reduction mandated by the FCC's Order requires a carrier to reduce its intrastate terminating access rate, if above the carrier's interstate access rate, by 50 percent of the differential between the carrier's intrastate rate and the carrier's interstate access rate. The reduced rates are required to be effective by July 3, 2012.²

Matrix requested approval of the following tariff pages:

Access Services Tariff No.5

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On August 9, 2012, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of August 24, 2012, to interested individuals and entities. No parties filed to intervene.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of January 15, 2013, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the requested revisions to Matrix's Access Services Tariff No. 5. It is therefore

¹ *In the Matter of Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, et al., Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 11-161, (released November 18, 2011).

² *See In the Matter of Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, et al., Order, DA 12-870 (rel. June 5, 2012) (allowing effective dates for intrastate filings to be extended from July 1, 2012 to July 3, 2012).

ORDERED, that the Commission approves the above referenced revisions to Matrix's Access Services Tariff No. 5 effective as of January 16, 2013.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 22nd day of January, 2013.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically.
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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GARY HANSON, Chairman

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CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

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KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner