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The Honorable M. Michael Rounds
Governor of South Dakota
State Capitol Building
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Dear Governor Rounds:

We are pleased to present you with the 2008 Annual Report of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

The following pages offer an overview of the commission's work and accomplishments for the year. A new addition to the report is the list of the PUC's top priorities and how we evaluate our progress in meeting those responsibilities.

Please contact us if you wish to receive additional information.

Sincerely,

Dustin "Dusty" Johnson
Chairman

Steve Kolbeck
Vice Chairman

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ABOUT THE SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Utility regulation

The PUC ensures utility companies in South Dakota provide safe, reliable service at fair and reasonable rates. The commission regulates investor-owned electric, natural gas and telephone utilities. It plays a more limited regulatory role with respect to wireless telecommunications companies and cooperative, independent and municipal utilities.

Other responsibilities

The PUC helps resolve disputes between customers and their utilities, operates the South Dakota Do Not Call Registry and administers the state's One Call notification center (call before you dig). The commission also operates the natural gas pipeline safety program and licenses and inspects state public storage, state public grain warehouses, and grain dealers.

Advocacy and education

The commission advocates for smart energy and telecommunications policy at state and federal levels and works hard to educate consumers about ways to save energy and money. The PUC acts as a resource to landowners, communities and developers for both renewable energy development and for the build-out of our state's wireless networks.

Information superhighway

The commission's main Web site, www.puc.sd.gov, has a wealth of information from utility company phone numbers to a comprehensive docket system. Live audio Web casts of nearly all commission proceedings, including commission meetings and hearings, are accessible from the Web site and are archived for later reference. Use statistics show that on average, 72 unique users viewed 1,060 pages of the PUC site each day from January 2008 through December 2008. Compared to 2007 use, the Web site was accessed by 30 percent more users who viewed 15 percent more pages of information. More than 96 percent of the users are from outside state government's computer network, indicating the Web site is a valuable resource to utilities, attorneys, consultants and citizens interested in the work of the PUC.

The PUC also maintains four other Web sites:

- **www.SDDoNotCall.com:** An overview of how consumers can add their personal phone numbers to the national registry to decrease 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.
- **www.SDEnergySmart.com:** A guide for South Dakota consumers to become more energy efficient. The site includes links to the state's utility providers that are partners in the South Dakota Energy Smart initiative.
- **www.SDOneCall.com:** The site includes an electronic ticketing system for excavators and others who use the Call Before You Dig notification service and an index of complaints, among other important information. The PUC maintains the site for the One Call Board.
- **www.SDWind.com:** A major component of this site is information from the Wind Resource Assessment Network, a network of 11 stations that record wind speed and other vital. Data collected by WRAN is interpreted by researchers at SDSU.

COMMISSIONERS

South Dakotans elect their three Public Utilities Commissioners to staggered, six-year terms.



Commissioner Dustin "Dusty" Johnson. *Elected 2004. Term ends 2010.*
When Dusty Johnson was elected to the Public Utilities Commission, he became the youngest utilities commissioner in the nation. He is currently serving as the commission's chairman, a post he also held in 2007. Since joining the commission, he has played a role in developing renewable energy resources, expanding broadband and wireless phone capabilities, keeping utility rates low and protecting consumers.

Dusty currently serves on the board of directors and the electricity committee of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners and on the Western Interconnection Regional Advisory Board. Prior to joining the PUC, Dusty was Gov. Mike Rounds' senior policy advisor for economic development, energy, corrections and transportation issues. He has also worked for local governments in the Kansas City area and as a Truman Fellow for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C.

Dusty has a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of South Dakota, a master's degree in public administration from the University of Kansas, and in 1998 was named a Harry S. Truman Scholar. He is on the board of directors for the W.O. Farber Fund and for Abbott House (a residential treatment center for girls), and served on the Attorney General's Open Government Task Force and as an adjunct professor at Dakota Wesleyan University.



Commissioner Steve Kolbeck. *Elected 2006. Term ends 2012.*
Steve Kolbeck is the current vice chairman of the commission, a role he is continuing from 2008.

He is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, serving on the association's Committee on Telecommunications. He has been appointed to the Federal-State Joint Board on Jurisdictional Separations and NARUC's Ad Hoc Committee on National Wireless Consumer Protection Standards. Steve is also a leader in industry organizations, holding offices as treasurer of the Mid-America Regulatory Conference and chairman of the Regional Oversight Committee.

Steve has extensive experience in the telecommunications industry, having held positions with Northern Telecom (now Nortel Networks), AT&T, South Dakota Network (now SDN Communications), and Alliance Communications.

Prior to joining the commission, Steve served as a Brandon, S.D., city councilman for three years. Steve attended Northern State University and holds an Associate of Applied Science degree in telecommunications from Mitchell Technical Institute. He is a native of Salem, S.D.



Commissioner Gary Hanson. *Elected 2002 and 2008. Term ends 2014.*

Gary Hanson has served as the PUC's chairman in 2005 and 2008. Gary represents South Dakota on the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioner's Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment, and he represents NARUC Commissioners on the steering committee of the National Wind Coordinating Collaborative. He is chairman of the South Dakota Underground Pipeline Task Force and past treasurer of the Organization of MISO States.

Gary's service to the state also includes three terms in the South Dakota Senate, where he was chairman of the Senate Government Audit and Operations Committee and vice chairman of the Senate Taxation Committee.

A native of Sioux Falls, Gary was twice elected as Mayor of that city and oversaw the multiple departmental operations of more than 1,200 employees. Prior to that, he was Sioux Falls' Utilities Commissioner for six years and was responsible for the development and day-to-day activities for three municipal utilities.

As a regional and industry leader, Gary has been involved as a co-founder, past president and chairman of the Lewis and Clark Regional Water System; past chairman of the South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance; and past president of the Sioux Falls Board of Realtors. Gary owned small businesses for 16 years and is a licensed real estate auctioneer, appraiser and broker.



**South Dakota Public Utilities Commissioners
Steve Kolbeck, Dusty Johnson and Gary Hanson**

STAFF

The PUC's 27 staff members perform a variety of duties on behalf of the citizens of South Dakota and in support of the commissioners.

As **executive director**, **Patricia Van Gerpen** serves as the chief administration officer of the PUC. She is responsible for the overall management of the PUC staff and is the direct liaison between the commissioners and staff on all issues.

Heather Forney, deputy executive director, manages the commission's fiscal activities by preparing budgets and handling accounting, payroll and purchasing duties. She also schedules commission meetings and hearings.

Advising the commissioners are **John Smith, general counsel**; **Greg Rislov, commission advisor**; and **Rolayne Ailts Wiest, commission attorney**. The attorneys also represent the commission itself in state and federal courts and before federal regulatory agencies. Rolayne's additional specialties are advising about federal regulation and state legislative matters. Greg provides policy and technical consultation and research support regarding major regulatory issues.

Administrative staff members **Demaris Axthelm, Anissa Grambihler** and **Delaine Kolbo** perform a variety of support services including handling incoming phone calls and mail, greeting guests, coordinating mailings, maintaining the docket section of the PUC Web site, making travel arrangements, and disseminating information about weekly filings and meeting agendas to the public.

Brian Rounds and **Tim Binder** are **analysts** who primarily concentrate on **emerging technologies** such as wind energy, wireless telecommunications and energy efficiency efforts. They engage in outreach activities to consumers, industry representatives and students and provide docket analysis as assigned.

Analysts in the **Fixed Utilities Division** are responsible for investigating, analyzing, evaluating and presenting testimony regarding issues and policies related to the electric, natural gas and telecommunications industries as regulated by the commission. **Terri LaBrie Baker, Dave Jacobson, Bob Knadle** and **Jon Thurber** use their 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.

Karen Cremer and **Kara Semmler** are **staff attorneys**. They interpret state statutes and legal considerations for each of their assigned dockets and represent the staff in proceedings before the commission. They work closely with the analysts as they develop recommendations for policy, rate and enforcement matters. They coordinate the presentation of the staff's case and cross-examine other parties who submit testimony.

The **Pipeline Safety Division** is staffed by engineers **Nathan Solem** and **Stacy Splittstoesser** with Nathan handling additional duties as acting pipeline safety program manager. The PUC administers this program on behalf of the U.S. Department of Transportation. Nathan and Stacy inspect and investigate intrastate natural gas pipelines, master meters and propane systems to ensure the public is provided safe and dependable gas service. The two also analyze utility dockets as assigned.

Jim Mehlhaff is the director of the **Warehouse Division** that works to protect property rights of customers and safeguard payments to grain producers. **Judy Page** assists with the issuance of warehouse and grain dealer licenses. **Justin Blais** and **Ryan Riedy** conduct grain warehouse and grain dealer inspections and investigations. The warehouse staff also performs check-off audits for various grain commissions and councils.

The **Consumer Affairs Division** works with customers 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 division also coordinates the PUC's presence at home shows and fairs and makes presentations as requested.

Leah Mohr and **Tina Douglas** work on **communications** projects for the commission that include news releases, publications, and education and awareness efforts. They are also responsible for the coordination of community meetings and conferences, and the content management of the agency's Web sites.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES			ENCUMBRANCE	BALANCE
	By fund group				
	BUDGET	GENERAL FUNDS	OTHER FUNDS		
ADMINISTRATION					
Personal Services	\$345,100	\$318,432	\$0	\$0	\$26,668
Operating Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL PROGRAM	\$345,100	\$318,432	\$0	\$0	\$26,668
WAREHOUSE					
Personal Services	\$278,917	\$175,002	\$51,695	\$0	\$52,220
Operating Expenses	\$82,576	\$51,695	\$25,959	\$0	\$4,922
TOTAL PROGRAM	\$361,493	\$226,697	\$77,654	\$0	\$57,142
FIXED UTILITY (Informational Budget)					
Personal Services	\$1,605,984	\$0	\$1,332,402	\$0	\$273,582
Operating Expenses	\$421,142	\$0	\$320,112	\$0	\$101,030
TOTAL PROGRAM	\$2,027,126	\$0	\$1,652,514	\$0	\$374,612
FILING FEES (Informational Budget)					
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$207,747	\$0	(\$207,747)
Operating Expenses	\$259,991	\$0	\$128,294	\$0	\$131,697
TOTAL PROGRAM	\$259,991	\$0	\$336,041	\$0	(\$76,050)
PIPELINE SAFTEY (Informational Budget)					
Personal Services	\$127,263	\$0	\$135,429	\$0	(\$8,166)
Operating Expenses	\$41,675	\$0	\$63,087	\$0	(\$21,412)
TOTAL PROGRAM	\$168,938	\$0	\$198,516	\$0	(\$29,578)
ONE CALL NOTIFICATION (Informational Budget)					
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$8,330	\$0	(\$8,330)
Operating Expenses	\$836,700	\$0	630,894	\$0	\$205,806
TOTAL PROGRAM	\$836,700	\$0	\$639,224	\$0	\$197,476
DO NOT CALL LIST (Informational Budget)					
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Expenses	\$3,000	\$0	\$443	\$0	\$2,557
TOTAL PROGRAM	\$3,000	\$0	\$443	\$0	\$2,557

Gross Receipts Tax Fund Revenues

Grain and Warehouse Licenses	\$81,607	Gross Receipts Tax	\$1,679,580
Check off Audits	\$3,710	Application Fees	\$3,635
Interest Earned	\$6,267	Interest Earned	\$94,175
Total Revenue	\$91,584	Total Revenue	\$1,777,390

2008 YEAR IN REVIEW

2008 Leadership: Gary Hanson, Chairman; Steve Kolbeck, Vice Chairman; Dusty Johnson, Commissioner

ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS

- Received affirmation from the South Dakota 6th Circuit Court of the PUC's decision to allow for the construction of the Big Stone II power plant near Milbank.
- Hosted four workshops which resulted in a statewide best practices model for connecting small generating facilities to the electric grid. The model was submitted to the commission for consideration in a separate rulemaking docket. The workshops were part of the PUC's docket to implement the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.
- Commissioner Dusty Johnson addressed the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission as it considered whether to approve proposed transmission facilities from the Big Stone II power plant near Milbank, S.D., into their state. Johnson's comments emphasized the region's need for additional baseload generation and the environmental advantage of the new plant's pollution controls. The construction of these transmission facilities would allow significant new wind-generated electricity to be transported as well.
- Commissioner Gary Hanson testified about electric transmission issues before the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. His comments focused on challenges and regional solutions to developing transmission for renewable electricity resources.
- Approved applications by East River Electric Power Cooperative for the construction of two separate 115 kV transmission lines. The first, a 13-mile line that will run through portions of Brown and Day counties, will provide service to a pumping station in Day County for the TransCanada Keystone Pipeline and be available for future electric loads. The second, a 9.5-mile line through portions of Lincoln and Turner counties, will provide service to the Poet Biorefining Ethanol Plant near Chancellor as well as handle future electric loads.
- Approved a request from the South Dakota Oilseed Processors for NorthWestern Energy to provide service for the large electric load required at the company's new soybean crush facility east of Miller.
- Approved an application by Xcel Energy to allow the company a transmission cost recovery tariff related to transmission facilities that will allow additional capacity for wind generation from the Buffalo Ridge area and for the company's load center in and around Sioux Falls. This is the first such tariff that has come before the commission in accordance with legislation passed in 2006.
- Began a process to develop electric service territory maps using Geospatial Information Systems (GIS) technology.

- Approved an application by Xcel Energy for the company's environmental measures cost recovery tariff. The action allows the company to collect from ratepayers eligible costs associated with new pollution controls for its coal-fired generating plant in Stillwater, Minn. This is the first such tariff that has come before the commission following legislation passed in 2007.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

- Achieved a resolution of the multiyear local number portability (LNP) dispute between the rural local exchange carriers (LECs) and the wireless carriers enabling the expansion of intermodal LNP in South Dakota on terms mutually acceptable to the rural LECs and the wireless companies.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

- Conducted public education and outreach on energy efficiency through visits to three elementary schools in Rapid City and Madison, meeting with more than 375 students in second, third and fourth grades.
- Delivered presentations and met with members of the agriculture industry about ways to make their operations more energy efficient at seminars in Freeman, Lemmon, Gettysburg, Mission, Hot Springs and Philip. Met with consumers at Energy Efficiency Awareness Day in Rapid City.
- Achieved goal of motivating 4,000 people to pledge to change bulbs in their homes to energy-saving models like compact fluorescent lights. In total, the pledgers agreed to change nearly 22,000 bulbs to save energy.
- Approved Otter Tail Power Company's energy efficiency programs that provide cash rebates and credits to commercial, industrial and residential customers that install energy-efficient equipment and devices to help them reduce their energy use.

CONSUMER ASSISTANCE

- Conducted a statewide awareness campaign to encourage South Dakotans to prepare for the winter heating season by weatherizing their homes, making other energy-efficient home improvements and taking advantage of a balanced billing option offered by their utility. A series of news releases received extensive media coverage throughout the state.
- Assisted consumers on more than 2,500 occasions with issues and complaints about electric, natural gas, telecommunications, energy efficiency and other utility-related topics.
- Conducted personal outreach at farm and home shows in Watertown, Sioux Falls and Rapid City; fairs in Aberdeen, Sioux Falls and Huron; and AARP financial management seminars in Sioux Falls and Rapid City. Commissioners and staff answered consumer questions about utility issues and promoted the Do Not Call Registry, Lifeline and Link-Up telephone assistance programs and energy efficiency.

- Coordinated a statewide awareness effort to increase the use of Lifeline and Link-Up telephone assistance programs among qualified South Dakotans. Created and distributed print materials, broadcast a television commercial and discussed the programs at outreach events. More than 200 consumers contacted the PUC to request applications for the program. Additional inquiries were received by the Department of Social Services and the participating telephone companies.
- Affected a 24 percent increase in the number of South Dakota telephone numbers on the Do Not Call Registry with a statewide promotional campaign that included a television commercial, print materials and outreach efforts. More than 440 enrollments were handled by commissioners and staff at outreach events such as home shows and fairs. At the end of 2008, there were 474,511 South Dakota telephone numbers on the Do Not Call Registry.

PIPELINE SITING AND INSPECTION

- Approved a siting permit, with 57 conditions, for the TransCanada Keystone Pipeline project. The 220-mile crude oil pipeline is being constructed across the South Dakota counties of Marshall, Day, Clark, Beadle, Kingsbury, Miner, Hanson, McCook, Hutchinson and Yankton. The project also includes four pump stations to be located in Day, Beadle, Miner and Hutchinson counties.
- Opened an investigation into the occurrence of a fire at the town border station near Pierre on the Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. natural gas distribution system. Negotiated an agreement among staff and interveners Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. and South Dakota Interstate Pipeline for a process that successfully prevented incident reoccurrence during recovery of a pipeline inspection gauge (PIG).
- Completed an investigation into the natural gas explosion which occurred in a residential neighborhood in Mitchell in March 2007 on a distribution pipeline owned and operated by NorthWestern Energy. Investigation included arranging for the testing and examination of a portion of the pipe that leaked. A report was issued to analyze whether violations of pipeline regulations occurred in connection with the incident.

WIRELESS

- Received petitions from residents of Hamill, Tuthill, Norris, Reva, Hoven and Hot Springs calling for improved wireless service in and around their communities. Petitions contained a collective 1,689 signatures. Petitions are forwarded to wireless companies and the requests are discussed with company officials.
- Continued the advancement of the PUC Wireless Initiative by coordinating with wireless telecommunications providers and community leaders for the construction of 48 new wireless sites in and around Aberdeen, Alexandria, Angostura Reservoir, Bath, Beresford, Billsburg, Burke, Caputa, Castle Rock, Chester, Dell Rapids, Draper, Florence, Fort Pierre, Fort Thompson, Freeman, Harrisburg, Henry, Herreid, Hot Springs, Humboldt, Kadoka, Keystone, Lower Brule, Midland, Milbank, Mission Hill, Mount Coolidge, Newell, Onida, Pierre, Rapid City, Rosholt, Seneca, Sioux Falls, Spearfish, Sturgis, Volga, Volin, Wall Lake and Wessington Springs.

- Encouraged wireless companies as they launched wireless broadband services with Evolution Data Optimized (EVDO) technology at more than three dozen existing sites in and around Akaska, Angostura Reservoir, Armour, Bowdle, Buffalo, Burke, Dakota Dunes, Edgemont, Eureka, Fairfax, Gettysburg, Henry, Herreid, Ipswich, Kadoka, Lake Andes, Lemmon, Midland, Mission Hill, Mobridge, Mud Butte, Onida, Parkston, Pickstown, Pierre, Platte, Rapid City, Roscoe, Scotland, Selby, Seneca, Sioux Falls, Wall Lake and other locations along Interstate 90 and portions of the Black Hills.
- Participated with Lower Brule Sioux Tribe officials and Alltel Wireless representatives in a ribbon cutting event to dedicate the company's new wireless tower in Lower Brule.
- Directed the South Dakota Tower Work Group in the completion of model ordinances for the siting of wireless communication towers and wind energy systems. The documents were drafted to be easily adapted by local governments to meet their needs to encourage development without sacrificing responsibility and integrity. Model ordinances were distributed to more than 370 planning and zoning agencies throughout the state. As a result, the PUC has helped half dozen zoning administrators draft new ordinances with similar requests expected.

LEADERSHIP

- Commissioner Dusty Johnson was selected to serve on the board of directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners.
- Commissioner Steve Kolbeck was named to the Federal-State Joint Board on Jurisdictional Separations established by the Federal Communications Commission. The board determines how costs among inter- and intrastate telecommunications companies should be distributed.
- Commissioner Steve Kolbeck was appointed to NARUC's Ad Hoc Committee on National Wireless Consumer Protection Standards.
- Commissioner Steve Kolbeck began his one-year term as president of the Regional Oversight Committee, an organization of state regulatory commissions from 14 Midwest and Western states that monitors and shares information about the telecommunications industry.
- Commissioner Gary Hanson was appointed chairman of the South Dakota Underground Pipeline Task Force. The seven-member task force presented its findings to Gov. Mike Rounds in December. Among the recommendations are for South Dakota One Call to develop a database identifying high profile underground facilities and to require mandatory damage reporting. The task force further recommended the PUC look into acquiring the liquids program for intrastate pipelines from the U.S. Department of Transportation.
- Commissioner Gary Hanson was re-elected to PUC. He began serving his second six-year term in January 2009.

WIND ENERGY

- Discussed wind energy with middle and high school science classes in Faith, Brookings and Mitchell.
- Announced the selection of eight schools to participate in the South Dakota Wind for Schools program. A 1.8-kilowatt wind turbine will be installed at Sanborn Central in Forestburg, Douglas in Box Elder, Memorial Middle School in Sioux Falls and schools in Faith, Selby, Aberdeen, Elkton and Stanley County. Together with specific wind energy science curriculum, the turbines will provide hands-on alternative energy education to students.
- In its role as state facilitator for the South Dakota Wind for Schools program, the PUC received commitments from local utilities to provide in-kind and financial support for the program. Utility partners include Central Electric Cooperative, Black Hills Power, Missouri River Energy Services/City of Faith Electric Department, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., NorthWestern Energy, Otter Tail Power Co., West Central Electric Cooperative and Xcel Energy. In November, the state facilitator's duties were transitioned from the PUC to an individual from Pierre working at the direction of the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, the coordinating agency for the national Wind for Schools program.
- Secured financial support for the South Dakota Wind for Schools program from wind energy developers Babcock & Brown, Iberdrola Renewables and FPL Energy (now known as NextEra Energy Resources). Together, the developers contributed \$30,000 for construction costs of installing the educational turbines at the schools.
- Hosted three Wind Energy Briefing sessions for legislators. The well-attended forums in Rapid City, Sioux Falls and Pierre featured an overview of wind energy development in South Dakota, discussion about energy policy issues and the opportunity for legislators to ask pre-session questions.
- Discussed wind energy with middle and high school science classes in Faith, Brookings and Mitchell.
- Contributed to the development of the "South Dakota Landowner's Wind Power Development Handbook," a guide that describes the wind development process for those considering placing a wind energy system on their property. The publication was coordinated by the South Dakota Energy Infrastructure Authority. The South Dakota Attorney General's Office also contributed information for the booklet.

WAREHOUSE

- Researched incidents and disseminated a warning via statewide media alerting grain buyers of a regional grain contracting scheme. The scheme involved a person entering into delivery contracts under a fictitious name with no intentions of producing or delivering grain to fulfill the obligations. The sellers in question are believed to not be legitimate and are not from South Dakota.

- Issued 302 warehouse and grain dealer licenses and performed 378 grain warehouse and grain dealer inspections. The PUC also performed 69 check-off audits for various grain commissions and councils.
- Instituted a vigorous monitoring process upon the announcement of VeraSun Energy's reorganization. Maintained daily communications with company representatives and performed additional on-site facility inspections in VeraSun's trade areas with an emphasis on monitoring grain buyers' financial ability to pay grain producers and suppliers. Posted frequently asked questions and other updates about VeraSun on the PUC Web site.

LEGISLATION

- Developed and successfully supported legislation to protect customers served by electric and natural gas utilities from risks associated with the ownership and operation of affiliated companies. The intent of this ring-fencing legislation is to separate the public utility's operations from those of a nonutility affiliated company or subsidiary.
- Developed legislation to clarify procedures for suspending a rate or practice that has been proposed by a gas or electric provider and for refunding any proposed increase put into effect by a utility prior to a PUC decision regarding the rate increase.
- Shepherded the passage of legislation that eliminated the PUC's regulation of public storage warehouses.
- Developed, with industry representatives, a package of bills related to grain buyers and grain warehouses. The changes addressed the definition of a grain buyer, bonding of grain, and license fees for public grain warehouses.
- Requested and supported passage of legislation to revise requirements regarding the notification of landowners who live near a proposed energy facility. In part, the new law states the applicant must notify landowners within one-half mile of all proposed facilities that require a siting permit.

TOP PRIORITIES

The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission focuses on the state's ratepayers and utility producers, managing its responsibility with the long-term public interest in mind. Accordingly, the priorities listed on the following pages are those the commission examines to evaluate the fulfillment of its responsibility.

Electric and Natural Gas

The commission looks after the welfare of South Dakotans as related to electric and natural gas issues. Actions taken by the commission strive to ensure reliable service and reasonable rates from investor-owned utilities as well as fair service territory boundaries for all utilities. The commission follows guidelines prescribed by South Dakota law when siting energy conversion and transmission facilities and serves as an objective resource on renewable energy issues. The components of this priority affect South Dakotans in terms of reliability and cost of their electric and natural gas services.

The PUC uses number of ways to measure the agency's effectiveness at handling these issues.

Rates

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

Measurement, Average Residential Electric Rate, October 2008

- South Dakota: 9.01 cents/kWh
- West North Central Region (Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota): 9.06 cents kWh
- United States: 11.86 cents kWh

Measurement, Average Natural Gas Rate, 2007

- South Dakota: \$10.49/thousand cubic feet
- West North Central Region (Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota): \$11.44/thousand cubic feet
- United States: \$13.06/thousand cubic feet

Completed Electric and Natural Gas Dockets

The number of electric and natural gas dockets completed each year reveals the agency's ability to manage its duties and workload. The measurement also alerts agency officials if the process by which dockets are assigned, analyzed and acted upon by staff and commissioners is appropriate. The commission seeks to attain an annual completion goal of 85 percent.

Measurement, 2008

- Completed dockets: 37
- Uncompleted dockets: 9
- Percentage completed: 80%

Overtured Electric and Natural Gas Dockets

Parties that file requests or applications with the Public Utilities Commission and intervenors to those dockets have the right to challenge the commission's decision in circuit court. The number of dockets that are overturned by judicial order is an assessment of the manner in which the commission perceives and uses its regulatory authority.

Measurement, 2008

Overtured dockets: None

Electric Reliability

The electric utility industry uses indices to track and benchmark reliability performance. Companies use this data to evaluate and improve upon their response to outages, handling of customer complaints, and system integrity. Though electric utilities in South Dakota are not required to report these scores to the PUC, the companies discuss the information with the commission and a comparison to national scores is ascertained.

Indices:

- **System Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI):** The average amount of time a customer's service is interrupted during the reporting period
- **System Average Interruption Frequency Index (SAIFI):** The average number of interruptions that a customer would experience
- **Customer Average Interruption Duration Index (CAIDI):** The average outage duration that any given customer would experience. CAIDI can also be viewed as the average restoration time.

Measurement, South Dakota 2008 scores compared to National 2007 average

All six investor-owned utilities in South Dakota ranked well below the national average in each of the indices (the lower the score, the better the ranking), signifying the utilities have a high degree of reliability performance.

Grain Warehouse

Monitoring the South Dakota grain industry is a significant responsibility of the Public Utilities Commission. The PUC Warehouse Division licenses and inspects:

- state-licensed grain storage warehouses.
- federally-licensed grain storage warehouses holding state grain-buyer licenses.
- grain buyers licensed as brokers, truckers and non-storage facilities.
- grain processors and other end users who purchase grain worth \$300,000 or more directly from producers.

The warehouse staff works to reduce producer risk by reviewing the grain buyer and grain warehouse financial statements each year and by performing regular on-site inspections.

The PUC uses three main categories to measure the effectiveness of its work in the grain industry.

Inspections

The PUC conducts inspections to ensure compliance with statutes and rules related to the licensing and bonding requirements for grain warehouses and grain buyers. The number of inspections conducted describes the penetration of the agency's review process. The commission aims to inspect each licensed facility annually.

Measurement, 2008

Grain warehouse and grain buyer inspections: 302 inspections of 255 licensed locations (118%)

Licenses

The PUC issues two types of licenses for grain buyers/grain warehouses doing business in the state. Each licensed entity is required to annually apply for renewal. As part of the licensing and renewal process, the commission analyzes the grain buyers' financial 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, 2008

- Class A Licenses (entities that use voluntary credit sale contracts or exceed \$10,000,000 in annual purchases): 125 entities with 239 locations
- Class B Licenses (entities that do not use voluntary credit sale contracts and do not exceed \$10,000,000 in annual purchases): 63

Failures

When a licensed grain warehouse fails to perform its duties or carry out its obligations to its producers, the PUC follows prescribed laws and administrative rules to investigate, audit or take other necessary action to limit damage to the public. The number of failures, excluding circumstances beyond the commission's authority, can be an indicator of the commission's level of diligence in overseeing the industry.

Measurement, 2008

Failures: None

Pipeline Safety

The PUC has responsibility to regulate hazardous gas intrastate pipelines which includes ensuring the public is provided safe and dependable gas service. As part of its duties, commission staff inspects and investigates natural gas pipeline operators, master meter operators and propane systems for compliance with statutes and administrative rules.

The commission uses the following measurement tools to establish that it is appropriately handling its role with regard to pipeline safety.

Inspections

PUC pipeline safety engineers regularly inspect hazardous gas pipeline operators to determine compliance with state and federal regulations. Inspections occur in the areas of records, field, construction, drug and alcohol, public awareness, incident investigation, operator qualification and integrity management. The number of inspection hours logged by the safety engineers is an indicator of the agency's thoroughness in this area. Based on the PUC's certification agreement to administer this program for the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), a minimum of 85 inspection days are required.

Measurement, 2008

Inspections: 114 days (85 days required)

Federal Audit

South Dakota's pipeline safety program is audited annually by the PHMSA's Office of Pipeline Safety (Central Region). The agency reviews the inspections conducted and citations issued by the PUC and evaluates the commission's adherence to its pipeline procedures plan. The result of the federal review indicates the PUC's ability to correctly carry out its obligations related to pipeline safety. The highest possible score is 100 and the lowest score for any state reported in 2008 was 85.

Measurement, reported in 2008 based on calendar year 2007

Audit score: 98.5 out of a possible 100

Federal Certification

PUC staff involved in pipeline safety inspection are required to complete six training courses to become a certified pipeline safety instructor. The courses are taught by the federal Pipeline Safety Office of Training and Qualifications and are designed to educate Federal and State pipeline safety inspectors in the application of compliance requirements, inspection techniques and enforcement procedures.

Measurement, training/certification to-date

- Program Manager: Six of six required courses plus two elective courses completed.
- Inspector: Two of six required courses completed.

Telecommunications

The commission has regulatory authority over some telecommunications providers and services in South Dakota. For example, the PUC issues certificates of authority to certain providers; approves switched access rates for local exchange carriers; designates providers as eligible telecommunication carriers and approves plans for investing Federal Universal Service Funds; and arbitrates disputes between providers. In addition, the commission serves as a resource on emerging telecommunications issues.

The commission continually assesses its performance in dealing with telecommunications issues, with specific attention paid to these measurements:

Completed Telecommunications Dockets

As with the electric and natural gas category, the number of telecommunications dockets completed each year reveals the agency's ability to manage its duties and workload. The measurement also alerts agency officials if the process by which dockets are assigned, analyzed and acted upon by staff and commissioners is appropriate. The number can also act as a meter of the amount of activity, within the commission's jurisdiction, by telecommunications providers in the state. The commission seeks to attain an annual completion goal of 85 percent.

Measurement, 2008

- Completed dockets: 141
- Uncompleted dockets: 11
- Percentage completed: 92.8%

Overtured Telecommunications Dockets

Parties that file requests or applications with the Public Utilities Commission and intervenors to those dockets have the right to challenge the commission's decision in circuit court. The number of dockets that are overturned by judicial order is an assessment of the manner in which the commission perceives and uses its regulatory authority.

Measurement, 2008

Overtured dockets: None

Line Counts per Population

Line count is a valuable measurement tool in the telecommunications industry. It depicts the pervasiveness of telecommunications service by company or within a specific area. The resulting data, when correlated to the state's population, gives a sense of the number of South Dakotans that have telecommunications service. The commission further analyzes specific company information to help determine if the provider is meeting its obligation to offer services to customers in its service territory.

Measurement, 2007

Line counts per population: 1.37

Consumer Affairs

The PUC provides a number of services for consumers. The agency's consumer affairs staff is trained to help resolve disputes between consumers and their investor-owned electric, natural gas or telephone service providers. They provide educational information about energy efficiency, consumer protection and making wise utility choices. They also 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, helping to enroll consumers on the registry and investigating violations against consumers who are on the registry.

The commission evaluates its performance related to consumer affairs by examining the following areas:

Complaints Completed within a Month

Consumer complaints are received by the commission via phone, e-mail and, occasionally, are delivered in-person by the complainant. 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 completed within a month reveals the commission's effectiveness in responding to consumers. The goal is 90 percent completed within a month.

Measurement, 2008

Complaints completed within a month: 92%

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 commission's negotiation and mediation skills.

Measurement, 2008

Formal consumer complaints: 8

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, 2008

South Dakota telephone numbers on Do Not Call Registry: 474,511 (24% increase over 2007)

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. They include municipal, rural electric cooperatives and small, independent and cooperative telephone companies. The commission retains its 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

Electric and Natural Gas Companies	\$941,441.49
Telecommunication Companies	\$791,795.67

The sum of these figures does not correspond with the Gross Receipts Tax Revenues reported on page 6 due to timing issues.

INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS COMPANIES

Rate-regulated by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

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

LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE COMPANIES

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

@link Networks Inc.

1-800-RECONEX Inc. dba USTel
3U Telecom Inc.
360networks (USA) inc.
800 Response Information Services LLC

LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE COMPANIES (cont.)

AccessLine Communications Corp.
Access One Inc.
Access Point Inc.
ACN Communication Services Inc.
ACSI Local Switched Services Inc. dba e.spire
Affinity Network Inc. dba ANI Networks
Affinity Network Inc. dba QuantumLink Communications
and dba HorizonOne Communications and dba VoIP Communications
and Optic Communications
Airespring Inc.
Airnex Communications Inc.
Alliance Group Services Inc. dba U.S. Republic Communications Inc.
Alticomm Inc.
American Fiber Network Inc. dba AFN Inc.
American Telecommunications Systems Inc.
Americatel Corp. dba 10 123 Americatel dba 1010 123 Americatel dba AMETEX
dba 1 800 3030 123 Americatel Collect fka STARTEC Global Operating Co.
AmeriVision Communications Inc. dba LifeLine Communications dba Affinity 4
Amerivon LLC
Applewood Communications Corp.
Asia Talk Telecom Inc. dba HelloCom Inc.
Associated Network Partners Inc.
AT&T Communications of the Midwest Inc.
Avera Communication LLC

Bandwidth.com CLEC LLC fka Computer Network Technology Corp.
BCN Telecom Inc. fka NUI Telecom Inc.
BEK Communications Cooperative
Bell Atlantic Communications Inc. dba Verizon Long Distance
BellSouth Long Distance Inc. dba AT&T Long Distance Service
BLC Management LLC dba AT&T Long Distance Service
Broadband Dynamics LLC
Broadwing Communications LLC
BT Communications Sales LLC
Budget Call Long Distance Inc.
Budget PrePay Inc. dba Budget Phone
BullsEye Telecom Inc.
Business Discount Plan Inc.
Business Network Long Distance Inc.
Business Productivity Solutions Inc. fka GE Business Productivity Solutions Inc.
dba GE Capital Communications Services
Business Telecom Inc.

LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE COMPANIES (cont.)

Caribbean Telephone and Telegraph Inc.
Central Telecom Long Distance Inc.
Ciera Network Systems Inc.
Cincinnati Bell Any Distance Inc. fka BroadWing Telecommunications Inc.
Coast International Inc.
Comcast Business Communications LLC dba Comcast Long Distance
CommPartners LLC
Communication Access Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Inc.
Communications Network Billing Inc.
CommuniGroup of K.C. Inc. dba CGI
COMTECH 21 LLC
Comtel Telcom Assets LP
Consolidated Communications Networks Inc.
Consumer Telcom Inc.
Convergia Inc.
Covista Inc.
CSDVRS LLC
CTC Communications Corp.
Custom Teleconnect Inc.

DakotaComm LLC
D.D.D. Calling Inc.
DeITel Inc. dba AuctionFON
DIECA Communications Inc. dba Covad Communications Co.

Embarq Communications Inc.
Embarq Payphone Services Inc. fka Sprint Payphone Services Inc.
Encompass Communications LLC
Enhanced Communications Group LLC dba ECG LLC
Entrix Telecom Inc.
Eventis Telecom Inc.
Epixtar Communications Corp.
Express Communications Inc.

FairPoint Carrier Services Inc. fka FairPoint Communications Solutions Corp.
FiberComm LC
First Choice Technology Inc.
First Communications LLC
France Telecom Corporate Solutions LLC
Frontier Communications of America Inc. fka Citizens Telecommunications Co.
dba Citizens Long Distance Co.

LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE COMPANIES (cont.)

Global Capacity Group Inc.
Global Crossing North American Networks Inc.
Global Crossing Telecommunications Inc.
Global Tel*Link Corp.
Go Solo Technologies Inc.
Gold Line Telemanagement Inc.
Granite Telecommunications LLC
GST Net Inc.
GTC Telecom

Hawk Relay LLC
HickoryTech Long Distance fka Crystal Communications Inc.
Horizon Telecom Inc.
Hypercube Telecom LLC fka KMC Data LLC

IDT America Corp.
Incomnet Communications Corp.
Infone LLC fka North By NortheastCom LLC
Intandem Communications Corp.
Integra Telecom of South Dakota Inc.
Integrated Services Inc.
Ionex Communications North Inc. dba Birch Communications
ITC^DeltaCom Communications Inc. dba ITC^DeltaCom

J D Services Inc. dba American Freedom Network
JirehCom Inc.

KDDI America Inc. fka KDD America Inc.
Kentucky Data Link Inc.
Knology of the Black Hills LLC fka PrairieWave Black Hills LLC
Knology of the Plains Inc. fka PrairieWave Telecommunications Inc.

LCR Telecommunications LLC
Least Cost Routing Inc. dba Long Distance Charges
Legacy Long Distance International Inc.
Level 3 Communications LLC
Lightyear Network Solutions LLC
Long Distance of Michigan Inc. fka LDMI Telecommunications Inc.
dba LDMI Telecommunications dba FoneTel
Long Lines Metro fka CommChoice LLC

LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE COMPANIES (cont.)

Main Street Telephone Co.
Maskina Communications fka Transcom Communications, Inc.
 dba Comm Port Communications
Matrix Telecom Inc. dba Matrix Business Technology
MCC Telephony of the Midwest Inc. dba Mediacom
MCI Communications Services Inc. dba Verizon Business Services
MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC dba Verizon Access Transmission
McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services Inc.
Megapath, Inc fka DSLnet Communications LLC
Metropolitan Telecommunications of South Dakota Inc.
Midcontinent Communications Inc.
Midstate Telecom Inc.
Mitel NetSolutions Inc. fka Inter-Tel NetSolutions Inc.
Momentum Telecom Inc.
Multiline Long Distance Inc.

National Access Long Distance Inc.
National Directory Assistance LLC
Nationwide Long Distance Services Inc.
Navigator Telecommunications LLC
NECC Telecom Inc.
Net One International Inc.
NetLojix Telecom Inc.
NET-tel Corp. dba NET-tel Communications Corp.
Network Billing Systems LLC
Network Communications International Corp. aka Mundo Telecom and aka
1800Call4Less
Network Innovations Inc.
Network Service Billing Inc.
Network US Inc. dba CA Affinity
NetworkIP LLC
New Access Communications LLC
New Century Telecom Inc.
New Edge Network Inc. dba New Edge Networks
New Horizons Communications Corp.
NexUSTel LLC
NobelTel LLC
Norlight Telecommunications Inc.
Norstan Network Services Inc.
North Dakota Long Distance LLC
Northern Valley Communications LLC
NOS Communications Inc. dba International Plus and dba Internet Business Association
 and Ivantage Network Solutions (Inetba) and dba 011 Communications
 and dba Blueridge Telecom Systems

LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE COMPANIES (cont.)

NOSVA Limited Partnership dba CierraCom Systems
NovaTel Ltd. Inc.
NYNEX Long Distance Co. dba Verizon Enterprise Solutions

OLS Inc.
Onvoy Inc. fka Minnesota Independent Interexchange Corp. dba MEANS Telcom
OPCOM Inc. dba WCS Telecom dba WCS Operators
Operator Service Co. dba Excell Services
Opex Communications Inc. fka PremierCom Inc.
OrbitCom fka VP Telecom Inc.

Pacific Centrex Services Inc.
PaeTec Communications Inc.
Parcel Consultants Inc. dba Minimum Rate Pricing
(answering phone as National Communications)
Pathnet Inc.
PNG Telecommunications Inc. dba PowerNet Global Communications and dba
CrossConnect
POPP Telcom fka Popp.Com Inc.
Preferred Carrier Services Inc.
Premiere Network Services Inc.
Primus Telecommunications Inc.
Public Communications Services Inc.

Quantumshift Communications Inc. dba Vcom Solutions
Qwest Communications Corp.
Qwest Corp.
Qwest LD Corp. dba Qwest Long Distance

Reduced Rate Long Distance LLC
Reliance Communications International Inc.
Reliant Communications Inc. fka HJN Telecom Inc.
Ridley Telephone Co. LLC
RRV Enterprises Inc. dba Consumer Access

Sancom Inc. dba Mitchell Telecom
SBC Long Distance LLC dba SBC Long Distance dba AT&T Long Distance
Silv Communication Inc.
SmartStop Inc.
SNiP Link LLC
Sprint Communications Co. LP
SSTelecom Inc. dba ITC
Starlink Communications LLC
Startec Global Operating Co.
STi Prepaid LLC fka Dialaround Enterprises Inc.

LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE COMPANIES (cont.)

Talk America Inc. dba Cavalier Telephone also dba Cavalier Business Communications
Telecare Inc.

Telecom Management Inc. dba Pioneer Telephone

Telecom Resources Inc.

TeleCommunications Systems Corp. of Maryland

Teleconnect Long Distance Services and Systems Co. dba Telecom*USA

Telenational Communications Inc.

Telrite Corp.

Three River Telco dba Three River Long Distance

TON Services Inc.

Total Call International Inc.

Total National Telecommunications Inc. dba Total World Telecom

Touch 1 Communications Inc.

Touchtone Communications Inc.

Trans National Communications International Inc.

Transamerica Telecom Inc.

TRI-M Communications Inc. dba TMC Communications

Trinsic Communications Inc. fka Z-Tel Communications Inc.

TTI National Inc.

U.S. Telecom Long Distance Inc. fka Corporate Calling Services Inc.
fka Business Calling Plan Inc.

UCN Inc. fka Buyers United Inc. fka Gyphics Communications Inc. dba BuyersOnline
and dba United Carrier Networks

Uni-Tel Communications Group Inc.

Univance Telecommunications Inc.

USA Digital Communications Inc.

Vanco Direct USA LLC

Verizon Select Services Inc.

Voicecom Telecommunications LLC

WDT World Discount Telecommunications Co.

Western CLEC Corp. dba Business Services by Cellular One

WilTel Communications LLC fka Williams Communications LLC

Windstream Communications Inc. fka ALLTEL Holding Corporate Services Inc.

WinStar Communications LLC fka Winstar Wireless Inc.

Working Assets Funding Service Inc. dba Credo Long Distance

X2Comm Inc. dba DC Communications

XO Communications Services Inc. fka XO Network Services Inc. dba XO LDS
fka XO Long Distance Services Inc.

Yak Communications (America) Inc.

Yestel USA Inc.

LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE COMPANIES (cont.)

ZENEX Long Distance Inc.
Zeus Telecommunications LLC
Zone Telecom Inc.

OPERATOR SERVICE COMPANIES

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ASC Telecom Inc.
Consolidated Communications Operator Services Inc.
Evercom Systems Inc. (correctional facilities)
Global Tel*Link Corp.
Inmate Calling Solutions LLC dba ICSolutions
Intellicall Operator Services Inc. dba ILD
ITI Inmate Telephone Inc.
Network Operator Services Inc.
Phone1 Inc.
Reliance Telephone Systems Inc. (correctional facilities)
T NETIX Inc. (correctional facilities)
T-NETIX Telecommunications Services Inc. (correctional facilities)
Transworld Network Corp.
Value Added Communications Inc. (correctional facilities)

COMPETITIVE LOCAL EXCHANGE COMPANIES

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@link Networks Inc.
1-800-Reconex Inc. dba USTel
360networks (USA) inc.

Access Point Inc.
ACN Communication Services Inc.
Alticomm Inc.
American Fiber Network Inc. d/b/a AFN, Inc.
AT&T Communications of the Midwest Inc.
Aventure Communication Technology LLC
Avera Communication LLC

Bandwidth.com CLEC LLC fka Computer Network Technology Corp.
BEK Communications Cooperative
BellSouth Long Distance Inc. dba AT&T Long Distance Service
BLC Management LLC dba Angles Communication Solutions
BT Communications Sales LLC
Budget Prepay Inc. dba Budget Phone
BullsEye Telecom Inc.

COMPETITIVE LOCAL EXCHANGE COMPANIES (cont.)

Capital Telephone Co. Inc.
CommPartners LLC
COMTECH 21 LLC
Comtel Telecom Assets LP
Contact Communications Inc.
Covista Inc.

DakotaComm LLC
DIECA Communications Inc. dba Covad Communications Co.

FiberComm LC
France Telecom Corporate Solutions LLC

Global Capacity Group Inc.
Granite Telecommunications LLC

HickoryTech Long Distance fka Crystal Communications Inc.
Hypercube Telecom LLC fka KMC Data LLC

IDT America Corp.
Integra Telecom of South Dakota Inc.
Ionex Communications North Inc.

Kentucky Data Link Inc.
Knology of the Black Hills LLC fka PrairieWave Black Hills LLC
Knology of the Plains Inc. fka PrairieWave Telecommunications Inc.

Level 3 Communications LLC
Long Lines Metro fka CommChoice LLC

Matrix Telecom Inc. dba Matrix Business Technologies
MCC Telephony of the Midwest Inc.
MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC dba Verizon Access Transmission Services
McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services Inc.
MegaPath Inc fka DSLnet Communications LLC
Metropolitan Telecommunications of South Dakota Inc.
Midcontinent Communications
Midstate Telecom Inc.
Momentum Telecom Inc.

COMPETITIVE LOCAL EXCHANGE COMPANIES (cont.)

New Edge Network Inc. dba New Edge Networks

Norlight Telecommunications Inc.

Northern Valley Communications LLC

NOS Communications Inc. dba Blueridge Telecom Systems dba International Plus;
011 Communications; The Internet Business Association (Inetba);
and iVANTAGE NETWORK SOLUTIONS

OrditCom Inc. fka VP Telecom

Pacific Centrex Services Inc.

Pathnet Inc.

Premiere Network Services Inc.

Quantumshift Communications dba Vcom Solutions

Qwest Communications Corp.

RC Communications Inc. dba RC Services

Reliant Communications Inc. fka HJN Telecom Inc.

Sancom Inc. dba Mitchell Telecom

Sprint Communications Co. LP

Sprint Payphone Services Inc.

SSTelecom Inc.

Starlink Communications LLC

Sti Prepaid LLC fka Dialaround Enterprises Inc.

Talk America Inc. dba Cavalier Telephone also dba Cavalier Business Communications

Trans National Communications International Inc.

Trinsic Communications Inc. fka Z-Tel Communications Inc.

UCN Inc.

Vanco Direct USA LLC

VCI Co. dba Vilaire

Wyoming Financial Lenders fka Houlton Enterprises Inc. dba Guaranteed Phone Service

XO Communications Services Inc. fka XO Network Services Inc. dba XO LDS

YMax Communications Corp.

WIRELESS COMPANIES

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

American Messaging Services LLC fka Verizon Wireless Messaging Services LLC

Bell Atlantic Communications Inc. dba Verizon Wireless Messaging Services LLC

Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless, as Success-in-Interest to CommNet Cellular Inc.

Managing partner of the following:

Cellular Inc. Network Corp. (MSA 289 B, RSA 634 B, RSA 635 B, RSA 636 B,

RSA 638 B1, RSA 638 B2, RSA 639 B1 and RSA 639 B2)

City of Brookings dba Swiftel Communications (product brand Sprint PSC)

Dakota Systems Inc. fka Sioux Falls Cellular LP (MSA 267 B)

Eastern SD Cellular Inc. fka Eastern S.D. of SD LP (RSA 642 B)

Missouri Valley Cellular Inc. fka SD 7 – Sully LP (RSA 640 B)

Sanborn Cellular Inc. fka SD 8 – Kingsbury LP (RSA 641 B)

Coast to Coast Cellular Inc.

Golden West Technologies Inc. (paging)

Ionex Communications North Inc.

Iowa Wireless Services LLC dba i Wireless

James Valley Wireless LLC

KDDI America Inc.

Long Lines Wireless LLC

MCIMetro Access Transmission Services LLC dba Verizon Access Transmission Services

Midco Communications Inc. nka Midcontinent Communications

Midwest Wireless Communications LLC

New Cell Inc.

NYNEX Long Distance Co. dba Verizon Enterprise Solutions

OnStar Corp. dba OEM Telematics Services

Pierre Radio Paging & Telephone Inc.

Qwest Wireless LLC

RCC Minnesota and Wireless Alliance dba RCC Minnesota Inc.

Rural Cellular Corp. aka Glacial Cellular 2000 dba Unicel

WIRELESS COMPANIES (cont.)

TeleCommunications Systems Corp. of Maryland
Touchtone Communications Inc.

Vantek Communications fka McLeodUSA Wireless Systems Inc.
fka Dakota Wireless Systems Inc. (DTG)
Verizon Wireless

Wagner Mobile Phone Inc.
Western Communications Inc.
Western Wireless

Managing partner of the following:

Cellular Corp. of Sioux Falls dba Cellular One (MSA 267 A)
GCC License LLC (MSA 289 A, RSA 638 A, RSA 639 A, RSA 635 A, A 637 A, RSA
641 A,
RSA 640 A, RSA 642 A, RSA 634 A, RSA 636 A)

Wireless Alliance – PSC dba Unicel
Working Assets Funding Services Inc.

Ztar Mobile Inc.

LOCAL TELEPHONE COMPANIES

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Independents

Armour Independent Telephone Co. dba Golden West Telecommunications
Bridgewater-Canistota Independent Telephone dba Golden West Telecommunications
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority
Fort Randall Telephone Co.
Hills Telephone Co. Inc. dba Alliance Communications
Jefferson Telephone LLC dba Long Lines
Kadoka Telephone Co. dba Golden West Telecommunications
Kennebec Telephone Co.
Knology Community Telephone Inc. fka PrairieWave Community Telephone Inc.
Mount Rushmore Telephone Co.
Qwest Corp.
RC Communications Inc. dba RC Services
Sioux Valley Telephone Co. dba Golden West Telecommunications
Splitrock Properties Inc. dba Alliance Communications
Stockholm-Strandburg Telephone Co. dba ITC
Tri-County Telcom Inc.
Union Telephone Co. dba Golden West Telecommunications
Vivian Telephone Co. dba Golden West Telecommunications
Western Telephone Co.

LOCAL TELEPHONE COMPANIES (cont.)

Municipals

Beresford Municipal Telephone Co.
City of Brookings Utilities Telephone Division dba Swiftel Communications
Faith Municipal Telephone Co.

Cooperatives

Alliance Communications Cooperative Inc.
Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative dba Golden West Telecommunications
Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative (ITC)
James Valley Telecommunications
McCook Cooperative Telephone Co.
Midstate Communications Inc.
Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Assn.
Santel Communications Cooperative
Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Association Inc.
Venture Communications Cooperative Inc.
West River Cooperative Telephone Co.

Foreign Exchange Carriers

Citizens Telecommunications of Minnesota Inc.
Consolidated Telcom
Dickey Rural Communications Inc.
Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative
Farmers Mutual Telephone Co.
Great Plains Communications
Heartland Telecommunications Co. of Iowa dba Hickory Tech Corp.
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co.
Qwest Corp. – Iowa
Qwest Corp. – Minnesota
Qwest Corp. – Nebraska
Red River Rural Telephone Association
RT Communications Inc.
Three River Telco dba Three River Long Distance
Valley Telephone Co.
West River Telecommunications Cooperative

MISCELLANEOUS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY

Certified to provide telecommunications services in South Dakota
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South Dakota Network LLC dba SDN Communications

2008 DOCKET STATUS REGISTER

Docketed Consumer Complaints (year end)		
	Opened	Resolved
Telecommunications	7	14
Electric	1	0
Natural Gas	0	0
Total Consumer Contacts for 2008: 2,513		

Docketed Cases (year end)			
	Opened	Closed	Pending
Telecommunications	153	157	32
Administrative Items	4	3	1
Civil	1	2	0
Electric	35	31	9
Natural Gas	14	11	4
One Call	7	7	3
Pipeline Safety	4	3	2
Rulemaking	2	1	1

Dockets closed between Dec. 31, 2008, and the publication date of this report are noted in parentheses.

Administrative Items

Visit www.puc.sd.gov to check the current status of pending dockets

AA08-001 - In the Matter of a Consulting Contract with Mr. Roger Oldenkamp.
Filed: 05/28/08 Closed: 05/28/08

AA08-002 - In the Matter of a Consulting Contract with GeoDecisions.
Filed: 05/28/08 Closed: 05/28/08

AA08-003 - In the Matter of a Collaborative Review of Qwest Performance Assurance Plan.
Filed: 06/25/08 Pending

AA08-004 - In the Matter of Costs Associated with Receiving, Handling, Storing and Redelivering Grain.
Filed: 08/01/08 Closed: 08/12/08

Civil Cases

Civ.08-41 - State of South Dakota v. Mark Seifkes dba S.P.O.T.
Filed: 05/21/08 Closed: 10/10/08 Refer to Docket OC07-006

Consumer Complaints

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Electric

CE08-001 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Gary Loudner, Black Hawk, S.D., against Black Hills Corp. Regarding Electrical Outages.
Filed: 06/09/08 (Closed: 01/27/2009)

Consumer Complaints (cont.)

Telecommunications

CT08-001 - In the Matter of the Complaint by Chris Weber/Pico's Garage Inc., Sioux Falls, S.D., Against Reduced Rate Long Distance LLC Regarding Unauthorized Long Distance.

Filed: 02/15/08 Pending

CT08-002 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Roger L. Hall, Rapid City, S.D., against Qwest Corp. Regarding the Cost of Telephone Line Extensions.

Filed: 04/14/08 Pending

CT08-003 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Gary Loudner, Black Hawk, S.D., against Midcontinent Communications Regarding Telephone Outages.

Filed: 06/09/08 (Closed: 01/27/2009)

CT08-004 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Gary Loudner, Black Hawk, S.D., against Qwest Corp. Regarding Telephone Outages.

Filed: 06/09/08 (Closed: 01/27/2009)

CT08-005 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Gary Loudner, Black Hawk, S.D., against SDN Communications Regarding Telephone Outages.

Filed: 07/14/08 (Closed: 01/27/2009)

CT08-006 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Gary Loudner, Black Hawk, S.D., against Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative Regarding Telephone Outages.

Filed: 07/14/08 (Closed: 01/27/2009)

CT08-007 - In the Matter of the Complaint by Keller Electric, Pierre, S.D., Against Nationwide Long Distance Service, Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services.

Filed: 10/30/08 Closed: 12/09/08

Electric Dockets

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EL08-001 - In the Matter of the Application of Xcel Energy for a Permit to Construct 6.5 Miles of 115 kV Transmission Line and Associated Modifications to the Brookings Substation.

Filed: 01/31/08 (Closed: 02/05/2009)

EL08-002 - In the Matter of the Application of Black Hills Power Inc. for Approval of its Electric Cost Adjustment.

Filed: 02/01/08 Closed: 03/18/08

Electric Dockets (cont.)

EL08-003 - In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Corp. dba NorthWestern Energy for Approval of a Contract with Deviations with Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railroad.

Filed: 02/12/08 Closed: 04/08/08

EL08-004 - In the Matter of the Filing by Basin Electric Power Cooperative Inc. Regarding its Notification of Intent to Apply for a Permit for an Energy Conversion Facility.

Filed: 02/20/08 Closed: 03/20/08

EL08-005 - In the Matter of the Joint Request for an Electric Service Rights Exception between Clay-Union Electric Corp. and NorthWestern Corp. dba NorthWestern Energy.

Filed: 02/29/08 Closed: 04/09/08

EL08-006 - In the Matter of the Joint Request for Electric Service Territory Boundary Changes between Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative, dba Sioux Valley Energy, and Brookings Municipal Utilities.

Filed: 03/03/08 Closed: 04/09/08

EL08-007 - In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Corp. dba NorthWestern Energy for Approval of Tariff Revisions.

Filed: 03/17/08 Closed: 04/29/08

EL08-008 - In the Matter of the Filing by Xcel Energy for Approval of its 2007 Economic Development Annual Report and 2008 Economic Development Plan.

Filed: 03/28/08 Closed: 04/29/08

EL08-009 - In the Matter of the Joint Request for an Electric Service Rights Exception between Otter Tail Power Co. and Whetstone Valley Electric Cooperative Inc.

Filed: 04/01/08 Closed: 05/28/08

EL08-010 - In the Matter of the Application of East River Electric Power Cooperative Inc. for a Permit to Construct approximately 13 miles of 115 kV Transmission Line.

Filed: 04/02/08 Closed: 08/21/08

EL08-011 - In the Matter of the Petition for Electrical Service by South Dakota Oilseed Processors, LLC to have NorthWestern Energy Assigned as its Electric Provider in the Service Area of Dakota Energy Cooperative Inc.

Filed: 04/25/08 Closed: 10/29/08

EL08-012 - In the Matter of the Joint Request for an Electric Service Rights Exception between Otter Tail Power Co. and Kingsbury Electric Cooperative Inc.

Filed: 05/07/08 Closed: 05/28/08

Electric Dockets (cont.)

EL08-013 - In the Matter of the Petition of Otter Tail Corp. dba Otter Tail Power Co. for Approval of an Extension of its Test Period.

Filed: 05/15/08 Closed: 07/02/08

EL08-014 - In the Matter of the Filing by Otter Tail Corp. dba Otter Tail Power Co. for Approval of Tariff Revisions.

Filed: 05/29/08 Closed: 07/16/08

EL08-015 - In the Matter of the Filing by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for Approval of Tariff Revisions.

Filed: 05/30/08 Pending

EL08-016 - In the Matter of the Application of East River Electric Power Cooperative Inc. for a Permit to Construct 9.5 miles of 115 kV transmission line in Lincoln and Turner Counties.

Filed: 06/12/08 Closed: 10/03/08

EL08-017 - In the Matter of the Filing by Otter Tail Power Co. for Approval of Tariff Revisions.

Filed: 06/25/08 Closed: 08/06/08

EL08-018 - In the Matter of the Joint Request for an Electric Service Rights Exception between Watertown Municipal Utilities Department and Codington-Clark Electric Cooperative Inc.

Filed: 06/28/08 Closed: 08/06/08

EL08-019 - In the Matter of the Joint Request for an Electric Service Rights Exception between Central Electric Cooperative Inc. and Xcel Energy.

Filed: 07/02/08 Closed: 08/06/08

EL08-020 - In the Matter of the Petition of East River Electric Power Cooperative Inc. for a Declaratory Ruling on 115 kV Transmission Line Design.

Filed: 07/07/08 Closed: 09/15/08

EL08-021 - In the Matter of the Joint Request for an Electric Service Rights Exception between Codington-Clark Electric Cooperative Inc. and H-D Electric Cooperative Inc.

Filed: 07/17/08 Closed: 08/21/08

EL08-022 - In the Matter of the Joint Request for an Electric Service Rights Exception between Bon Homme Yankton Electric Association Inc. and NorthWestern Corp. dba NorthWestern Energy.

Filed: 07/21/08 Closed: 08/21/08

Electric Dockets (cont.)

EL08-023 - In the Matter of the Joint Request for an Electric Service Rights Exception between Sioux Valley Energy and Xcel Energy.

Filed: 07/28/08 Closed: 09/23/08

EL08-024 - In the Matter of the Application of East River Electric Power Cooperative Inc. for a Permit to Construct approximately 22 miles of 115 kV Transmission Line.

Filed: 09/02/08 Closed: 10/03/08

EL08-025 - In the Matter of the Application of Otter Tail Corp. to Form a New Holding Company.

Filed: 06/03/08 Date Docketed: 09/04/08 Closed: 11/13/08

EL08-026 - In the Matter of the Joint Request for an Electric Service Rights Exception between Sioux Valley Energy and Central Electric Cooperative Inc.

Filed: 09/05/08 Closed: 10/21/08

EL08-027 - In the Matter of the Filing by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for Approval of Tariff Revisions.

Filed: 09/05/08 Closed: 10/21/08

EL08-028 - In the Matter of the Consideration of the New PURPA Standards.

Filed: 10/22/08 Pending

EL08-029 - In the Matter of the Filing by Northern States Power Co. dba Xcel Energy for Approval of Tariff Revisions.

Filed: 10/27/08 Closed: 11/13/08

EL08-030 - In the Matter of the Filing by Otter Tail Corp. dba Otter Tail Power Co. for Authority to Increase Electric Rates in South Dakota.

Filed: 10/31/08 Pending

EL08-031 - In the Matter of the Application by Buffalo Ridge II LLC, a subsidiary of Iberdrola Renewables Inc., for an Energy Conversion Facility Permit for the Construction of the Buffalo Ridge II Wind Farm and Associated Collection Substation and Electric Interconnection System.

Filed: 10/31/08 Pending

EL08-032 - In the Matter of the Filing by MidAmerican Energy Co. for Approval of Tariff Revisions.

Filed: 11/25/08 (Closed: 01/09/09)

EL08-033 - In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Corp. dba NorthWestern Energy for Approval of Tariff Revisions.

Filed: 12/05/08 (Closed: 02/05/09)

Electric Dockets (cont.)

EL08-034 - In the Matter of the Filing by Basin Electric Power Cooperative Inc. Regarding its Notification of Intent to Apply for a Permit for an Energy Conversion Facility.

Filed: 12/23/08 Pending

EL08-035 - In the Matter of the Petition of Xcel Energy for Approval of its Fuel Clause Adjustment Recovery of MISO Ancillary Services Market Net Costs and Revenue.

Filed: 12/24/08 (*Closed: 02/12/09*)

Gas & Electric Dockets

GE08-001 - In the Matter of the Filing by MidAmerican Energy Co. for Approval of Revised Residential and Commercial Customer Information Booklet.

Filed: 09/19/08 Closed: 11/25/08

Natural Gas Dockets

NG08-001 - In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Corp. dba NorthWestern Energy for Approval of a Contract with Deviations with Aberdeen Energy LLC.

Filed: 02/12/08 Closed: 05/08/08

NG08-002 - In the Matter of the Filing by MidAmerican Energy Co. for Approval of its 2007 Economic Development Report and its 2008 Economic Development Plan.

Filed: 03/04/08 Closed: 04/29/08

NG08-003 - In the Matter of the Filing by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for Approval of Conservation Program Tracking Mechanism Tariff Revisions.

Filed: 03/28/08 Closed: 04/29/08

NG08-004 - In the Matter of the Filing by MidAmerican Energy Co. for Approval of Tariff Revisions.

Filed: 03/31/08 Closed: 04/29/08

NG08-005 - In the Matter of the Request of MidAmerican Energy Co. for Approval of First Amendment to Natural Gas Service Agreement.

Filed: 05/30/08 Closed: 06/19/08

NG08-006 - In the Matter of the Filing by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for Approval of Tariff Revisions.

Filed: 07/07/08 Closed: 09/15/08

Natural Gas Dockets (cont.)

NG08-007 - In the Matter of the Filing by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for Approval of Waivers of Tariffs.

Filed: 07/10/08 Closed: 08/06/08

NG08-008 - In the Matter of the Filing by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for Approval of Tariff Revisions.

Filed: 08/26/08 Closed: 10/21/08

NG08-009 - In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Energy for Approval of Tariff Revisions.

Filed: 08/27/08 Closed: 10/03/08

NG08-010 - In the Matter of the Filing by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group Inc. for Approval of an Amendment to a Contract with Deviations with Merillat Corp.

Filed: 10/03/08 Closed: 11/13/08

NG08-011 - In the Matter of the Filing by MidAmerican Energy Co. for Approval of Tariff Revisions.

Filed: 11/10/08 (*Closed: 01/09/09*)

NG08-012 - In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Corp. dba NorthWestern Energy for Approval of Tariff Revisions.

Filed: 11/14/08 (*Closed: 01/09/09*)

NG08-013 - In the Matter of the Filing by MidAmerican Energy Co. for Approval of Tariff Revisions.

Filed: 11/25/08 (*Closed: 01/09/09*)

NG08-014 - In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Corp. dba NorthWestern Energy for Approval of Tariff Revisions.

Filed: 12/05/08 (*Closed: 02/05/09*)

One Call Dockets

OC08-001 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Jeff Thompson, Dakota Dunes, S.D., against Larry Albenesius, Jackson, Neb.

Filed: 04/21/08 Closed: 08/04/08

OC08-002 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Southeastern Electric Cooperative Inc., Marion, S.D., against Empire Construction, Sioux Falls, S.D.

Filed: 06/12/08 Closed: 07/24/08

One Call Dockets (cont.)

OC08-003 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by the City of Sioux Falls, Sioux Falls, S.D., against Hander Inc. Plumbing and Heating, Sioux Falls, S.D.

Filed: 07/31/08 Closed: 10/06/08

OC08-004 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by NorthWestern Energy, Huron, S.D., against VanderPol Dragline Inc., Mitchell, S.D.

Filed: 08/21/08 (*Closed: 01/06/09*)

OC08-005 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by NorthWestern Energy, Huron, S.D., against VanderPol Dragline Inc., Mitchell, S.D.

Filed: 08/21/08 (*Closed: 01/06/09*)

OC08-006 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by NorthWestern Energy, Huron, S.D., against VanderPol Dragline Inc., Mitchell, S.D.

Filed: 09/10/08 (*Closed: 01/06/09*)

OC08-007 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Crooks Municipal Utilities, Crooks, S.D., against Geppert Construction, Crooks, S.D.

Filed: 09/26/08 Closed: 12/03/08

Pipeline Safety Dockets

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PS08-001 - In the Matter of the Filing of the Investigation of the Natural Gas Incident of February 20, 2008, on Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s System in Pierre, S.D.

Filed: 04/03/08 Pending

PS08-002 - In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Corp. dba NorthWestern Energy for Approval of a Waiver of 49 C.F.R. Sections 192.285(a)(2) and 192.285(c).

Filed: 04/21/08 Closed: 09/09/08

PS08-003 - In the Matter of the Complaint of Commission Pipeline Safety Staff against NorthWestern Energy Regarding Violations of the Federal Pipeline Safety Act.

Filed: 06/30/08 (*Closed: 02/05/09*)

PS08-004 - In the Matter of the Petition of Commission Pipeline Safety Program Manager for a Declaratory Ruling on Jurisdiction of Low Income Housing Propane System.

Filed: 10/29/08 Closed: 12/16/08

Rulemaking Dockets

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RM08-001 - In the Matter of the Revisions and/or Additions to the Commission's Rules Regarding Public Warehouses, Grain Dealers and Pipeline Operators.

Filed: 06/17/08 Closed 09/09/08

RM08-002 - In the Matter of the Adoption of Rules Regarding PURPA Interconnection.

Filed: 09/11/08 Pending

Telecommunications Dockets

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TC08-001 - In the Matter of the Joint Application of Computer Network Technology Corp. and Bandwidth.com CLEC LLC for Approval to Transfer the Certificate of Authority from Computer Network Technology Corp. to Bandwidth.com CLEC LLC.

Filed: 01/08/08 Closed: 03/18/08

TC08-002 - In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corp. and FiberComm LC.

Filed: 01/11/08 Closed: 02/27/08

TC08-003 - In the Matter of the Request by Qwest Corp. for a Waiver of a Requirement to File a Switched Access Cost Study.

Filed: 01/22/08 Closed: 02/27/08

TC08-004 - In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corp. and Iowa Wireless Services LLC dba i Wireless.

Filed: 01/22/08 Closed: 04/09/08

TC08-005 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by OrbitCom Inc. against Global Crossing Telecommunications Inc. Regarding Switched Access Services.

Filed: 02/06/08 Pending

TC08-006 - In the Matter of the Petition of Alliance Communications Cooperative Inc., Splitrock Properties Inc. and Hills Telephone Co. Inc. for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C. Section 251(b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended.

Filed: 02/08/08 Closed: 10/29/08

TC08-007 - In the Matter of the Petition of Kennebec Telephone Co. for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C. Section 251(b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended.

Filed: 02/08/08 Closed: 10/29/08

Telecommunications Dockets (cont.)

TC08-008 - In the Matter of the Petition of Faith Municipal Telephone Co. for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C. Section 251(b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended.

Filed: 02/08/08 Closed: 10/29/08

TC08-009 - In the Matter of the Petition of Western Telephone Co. for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C. Section 251(b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended.

Filed: 02/08/08 Closed: 10/29/08

TC08-010 - In the Matter of the Petition of Sioux Valley Telephone Co. for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C. Section 251(b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended.

Filed: 02/08/08 Closed: 10/29/08

TC08-011 - In the Matter of the Petition of Venture Communications Cooperative Inc. for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C. Section 251(b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended.

Filed: 02/08/08 Closed: 10/29/08

TC08-012 - In the Matter of the Petition of RC Communications Inc. and Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C. Section 251(b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended.

Filed: 02/08/08 Closed: 10/29/08

TC08-013 - In the Matter of the Petition of Beresford Municipal Telephone Co. for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C. Section 251(b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended.

Filed: 02/08/08 Closed: 10/29/08

TC08-014 - In the Matter of the Petition of Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative Inc. for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C. Section 251(b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended.

Filed: 02/08/08 Closed: 10/29/08

TC08-015 - In the Matter of the Petition of Vivian Telephone Co. for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C. Section 251(b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended.

Filed: 02/08/08 Closed: 10/29/08

TC08-016 - In the Matter of the Petition of Kadoka Telephone Co. for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C. Section 251(b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended.

Filed: 02/08/08 Closed: 10/29/08

Telecommunications Dockets (cont.)

TC08-017 - In the Matter of the Petition of Brookings Municipal Utilities dba Swiftel Communications for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C. Section 251(b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended.

Filed: 02/08/08 Closed: 10/29/08

TC08-018 - In the Matter of the Petition of Union Telephone Co. for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C. Section 251(b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended.

Filed: 02/08/08 Closed: 10/29/08

TC08-019 - In the Matter of the Petition of Armour Independent Telephone Co. for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C. Section 251(b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended.

Filed: 02/08/08 Closed: 10/29/08

TC08-020 - In the Matter of the Petition of McCook Cooperative Telephone Co. and Tri-County Telcom for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C. Section 251(b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended.

Filed: 02/08/08 Closed: 10/29/08

TC08-021 - In the Matter of the Petition of Bridgewater-Canistota Independent Telephone Co. for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C. Section 251(b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended.

Filed: 02/08/08 Closed: 10/29/08

TC08-022 - In the Matter of the Petition of Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Association Inc. for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C. Section 251(b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended.

Filed: 02/08/08 Closed: 10/29/08

TC08-023 - In the Matter of the Petition of Midstate Communications Inc. for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C. Section 251(b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended.

Filed: 02/08/08 Closed: 10/29/08

TC08-024 - In the Matter of the Petition of Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative Inc. for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C. Section 251(b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended.

Filed: 02/08/08 Closed: 10/29/08

TC08-025 - In the Matter of the Petition of West River Cooperative Telephone Co. for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C. Section 251(b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended.

Filed: 02/08/08 Closed: 10/29/08

Telecommunications Dockets (cont.)

TC08-026 - In the Matter of the Petition of Stockholm-Strandburg Telephone Co. for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C. Section 251(b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended.

Filed: 02/08/08 Closed: 10/29/08

TC08-027 - In the Matter of the Petition of Santel Communications Cooperative Inc. for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C. Section 251(b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended.

Filed: 02/08/08 Closed: 10/29/08

TC08-028 - In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corp. and Midcontinent Communications.

Filed: 02/12/08 Closed: 04/09/08

TC08-029 - In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corp. and Midcontinent Communications.

Filed: 02/12/08 Closed: 04/09/08

TC08-030 - In the Matter of the Application of Access Point Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Local Exchange Services in South Dakota.

Filed: 02/14/08 Closed: 12/16/08

TC08-031 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Kennebec Telephone Co. Inc. against Alltel Communications Inc. Regarding Nonpayment of Transiting Charges.

Filed: 02/20/08 Pending

TC08-032 - In the Matter of the Petition of Qwest Corp. for Waiver of Utilization Threshold Requirement in the Huron, S.D., Rate Center.

Filed: 03/10/08 Closed: 04/08/08

TC08-033 - In the Matter of the Filing by Brookings Telephone dba Swiftel Communications for Approval of Revisions to the Local Exchange Service Territory for the City of Brookings, S.D.

Filed: 03/12/08 Closed: 04/09/08

TC08-034 - In the Matter of the Application of BEK Communications Cooperative for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Local Exchange Services in South Dakota.

Filed: 03/12/08 Closed: 10/03/08

TC08-035 - In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corp. and Bandwidth.com CLEC LLC.

Filed: 03/21/08 Closed: 05/08/08

Telecommunications Dockets (cont.)

TC08-036 - In the Matter of the Filing by Americatel Corp. for Approval of Relief of Certification Requirement to Post Surety Bond.

Filed: 03/28/08 Closed: 04/29/08

TC08-037 - In the Matter of the Filing by South Dakota Network LLC for an Extension of an Exemption from Developing Company Specific Cost-Based Switched Access Rates.

Filed: 04/08/08 Closed: 05/08/08

TC08-038 - In the Matter of the Application of Sancom Inc. dba Mitchell Telecom for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services in the Exchanges Served by Qwest Corp. throughout South Dakota.

Filed: 04/10/08 Closed: 05/08/08

TC08-039 - In the Matter of the Application of Kentucky Data Link Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services and Local Exchange Services in South Dakota.

Filed: 04/11/08 Closed: 05/28/08

TC08-040 - In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corp. and Access Point Inc.

Filed: 04/16/08 Closed: 07/02/08

TC08-041 - In the Matter of the Application of Momentum Telecom Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services and Local Exchange Services in South Dakota.

Filed: 04/21/08 Closed: 06/19/08

TC08-042 - In the Matter of the Filing by MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC dba Verizon Access Transmission Services for Approval of its Access Services Tariff.

Filed: 04/22/08 Closed: 06/19/08

TC08-043 - In the Matter of the Application of Communication Access Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services in South Dakota.

Filed: 04/29/08 Closed: 05/28/08

TC08-044 - In the Matter of the Request by Fort Randall Telephone Co. for a Waiver of a Requirement to File a Switched Access Cost Study.

Filed: 05/14/08 Closed: 06/19/08

TC08-045 - In the Matter of the Request of Kennebec Telephone Co. Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/19/08 Closed: 09/23/08

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TC08-046 - In the Matter of the Request of Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/20/08 Closed: 09/23/08

TC08-047 - In the Matter of the Request of Stockholm-Standburg Telephone Co. dba ITC for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/20/08 Closed: 09/23/08

TC08-048 - In the Matter of the Request of SStelecom Inc. dba ITC for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/19/08 Closed: 09/23/08

TC08-049 - In the Matter of the Request of Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Association Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/21/08 Closed: 09/23/08

TC08-050 - In the Matter of the Request of Venture Communications Cooperative for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/22/08 Closed: 09/23/08

TC08-051 - In the Matter of the Request of McCook Cooperative Telephone Co. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/23/08 Closed: 09/23/08

TC08-052 - In the Matter of the Request of Tri-County Telcom Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/23/08 Closed: 09/23/08

TC08-053 - In the Matter of the Request of West River Telecommunications Cooperative (Mobridge) for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/23/08 Closed: 09/23/08

TC08-054 - In the Matter of the Request of West River Cooperative Telephone Co. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/23/08 Closed: 09/23/08

TC08-055 - In the Matter of the Request of Santel Communications Cooperative Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/23/08 Closed: 09/23/08

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TC08-056 - In the Matter of the Request of Western Telephone Co. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/27/08 Closed: 09/23/08

TC08-057 - In the Matter of the Request of RC Communications Inc. dba RC Services for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/27/08 Closed: 09/23/08

TC08-058 - In the Matter of the Request of Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association and RC Communications Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/27/08 Closed: 09/23/08

TC08-059 - In the Matter of the Request of Alliance Communications Cooperative Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/28/08 Closed: 09/23/08

TC08-060 - In the Matter of the Request of Hills Telephone Co. Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/28/08 Closed: 09/23/08

TC08-061 - In the Matter of the Request of Splitrock Properties Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/28/08 Closed: 09/23/08

TC08-062 - In the Matter of the Request of Jefferson Telephone Co. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/28/08 Closed: 09/23/08

TC08-063 - In the Matter of the Request of James Valley Cooperative Telephone Co. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/28/08 Closed: 09/23/08

TC08-064 - In the Matter of the Request of James Valley Wireless LLC for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/28/08 Closed: 09/23/08

TC08-065 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by MCI Communications Services Inc. dba Verizon Business Services against Capital Telephone Co. Inc. Regarding Traffic Pumping.

Filed: 05/28/08 Closed: 10/24/08

TC08-066 - In the Matter of the Request of Midstate Telecom Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/29/08 Closed: 09/23/08

Telecommunications Dockets (cont.)

TC08-067 - In the Matter of the Request of Midstate Communications Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.
Filed: 05/29/08 Closed: 09/23/08

TC08-068 - In the Matter of the Request of RCC Minnesota Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.
Filed: 05/29/08 Closed: 09/23/08

TC08-069 - In the Matter of the Request of Wireless Alliance LLC for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.
Filed: 05/29/08 Closed: 09/23/08

TC08-070 - In the Matter of the Request of Midcontinent Communications for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.
Filed: 05/29/08 Closed: 09/23/08

TC08-071 - In the Matter of the Request of City of Faith Municipal Telephone Co. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.
Filed: 05/29/08 Closed: 09/23/08

TC08-072 - In the Matter of the Request of Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.
Filed: 05/30/08 Closed: 09/23/08

TC08-073 - In the Matter of the Request of City of Brookings Municipal Telephone for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.
Filed: 05/30/08 Closed: 09/23/08

TC08-074 - In the Matter of the Request of Brookings Municipal Telephone dba Swiftel Communications for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.
Filed: 05/30/08 Closed: 09/23/08

TC08-075 - In the Matter of the Request of Beresford Municipal Telephone Co. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.
Filed: 05/30/08 Closed: 09/23/08

TC08-076 - In the Matter of the Request of RT Communications Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.
Filed: 05/30/08 Closed: 09/23/08

TC08-077 - In the Matter of the Request of Sioux Valley Telephone Co. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.
Filed: 05/30/08 Closed: 09/23/08

Telecommunications Dockets (cont.)

TC08-078 - In the Matter of the Request of Kadoka Telephone Co. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/30/08 Closed: 09/23/08

TC08-079 - In the Matter of the Request of Armour Independent Telephone Co. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/30/08 Closed: 09/23/08

TC08-080 - In the Matter of the Request of Bridgewater-Canistota Independent Telephone Co. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/30/08 Closed: 09/23/08

TC08-081 - In the Matter of the Request of Union Telephone Co. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/30/08 Closed: 09/23/08

TC08-082 - In the Matter of the Request of Vivian Telephone Co. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/30/08 Closed: 09/23/08

TC08-083 - In the Matter of the Request of Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/30/08 Closed: 09/23/08

TC08-084 - In the Matter of the Request of Knology Community Telephone Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/30/08 Closed: 09/23/08

TC08-085 - In the Matter of the Request of Knology of the Black Hills LLC for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/30/08 Closed: 09/23/08

TC08-086 - In the Matter of the Request of Qwest Corp. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/30/08 Closed: 09/23/08

TC08-087 - In the Matter of the Application of NovaTel Ltd. Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services in South Dakota.

Filed: 05/30/08 Closed: 10/03/08

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TC08-088 - In the Matter of the Filing by Citizens Telecommunications Co. of Minnesota LLC for a Waiver of ARSD 20:10:32:56.

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TC08-089 - In the Matter of the Application of Clertech.Com Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Local Exchange Services in South Dakota.

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TC08-090 - In the Matter of the Request of Valley Telephone Co. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

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TC08-091 - In the Matter of the Request of Red River Rural Telephone Association for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

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TC08-092 - In the Matter of the Request of Fort Randall Telephone Co. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

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TC08-093 - In the Matter of the Request of Farmers Mutual Telephone Co. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

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TC08-094 - In the Matter of the Request of WWC License LLC dba Alltel Communications. LLC for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

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TC08-095 - In the Matter of the Application of Norlight Telecommunications Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Local Exchange Services in South Dakota.

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TC08-096 - In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corp. and XO Communications Inc.

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TC08-097 - In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corp. and Level 3 Communications LLC.

Filed: 06/19/08 Closed: 08/06/08

TC08-098 - In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corp. and Bullseye Telecom Inc.

Filed: 06/20/08 Closed: 08/06/08

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TC08-099 - In the Matter of the Application of NexUSTel LLC for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services in South Dakota.
Filed: 06/24/08 Closed: 08/21/08

TC08-100 - In the Matter of the Application of BLC Management LLC dba Angles Communication Solutions for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services and Local Exchange Services in South Dakota.
Filed: 07/02/08 Closed: 08/21/08

TC08-101 - In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corp. and 360 Networks (USA) inc.
Filed: 07/18/08 Closed: 08/21/08

TC08-102 - In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corp. and Kentucky Data Link Inc.
Filed: 08/08/08 Closed: 09/15/08

TC08-103 - In the Matter of the Petition of Brookings Municipal Utilities dba Swiftel Communications for Approval of a Partial Relinquishment of its Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier.
Filed: 08/11/08 Closed: 10/03/08

TC08-104 - In the Matter of the Application of Enventis Telecom Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services in South Dakota.
Filed: 08/12/08 Closed: 10/03/08

TC08-105 - In the Matter of the Application of Midcontinent Communications for Approval to Provide Local Exchange Service in a Rural Service Area.
Filed: 08/14/08 Pending

TC08-106 - In the Matter of the Filing by Sprint Communications Co. LP for Approval of its Access Service Tariff.
Filed: 08/25/08 Closed: 10/03/08

TC08-107 - In the Matter of the Application of SSTELECOM Inc. dba ITC for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services in South Dakota.
Filed: 08/27/08 Closed: 12/09/08

TC08-108 - In the Matter of the Application of Pulse Telecome LLC for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services in South Dakota.
Filed: 08/29/08 Closed: 10/21/08

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TC08-109 - In the Matter of the Application of Native American Telecom LLC for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Local Exchange Service on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

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TC08-110 - In the Matter of the Application of Native American Telecom LLC for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Local Exchange Service on the Crow Creek Indian Reservation.

Filed: 09/09/08 *(Closed: 02/05/09)*

TC08-111 - In the Matter of the Application of Network Innovations Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services in South Dakota.

Filed: 09/10/08 Closed: 10/29/08

TC08-112 - In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corp. and MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC.

Filed: 09/10/08 Closed: 10/21/08

TC08-113 - In the Matter of the Application of Midstate Telecom Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services in South Dakota.

Filed: 09/12/08 Closed: 10/24/08

TC08-114 - In the Matter of the Application of Central Telecom Long Distance Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services in South Dakota.

Filed: 09/15/08 Closed: 11/25/08

TC08-115 - In the Matter of the Application of Reliance Communications International Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services in South Dakota.

Filed: 09/26/08 Closed: 11/25/08

TC08-116 - In the Matter of the Filing by McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services Inc. for Approval of Revisions to its Access Tariff No. 3.

Filed: 09/26/08 Closed: 11/25/08

TC08-117 - In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement between Brookings Municipal Utilities dba Swiftel Communications and Sprint Communications Co. LP.

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TC08-118 - In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corp. and Verizon Wireless fka CommNet Cellular Inc.

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TC08-119 - In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corp. and Verizon Wireless fka CommNet Cellular Inc.

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TC08-120 - In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corp. and Sprint Communications Co. LP.

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TC08-121 - In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corp. and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services Inc.

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TC08-122 - In the Matter of the Petition of Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority for Arbitration Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to Resolve Issues Relating to an Interconnection Agreement with Alltel Communications LLC.

Filed: 10/21/08 Pending

TC08-123 - In the Matter of the Filing by XO Communications Inc. for Approval of Revisions to its Access Services Tariff.

Filed: 10/22/08 Closed: 11/25/08

TC08-124 - In the Matter of the Joint Application of Consolidated Communications Operator Services Inc. and Consolidated Communications Network Services Inc. for Approval to Transfer the Certificate of Authority of Consolidated Communications Operator Services Inc. to Consolidated Communications Network Services Inc. dba Consolidated Communications Operator Services.

Filed: 10/28/08 Closed: 12/09/08

TC08-125 - In the Matter of the Application of Total Holdings Inc. dba GTC Communications for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services in South Dakota.

Filed: 10/29/08 Closed: 12/09/08

TC08-126 - In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corp. and QuantumShift Communications Inc. dba vCom Solutions.

Filed: 10/30/08 Closed: 12/09/08

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TC08-127 - In the Matter of the Application of Qwest Corp. to modify the Jurisdictional Report Requirements in Section 2 by establishing a Percent Interstate Usage (PIU) Floor for Unidentified Feature Group D (FGD) terminating traffic.

Filed: 10/31/08 Pending

TC08-128 - In the Matter of the Filing by Orbitcom Inc. for Approval of Revisions to its Switched Access Services Tariff.

Filed: 11/12/08 Pending

TC08-129 - In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of a Resale Agreement between Qwest Corp. and Avera Communications LLC.

Filed: 11/12/08 Closed: 12/16/08

TC08-130 - In the Matter of the Application of Mitel NetSolutions Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Local Exchange Services in South Dakota.

Filed: 11/12/08 (Closed: 01/09/09)

TC08-131 - In the Matter of the Application of VCI Co. for Approval of Relinquishment of its Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier.

Filed: 11/12/08 Pending

TC08-132 - In the Matter of the Application of Alliance Global Networks LLC for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services in South Dakota.

Filed: 11/13/08 (Closed: 01/09/09)

TC08-133 - In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corp. and XO Communications Services Inc.

Filed: 11/25/08 (Closed: 01/09/09)

TC08-134 - In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corp. and Knology of the Plains Inc. fka PrairieWave Telecommunications Inc.

Filed: 11/25/08 (Closed: 01/09/09)

TC08-135 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by OrbitCom Inc. against Verizon Business Network Services Inc. Regarding Unpaid Access Charges.

Filed: 11/25/08 Pending

TC08-136 - In the Matter of the Filing by BullsEye Telecom Inc. for an Extension of an Exemption from Developing Company Specific Cost-Based Switched Access Rates.

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TC08-137 - In the Matter of the Petition of Fiber Ring Revenue-Pooling Association for Approval of Amended Revenue Pooling Documents.

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TC08-138 - In the Matter of the Filing by Qwest Corp. for Approval of Revisions to its Access Service Tariff.

Filed: 12/15/08 (Closed: 02/12/09)

TC08-139 - In the Matter of the Application of NET TALK.COM Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Local Exchange Services in South Dakota.

Filed: 12/16/08 (Closed: 02/12/09)

TC08-140 - In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corp. and Verizon Wireless fka CommNet Cellular Inc.

Filed: 12/19/08 (Closed: 02/05/09)

TC08-141 - In the Matter of the Application of 321 Communications Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Local Exchange Services in South Dakota.

Filed: 12/19/08 (Closed: 02/05/09)

TC08-142 - In the Matter of Telecommunications Systems Corp. of Maryland's Failure to Submit a Report and Pay the Gross Receipts Tax.

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TC08-143 - In the Matter of Ztar Mobile Inc.'s Failure to Submit a Report and Pay the Gross Receipts Tax.

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TC08-144 - In the Matter of Pacific Centrex Services Inc.'s Failure to Submit a Report and Pay the Gross Receipts Tax.

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TC08-145 - In the Matter of Trinsic Communications Inc.'s Failure to Submit a Report and Pay the Gross Receipts Tax.

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TC08-146 - In the Matter of Vanco Direct USA LLC's Failure to Submit a Report and Pay the Gross Receipts Tax.

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TC08-147 - In the Matter of Metropolitan Telecommunications of South Dakota Inc.'s Failure to Pay the Gross Receipts Tax.

Filed: 12/30/08 (Closed: 02/27/09)

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TC08-148 - In the Matter of Business Productivity Solutions Inc.'s Failure to Pay the Gross Receipts Tax.

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TC08-149 - In the Matter of GTC Telecom Corp. dba GTC Telecom's Failure to Pay the Gross Receipts Tax.

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TC08-150 - In the Matter of Yak Communications (America) Inc.'s Failure to Pay the Gross Receipts Tax.

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TC08-151 - In the Matter of Epixtar Communications Corp.'s Failure to Submit a Report and Pay the Gross Receipts Tax.

Filed: 12/30/08 (Closed: 03/09/09)

TC08-152 - In the Matter of Telecom Resources Inc. dba TRINetwork Inc.'s Failure to Submit a Report and Pay the Gross Receipts Tax.

Filed: 12/30/08 (Closed: 02/24/09)

TC08-153 - In the Matter of WinStar Communications LLC's Failure to Submit a Report and Pay the Gross Receipts Tax.

Filed: 12/30/08 (Closed: 03/09/09)



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