



ORDERED, that final action is deferred until later in the process on approval of the Settlement Agreement and the Third Amendment. It is further

ORDERED, that as an alternative to approving the Third Amendment at this time, the implementation of the settlement rates set forth in this contract with deviations is conditionally authorized and approved on an interim basis, commencing October 1, 2014, subject to later approval of such contract with deviations by the Commission and subject to the following conditions:

1. If the contract with deviations is not subsequently approved by the Commission, the rates to be paid by SDSTA for the period on and after October 1, 2014, shall be the rates ultimately approved in the rate case for the applicable class of service, with the difference between the interim rates paid by SDSTA and the rates ultimately approved in the rate case for the applicable class of service to be subject to true-up and refund or repayment, as the case may be, with interest at the rate approved in a refund order of the Commission after final decision in the general rate case; or

2. If the contract with deviations is subsequently approved by the Commission with modification of the settlement rates to be paid by SDSTA, the rates to be paid by SDSTA for the period on and after October 1, 2014, shall be such contract with deviation rates as are ultimately approved by the Commission, with the difference between the conditionally approved interim rates and the contract with deviation rates ultimately approved by the Commission to be subject to true-up and refund or repayment, as the case may be, with interest at the rate approved in the refund provisions of the Commission's order approving the contract with deviations with modified rates or, if refund is not ordered in such order, in the refund order of the Commission at the time of the general rate decision.

3. This approval does not pre-determine a Commission decision in the current or future rate case proceedings regarding rate treatment of revenue requirement shortfalls resulting from rates approved as contracts with deviations.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 18th day of September, 2014.

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

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GARY HANSON, Chairman

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CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

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