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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

**Re: In the Matter of Revisions and/or Additions to the Commission's
Switched Access Rules Codified in ARSD 20:10:27 through 20:10:29
Docket No. RM05-002**

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed for filing is the Comments of Qwest Corporation regarding the above-referenced matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature of Jason D. Topp in black ink.

Jason D. Topp

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Enclosure

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

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COMMENTS OF QWEST CORPORATION

The South Dakota Commission opened the above docket, investigating the cost methodology used to support increases in intrastate switched access charges by local exchange carriers. The investigation was opened in response to interventions by Interexchange carriers (IXCs) in rate filings by several rural LECs, where the methodology was used to increase switched access rates. The IXCs alleged in response to those filings that the methodology allowing the increase in intrastate switched access was flawed.

Qwest was not a party to any of the complaints raised by the carriers. In fact, Qwest waived filing the cost methodology for last year. The result is that Qwest has not raised intrastate switched access rates in six years. Qwest proposes no changes at this time.

Qwest reserves its rights to comment on any proposals put forward in this investigation.

Dated this 3rd day of February, 2006.

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