

TC01-091

In the Matter of _____ IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY _____
QWEST CORPORATION FOR _____
APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO ITS _____
EXCHANGE AND NETWORK _____
SERVICES TARIFF _____

Public Utilities Commission of the State of South Dakota

DATE

MEMORANDA

7/2/01 Filed and Docketed;
7/5/01 Public Filing;
7/27/01 Order Approving Tariff Revisions;
7/27/01 Docket Closed.

June 28, 2001

Ms. Debra Elofson, Executive Director
Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol Building
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

Dear Ms. Elofson:

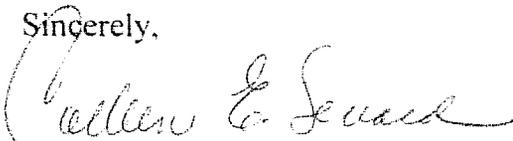
Qwest Corporation has attached for filing with the Commission the following revised pages from our Exchange and Network Services Tariff:

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This filing increases the Federal Telephone Assistance Plan credit from \$6.10 to \$6.75 to offset the \$.65 increase in the Residence Subscriber Line Charge.

We would appreciate acknowledgment of receipt of this filing. A duplicate copy of this letter is attached for your convenience.

Sincerely,



Colleen E. Sevold
Manager-Regulatory Affairs

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UTILITIES COMMISSION

TELECOMMUNICATIONS NEW SERVICES CLASSIFICATION FILING

- 1) Requested Classification: Non-Competitive
 Emerging Competitive
 Fully Competitive

- 2) This service will be offered: Intrastate, IntraLATA
 Intrastate, InterLATA
 Interstate

- 3) Detailed Description of Service: The Lifeline Assistance Plan is a federal plan to assist low income subscribers.

- 4) Reason for Change: The credit for the Lifeline Assistance Plan was increased to offset the \$.65 increase in the Residence Subscriber Line Charge.

- 5) Basis for Rates: Offsets the increase to the residential subscriber line charge

- 6) Quantification of Customer Impact: Affects only low income subscribers taking advantage of the Lifeline Assistance Plan

- 7) Proposed Effective Date: July 3, 2001

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5. EXCHANGE SERVICES

5.1 LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

5.2.6 TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

A.3. (Cont'd)

- c. The Lifeline Assistance Plan credit will begin with the first billing date after the Company is notified by applicants who qualify for benefits or when new service is established by a qualifying customer.
- d. Nonrecurring charges will not apply to establish this program on existing service.
- e. This credit shall apply only to a customer's principal residence line.

4. Credit

	CREDIT USOC	MONTHLY CREDIT[1]
* Lifeline Assistance Plan Credit	ASGFX	\$6.75 (1)

[1] The total monthly credit consists of the \$5.00 baseline FCC Lifeline support and an additional \$1.75 FCC Lifeline support. See Tribal Lifeline for expanded federal lifeline benefits available to residents living on reservations.

(C)

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5. EXCHANGE SERVICES

5.2 LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE
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B. Tribal Lifeline (Cont'd)

3. Monthly Credit[1]

	CREDIT USOC[2]	CREDIT AMOUNT
* Flat individual line (IFR)		
- Chamberlain	ASGFT	\$13.00
- Flandreau	ASGFT	13.00
- Pierre	ASGFT	13.80
- Sturgis	ASGFT	13.00
- Morristown/McIntosh		
- Base Rate Area	ASGFT	11.45
- Outside Base Rate Area	ASGFT	14.45
- Timber Lake		
- Base Rate Area	ASGFT	10.75
- Outside Base Rate Area	ASGFT	13.75

[1] The ASGFX credit of \$6.75 applies in addition to the Tribal Lifeline credit.

[2] The credit amount is calculated by adding the IFR rate and any applicable outside the base rate area and touch-tone charges plus the \$5.00 subscriber line charge together. The ASGFX credit of \$6.75 is subtracted from the total and the remaining difference less \$1.00 which is the minimum Tribal Lifeline rate allowed, is the credit amount. For example: Tribal Lifeline customer in Timber Lake, outside the base rate area, (\$15.00 + \$1.50 + \$5.00 = \$21.50 - \$6.75 = \$14.75 - \$1.00) = \$13.75 credit.

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
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For the Period of June 28, 2001 through July 4, 2001

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CONSUMER COMPLAINTS

CT01-028 In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Dennis Lindskov dba Automotive Co., Inc., Isabel, South Dakota, against MCI WorldCom Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services and Billing for Services.

The Complainant states that he was billed for unauthorized service by MCI WorldCom. He states that when he contacted MCI about the billing, he was told by the MCI representative that the charges would be waved if he sent a letter indicating that the charges were unauthorized and that he requests the account be closed. He sent a letter requesting the cancellation of the account on April 16, 2001. As of today, the charges have not been removed. Complainant requests \$1,000.00 for the unauthorized billing, that all charges be credited and \$250.00 for his loss of time to try and resolve this billing.

Staff Analyst: Mary Healy
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Docketed: 07/03/01
Intervention Deadline: N/A

ELECTRIC

EL01-016 In the Matter of the Joint Request for Electric Service Territory Exception between Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Kingsbury Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative and Kingsbury Electric Cooperative, Inc. jointly request the Commission grant an exception to the existing electric service territory boundary. The exception would permit Kingsbury Electric Cooperative, Inc. to provide electric service to the Lon Hall residence located in the Northwest quarter of Section 6, Township 112 North, Range 52 West.

Staff Analyst: Michele Farris
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Docketed: 07/02/01
Intervention Deadline: 07/20/01

EL01-017 In the Matter of the Joint Request for Electric Service Territory Exception between Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Xcel Energy.

Sioux Valley Southwestern Electric Cooperative and Xcel Energy jointly request the Commission grant an exception to the existing electric service territory boundary. The exception would permit Xcel Energy to provide electric service to Flack Signs and also to Lamar Outdoor Advertising for billboard locations in the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 south of I-90, Section 25, Township 102 North, Range 50 West.

Staff Analyst: Michele Farris
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Docketed: 07/02/01
Intervention Deadline: 07/20/01

TC01-082 In the Matter of the Establishment of Switched Access Revenue Requirement for James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company and Accent Communications, Inc.

James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company and Accent Communications, Groton, South Dakota, filed a switched access cost study developing a revenue requirement and minutes of use that are included in the revenue requirement and minutes of use used to determine the switched access rates for the Local Exchange Carrier Association.

Staff Analyst: Keith Senger
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Docketed: 06/29/01
Intervention Deadline: 07/20/01

TC01-083 In the Matter of the Establishment of Switched Access Revenue Requirement for Stockholm-Strandburg Telephone Company.

Stockholm-Strandburg Telephone Co. filed a switched access cost study developing a revenue requirement and minutes of use that are included in the revenue requirement and minutes of use used to determine the switched access rates for the Local Exchange Carrier Association.

Staff Analyst: Heather Forney
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Docketed: 06/29/01
Intervention Deadline: 07/20/01

TC01-084 In the Matter of the Establishment of Switched Access Revenue Requirement for West River Telecommunications Cooperative.

West River Telecommunications Cooperative, Hazen, North Dakota, filed a switched access cost study developing a revenue requirement and minutes of use that are included in the revenue requirement and minutes of use used to determine the switched access rates for the Local Exchange Carrier Association. In accordance with ARSD 20:10.27:10, West River Telecommunications Cooperative requests that the Commission allow the use of GVNW's cost study model as opposed to the Commission model for determining West River Telecommunications Cooperative's revenue requirement.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Docketed: 06/29/01
Intervention Deadline: 07/20/01

TC01-085 In the Matter of the Establishment of Switched Access Revenue Requirement for Mobridge Telecommunications Company.

Mobridge Telecommunications, Hazen, North Dakota, filed a switched access cost study developing a revenue requirement and minutes of use that are included in the revenue requirement and minutes of use used to determine the switched access rates for the Local Exchange Carrier Association. In accordance with ARSD 20:10.27:10, Mobridge Telecommunications requests that the Commission allow the use of GVNW's cost study model as opposed to the Commission model for determining Mobridge Telecommunications' revenue requirement.

TC01-090

In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Adoption Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Williams & Company Communications, Inc.

On July 2, 2001, an Adoption Agreement between Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") and Williams & Company Communications, Inc. ("Williams") was filed with the Commission for approval. According to the parties the Agreement is a negotiated agreement with the parties adopting the terms and conditions of the Interconnection Agreement and any associated amendments, if applicable, between FiberComm, L.L.C. and Qwest Corporation (aka US WEST Communications, Inc. which was approved by the Commission on March 30, 1999 in Docket No. TC98-166. Any party wishing to comment on the agreement may do so by filing written comments with the Commission and the parties to the agreement no later than July 23, 2001. Parties to the agreement may file written responses to the comments no later than twenty days after the service of the initial comments.

Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier

Date Docketed: 07/02/01

Initial Comments Due: 07/23/01

TC01-091

In the Matter of the Filing by Qwest Corporation for Approval of Revisions to its Exchange and Network Services Tariff.

On July 2, 2001, Qwest Corporation filed revisions to its Exchange and Network Services Tariff for approval. These revisions increase the Federal Telephone Assistance Plan credit from \$6.10 to \$6.75 to offset the \$.65 increase in the Residence Subscriber Line Charge.

Staff Analyst: Heather Forney

Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier

Date Docketed: 07/02/01

Intervention Deadline: 07/20/01

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY QWEST) ORDER APPROVING TARIFF
CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF) REVISIONS
REVISIONS TO ITS EXCHANGE AND)
NETWORK SERVICES TARIFF) TC01-091

On July 2, 2001, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Qwest Corporation (Qwest) for approval of revisions to its Exchange and Network Services Tariff. The revisions increase the Federal Telephone Assistance Plan credit from \$6.10 to \$6.75 to offset the \$.65 increase in the Residence Subscriber Line Charge.

On July 5, 2001, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 20, 2001, to interested individuals and entities. No parties sought intervention.

The following tariff sheets were filed with regard to the Exchange and Network Services Tariff:

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At its regularly scheduled meeting of July 24, 2001, the Commission considered this matter.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the above revisions to the Exchange and Network Services Tariff. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves the above referenced revisions to the Exchange and Network Services Tariff, effective as of July 3, 2001.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 27th day of July, 2001.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE	
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.	
By	<u>Mildred Kees</u>
Date	<u>8/3/01</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner