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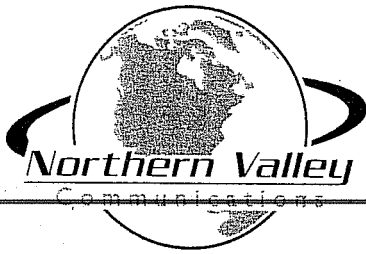
TC03-113

DOCKET NO.

In the Matter of IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY
NORTHERN VALLEY
COMMUNICATIONS, LLC FOR
APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO ITS
INTRASTATE SWITCHED ACCESS
TARIFF

Public Utilities Commission of the State of South Dakota

DATE	MEMORANDA
7/16 03	Filed and Docketed;
7/17 03	Weekly Filings;
8/29 03	Order Approving Tariff;
8/29 03	Docket Closed.



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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

May 11, 2006

Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director
SD Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

RE: REQUEST TO CLOSE DOCKET IN TC03-113 - NORTHERN VALLEY
COMMUNICATIONS (NVC) INTRASTATE SWITCHED ACCESS REVISED TARIFF
PAGES

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

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Therefore, NVC hereby requests that the Commission close Docket TC03-113 due to the fact that the filed rate in the above docket was the final rate and, there is no refund or interest due by NVC to any IXCs. The filing was based upon the approved statewide rate in LECA docket TC02-090, where the corresponding cost studies had already been approved by the Commission.

Therefore, NVC respectfully requests that the Commission close docket TC03-113 as an administrative matter without any further orders or proceedings. If you have any questions, please contact me at (605) 725-1000 or Wendy Harper of Vantage Point Solutions at (605) 995-1756.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

James Groft
Chief Executive Officer

Cc: Wendy Harper, Vantage Point Solutions
Keith Senger, PUC Staff

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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
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July 14, 2003

Pam Bonrud, Executive Director
SD Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

RE: NORTHERN VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS (NVC) INTRASTATE SWITCHED
ACCESS REVISED TARIFF PAGES

Dear Ms. Bonrud:

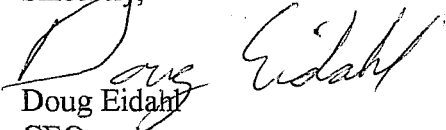
Enclosed please find an original and 10 copies of revised pages to NVC's Intrastate Switched Access Tariff No. 1 which are submitted for Commission approval. NVC has proposed an effective date of September 1, 2003. NVC's revised tariff rates are based on a statewide average in accordance with ARSD 20:10:27:12.

As you are aware, NVC was granted exemption from developing intrastate switched access rates based on company specific costs per the PUC order in docket TC02-170 dated December 2, 2002. Therefore, NVC respectfully requests that the Commission approve its revised Intrastate switched access tariff pages.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (605) 725-1000 or Larry Hettinger of Vantage Point Solutions at (605) 995-1750.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,


Doug Eidahl
CEO

Cc: Larry Hettinger, Vantage Point Solutions

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SOUTH DAKOTA SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICES

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A. CONCURRENCE IN RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF LOCAL
EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF NO. 1

1. Northern Valley Communications, LLC concurs in the rates, terms and conditions, except as noted below, of Local Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Tariff No. 1 governing Intrastate Access Service as filed by the Local Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. in the State of South Dakota. Northern Valley Communications, LLC concurs in the current Local Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Tariff No. 1 as of July 1, 2003 as shown by the attached TARIFF CHECKLIST pages. The only exceptions to this concurrence are the attached pages 17-1 and 17-4, which replace the current Local Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Tariff No. 1 pages 17-1 and 17-4. (T)
2. Northern Valley Communications, LLC hereby expressly reserves the right to cancel or void this statement of concurrence at any time consistent with state law and the best interests of Northern Valley Communications, LLC by filing a replacement tariff with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

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By: **Craig Osvog**
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SOUTH DAKOTA SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICES

17. Rates and Charges

17.1 Common Line Access Service

17.1.1 Carrier Common Line Access Service

Rate

Regulations concerning Carrier Common Line Access
are set forth in Section 3. Preceding.

Per Access Minute

\$0.0488 (I)

17.1.2 Reserved for Future Use

SOUTH DAKOTA SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICES

17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.2 Switched Access Service

17.2.1 Nonrecurring Charges

Rate

(A) <u>Local Transport Element- Installation Per Line or Trunk</u>	\$295.00
(B) <u>Reserved for Future Use</u>	
(C) <u>Interim NXX Translation Per Order</u>	\$181.00

Per LATA or Market Area

17.2.2 Traffic Sensitive

Local Switching (End Office)

Per Access Minute \$0.0232 (I)

Local Transport

Per Access Minute \$0.0335 (I)

Network Blocking Per Blocked Call

Applies to FGD only \$0.0271

8XX Data Base Query Service

Per Query

Basic \$0.0079

Vertical Feature \$0.0082

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
WEEKLY FILINGS
For the Period of July 10, 2003 through July 16, 2003

If you need a complete copy of a filing faxed, overnight expressed, or mailed to you, please contact Delaine Kolbo within five business days of this report. Phone: 605-773-3705

CONSUMER COMPLAINTS

CT03-107 **In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Barb Haas on behalf of Jensen Rock & Sand Inc., Mobridge, South Dakota, against S&S Communications/Alterna-Cell Regarding Loss of Long Distance Services.**

Complainant's representative states that a four-year prepaid long distance service plan was purchased on May 5, 2000, and that a 48-month lease agreement was signed at that time. Service was terminated without notice on June 3, 2003. The Complainant's representative contends that the respondent has failed to provide the contractual services and therefore seeks to have the responsibility to the Lease Company shifted to the Respondent.

Staff Analyst: Jim Mehlhaff
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier
Date Docketed: 07/10/03
Intervention deadline: N/A

CT03-108 **In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Kevin Parmely, Wessington, South Dakota, against S&S Communications/Alterna-Cell Regarding Loss of Long Distance Services.**

Complainant represents that he purchased a ten-year prepaid long distance service plan on October 5, 1998. On June 5, 2003, service was terminated without notice. Complainant seeks to be reimbursed for the prepaid service not provided.

Staff Analyst: Jim Mehlhaff
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier
Date Docketed: 07/10/03
Intervention deadline: N/A

CT03-109 **In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Lavonne Oswald, Mitchell, South Dakota, against S&S Communications/Alterna-Cell Regarding Loss of Long Distance Services.**

Complainant represents that she purchased a six-year prepaid long distance service plan on November 16, 2000. On June 5, 2003, service was terminated without notice. Complainant seeks to be reimbursed for the prepaid service not provided.

Staff Analyst: Jim Mehlhaff
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier
Date Docketed: 07/10/03
Intervention deadline: N/A

CT03-110 **In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Gerald and Bonnie Larson, Groton, South Dakota, against S&S Communications/Alterna-Cell Regarding Loss of Long Distance Services.**

Complainants represent that they purchased a ten-year prepaid cellular service plan on December 6, 1996. Service quality has always been poor. The respondent has now cut service, therefore the complainants seek to be reimbursed for three years of prepaid service that has not been provided.

Staff Analyst: Jim Mehlhaff
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier
Date Docketed: 07/10/03
Intervention deadline: N/A

CT03-111 In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Sandra Schaack, Henry, South Dakota, against S&S Communications/Alterna-Cell Regarding Loss of Long Distance Services.

Complainant represents that she purchased a seven-year prepaid long distance service plan. In early June service was terminated without notice. Complainant seeks to be reimbursed for the prepaid service not provided.

Staff Analyst: Jim Mehlhaff
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier
Date Docketed: 07/10/03
Intervention deadline: N/A

CT03-112 In the Matter of the Complaint filed by David Oliver on behalf of Graham Auto, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, against S&S Communications/Alterna-Cell Regarding Loss of Long Distance Services.

Complainant's representative states that a four-year prepaid long distance service plan was purchased. Service was terminated without notice after one month of service. Complainant seeks to be reimbursed for the prepaid service not provided.

Staff Analyst: Jim Mehlhaff
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier
Date Docketed: 07/10/03
Intervention deadline: N/A

CT03-113 In the Matter of the Complaint filed by David Oliver on behalf of Graham Tire Co., Sioux Falls, South Dakota, against S&S Communications/Alterna-Cell Regarding Loss of Long Distance Services.

Complainant's representative states that a four-year prepaid long distance service plan was purchased on February 27, 2003. Service was terminated without notice after approximately eight weeks of service. Complainant seeks to be reimbursed for the prepaid service not provided.

Staff Analyst: Jim Mehlhaff
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier
Date Docketed: 07/10/03
Intervention deadline: N/A

CT03-114 In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Bart Johnson, Revillo, South Dakota, against S&S Communications/Alterna-Cell Regarding Loss of Long Distance Services.

Complainant states that he purchased a seven-year long distance service plan and that service was terminated prior to the termination date of the contract. Complainant seeks to be reimbursed for prepaid service not provided plus the interest that was paid for financing the service plan.

Staff Analyst: Jim Mehlhaff
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier
Date Docketed: 07/10/03
Intervention deadline: N/A

CT03-115 In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Richard (Rick) and Carolyn Bieber, Trail City, South Dakota, against S&S Communications/Alterna-Cell Regarding Loss of Long Distance Services.

Complainants represent that they purchased a six-year prepaid long distance service plan. On June 5, 2003, the complainants discovered that service had been terminated without notice, three years before the end of the contract. Complainants seek to be reimbursed for the prepaid service not provided or to have service re-established for the balance of the contract.

Staff Analyst: Jim Mehlhaff
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier
Date Docketed: 07/10/03
Intervention deadline: N/A

CT03-116 In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Rodney and Linda Dikoff, Onaka, South Dakota, against S&S Communications/Alterna-Cell Regarding Loss of Long Distance Services.

Complainants represent that they purchased a prepaid long distance service plan on December 20, 1999. The contract should have provided service through January 2007. On June 5, 2003, the service was terminated without notice on June 5, 2003. If the Respondent is unable to re-establish service, Complainants seek to be reimbursed for the prepaid service not provided.

Staff Analyst: Jim Mehlhaff
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier
Date Docketed: 07/10/03
Intervention deadline: N/A

CT03-117 In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Jeffrey Pederson on behalf of Hagan Benefits, Inc., Sioux Falls, South Dakota, against S&S Communications/Alterna-Cell Regarding Loss of Long Distance Services.

Complainant's representative states that on December 10, 2002, a four-year prepaid long distance service plan was purchased from the respondent. Service was established on February 11, 2003. However, two of the lines were not transferred and were billed by the previous carrier at a casual rate. On June 3, 2003, service was terminated without notice. Complainant seeks to be reimbursed for the prepaid service not provided. Complainant also seeks to have the PUC direct the Respondent to pay the previous carrier for the charges on the lines that they failed to transfer and to direct the previous carrier to re-rate the charges to the existing plan rate and to halt all collection activities until this entire matter is resolved.

Staff Analyst: Jim Mehlhaff
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier
Date Docketed: 07/11/03
Intervention deadline: N/A

CT03-118 In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Tammy Korpala on behalf of Midland Publishing and Printing, Milbank, South Dakota, against S&S Communications/Alterna-Cell Regarding Loss of Long Distance Services.

Complainant's representative states that a six-year prepaid long distance service plan was purchased from the respondent. Service was terminated without notice after approximately 10 months of service. Complainant seeks to be reimbursed for the full purchase price of the contract.

Staff Analyst: Jim Mehlhaff
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier
Date Docketed: 07/16/03
Intervention deadline: N/A

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

TC03-111 In the Matter of the Establishment of Switched Access Revenue Requirement for Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority.

On July 10, 2003, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority, Eagle Butte, 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 Carriers Association.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Docketed: 07/10/03
Intervention Deadline: 08/01/03

TC03-112 In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and WaveSent, L.L.C.

On July 16, 2003, the Commission received a filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and WaveSent, L.L.C. According to the parties, the Agreement is being amended to include the addition of a Single Point of Presence as set forth in Attachment 1 and Exhibit A, which are attached to the Amendment. The original Agreement was approved on March 7, 2003, in Docket TC03-044. 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 August 3, 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: 07/16/03
Initial Comments Due: 08/05/03

TC03-113 In the Matter of the Filing by Northern Valley Communications, LLC for Approval of Revisions to its Intrastate Switched Access Tariff.

Northern Valley Communications (NVC) has filed revised pages to NVC's Intrastate Switched Access Tariff No. 1 for Commission approval. Previously, NVC was granted exemption from developing intrastate switched access rates based on company specific costs. NVC's revised tariff rates are based on a statewide average in accordance with ARSD 20:10:27:12.

Staff Analyst: Michele Farris
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Docketed: 07/16/03
Intervention Deadline: 08/01/03

TC03-114 In the Matter of the Application of Yak Communications (America) Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services in South Dakota.

Yak Communications (America) Inc. has filed an application for a Certificate of Authority to provide resold interexchange telecommunications services in South Dakota. The applicant intends to provide resold interexchange services, including 1+ long distance, 10-10 casual calling services and toll-free services throughout South Dakota.

Staff Analyst: Bonnie Bjork
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier
Date Docketed: 07/16/03
Intervention Deadline: 08/01/03

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY) ORDER APPROVING TARIFF
NORTHERN VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, LLC)
FOR APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO ITS) TC03-113
INTRASTATE SWITCHED ACCESS TARIFF)

On July 16, 2003, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a petition from Northern Valley Communications, LLC (Northern Valley) for approval of revisions to its Intrastate Switched Access Tariff No. 1. Northern Valley states that its revised tariff rates are based on a statewide average in accordance with ARSD 20:10:27:12. These rates are based on the revenue requirement for LECA companies that is currently an interim rate.

On July 17, 2003, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of August 1, 2003, to interested individuals and entities. No comments or petitions to intervene were filed.

On August 19, 2003, the Commission considered Northern Valley's request for approval of revisions to its Intrastate Switched Access Tariff No. 1. Commission Staff recommended approval of the revised tariff rate subject to refund, with interest, should the final rate be lower than the interim rate. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-31-18, 49-31-19 and ARSD 20:10:27:12. The Commission voted to approve the revisions to Northern Valley's Intrastate Switched Access Tariff No. 1 subject to refund, with interest, should the final LECA rate be lower than the interim rate. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Northern Valley's revised Intrastate Switched Access Tariff No. 1 is approved subject to refund, with interest, should the final rate be lower than the interim rate.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 29th day of August, 2003.

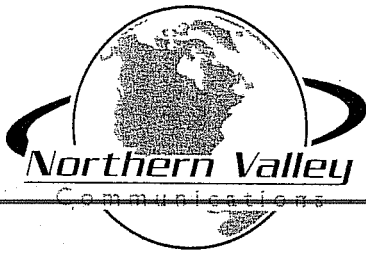
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u>Rebecca Kolbo</u>
Date: <u>8/29/03</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

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GARY HANSON, Commissioner

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