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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

RE: KADOKA TELEPHONE COMPANY (KADOKA) INTRASTATE SWITCHED
ACCESS REVISED TARIFF PAGES

Dear Ms. Bonrud:

Enclosed please find an original and 10 copies of revised pages to Kadoka's Intrastate Switched Access Tariff No. 1 which are submitted for Commission approval. These pages replace all prior pages on file with the Commission. Kadoka has proposed an effective date of October 20, 2004.

As you are aware, Kadoka was granted exemption from developing intrastate switched access rates based on company specific costs. Kadoka's revised tariff rates are based on a statewide average in accordance with ARSD 20:10:27:12. Kadoka respectfully requests that the Commission approve its revised Intrastate Switched Access Tariff pages.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (605) 279-2161 or Larry Hettinger of Heartland Consulting at (605) 995-6120.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Strandell".

George Strandell,
General Manager

Enclosures

cc: Larry Hettinger, Heartland Consulting

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By: Jerry Reisenauer
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SOUTH DAKOTA SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICES

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

1. Kadoka Telephone Company 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. Kadoka Telephone Company concurs in the current Local Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Tariff No. 1 as of August 1, 2004 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.
2. Kadoka Telephone Company 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 Kadoka Telephone Company by filing a replacement tariff with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

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

\$0.0693

SOUTH DAKOTA SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICES

17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.2 Switched Access Service

17.2.1 Nonrecurring Charges

	<u>Rate</u>
(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 \$0.0276

Local Transport

Per Access Minute \$0.0356

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 September 17, 2004 through September 22, 2004

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: 605-773-3201

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

TC04-199 In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement Between Qwest Corporation and DIECA Communications, Inc. D/B/A Covad Communications Company

On September 17, 2004, the Commission received a filing for approval of an Expedites for Design Services Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and DIECA Communications, Inc., d/b/a Covad Communications Company. The parties state that the amendment adds terms, conditions, and rates for Expedites For Design Services. Any party wishing to comment on the Amendment may do so by filing written comments with the Commission and the parties to the Amendment no later than Thursday, October 7, 2004. Parties to the Amendment may file written responses to the comments no later than twenty days after the service of the initial comments.

Staff Attorney: Sara B. Harens
Date Filed: 09/17/04
Initial Comments Due: 10/07/04

TC04-200 In the Matter of the Filing by Level 3 Communications, LLC for Approval of Revisions to its Intrastate Switched Access Tariff.

On September 5, 2003, Level 3 Communications LLC filed a petition asking for exemption from developing company-specific cost-based switched access rates. On November 13, 2003, the Commission issued an Order granting Level 3 an exemption and approved a request to mirror the Qwest Corporation tariffed intrastate access rates. On January 20, 2004, Qwest Corporation filed to reduce the Carrier Common Line rate. On May 13, 2004, the Commission issued an Order approving Qwest's rate reduction. On August 27, 2004, Level 3 filed tariff revisions to reduce its Carrier Common Line rate to mirror Qwest's rate.

Staff Analyst: Keith Senger
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer/Sara Harens
Date Filed: 08/27/04
Intervention Deadline: 10/01/04

TC04-201 In the Matter of the Filing by Qwest Corporation of its Notice of Deletion of Exhibit B-1 and Modifications to Exhibit B of its Statement of Generally Available Terms and Conditions (SGAT) and Motion to Modify the Qwest Performance Assurance Plan Found in Exhibit K of its SGAT.

On September 16, 2004, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) submitted an updated Exhibit B to the Statement of Generally Available Terms and Conditions (SGAT) comprising Version 8.0, which is the Performance Indicator Definitions. Qwest requests that Exhibit B-1 be deleted from the SGAT. Qwest also submitted its revised Qwest Performance Assurance Plan (QPAP) found in Exhibit K of the SGAT for modifications to reflect changes from the June 24, 2004, filing of an updated Exhibit B that took effect pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 252(f)(3) sixty days later. Qwest

requests that the Commission approve Exhibit B and QPAP, as revised and modified, designate PO-20 as Tier 1 Medium without a Tier 2 assignment, establish a low-volume-differentiated benchmark for PO-20, and allow PO-20 a measurement stabilization for no more than three months with the implementation of each phase. Qwest requests that the Commission approve the modifications and permit the amended Exhibit B to go into effect on October 1, 2004, but in any event pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 252(f)(3) no later than 60 days after submission. Further, Qwest requests, pursuant to Section 16 of the QPAP, that the changes automatically apply to all existing interconnection agreements that contain Exhibit B, Exhibit B-1 and the QPAP, Exhibit K as exhibits.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Filed: 09/16/04
Intervention Deadline: 10/08/04

TC04-202 In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Sancom, Inc. d/b/a Mitchell Telecom.

On September 20, 2004, the Commission received a filing for approval of a Triennial Review Order and USTA II Decision Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Sancom Inc. d/b/a/ Mitchell Telecom. The parties state that the amendment changes or adds terms, conditions, and rates for certain network elements. Any party wishing to comment on the Amendment may do so by filing written comments with the Commission and the parties to the Amendment no later than Thursday, October 12, 2004. Parties to the Amendment may file written responses to the comments no later than twenty days after the service of the initial comments.

Staff Attorney: Sara B. Harens
Date Filed: 09/20/04
Initial Comments Due: 10/12/04

TC04-203 In the Matter of the Filing by Kadoka Telephone Company for Approval of Revisions to its Intrastate Switched Access Rates.

On September 21, 2004, Kadoka Telephone Company, Kadoka, South Dakota, filed revised Switched Access Tariff rates with a proposed effective date of October 20, 2004. In accordance with ARSD 20:10:27:12, the switched access rates are the average of all cost companies (for the year ended December 31, 2003) in South Dakota, excluding Qwest Corporation.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer/Sara Harens
Date Filed: 09/21/04
Intervention Deadline: 10/08/04

TC04-204 In the Matter of the Filing by Hills Telephone Company, Inc. for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier.

On September 21, 2004, Hills Telephone Company, Inc. (Hills) submitted a Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) pursuant to Section 241(e)(2) of the Telecommunications Act of 1934, as amended (Act), 47 U.S.C. Section 214(e)(2), and Section 54.201 of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules, 47 C.F.R. Section 54.201. Hills requests that it be designated as eligible to receive all available support from the federal Universal Service Fund (USF) including, but not limited to, support for rural, insular and high-cost areas and low-income customers. Section 214(e)(1) of the Act and Section 54.201(d)

of the FCC's rules provide that carriers designated as ETCs shall, throughout their service area, (1) offer the services that are supported by federal universal service support mechanisms either using their own facilities or a combination of their own facilities and resale of another carrier's services, and (2) advertise the availability of such services and the charges therefor using media of general distribution. Hills is a full-service wireline communications carrier which will offer all of these services as soon as the sale of the Valley Springs Exchange closes by utilizing the existing facilities and infrastructure currently utilized by Sioux Valley Telephone Company. Hills requests that the Public Utilities Commission: (1) enter an Order designating Hills as an ETC for its requested ETC service area; and (2) certify to the FCC that Hills will use the federal USF support for its intended purposes.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Filed: 09/21/04
Intervention Deadline: 10/08/04

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY KADOKA) ORDER APPROVING TARIFF
TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF)
REVISIONS TO ITS INTRASTATE SWITCHED) TC04-203
ACCESS TARIFF)

On September 21, 2004, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Kadoka Telephone Company (Kadoka) for approval of revisions to its Intrastate Switched Access Tariff No. 1. Kadoka states that its revised tariff rates are based on a statewide average in accordance with ARSD 20:10:27:12. These rates are an interim rate based on the statewide average of the cost companies developed in Docket TC04-119. Kadoka requested an effective date of October 20, 2004.

On September 23, 2004, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of October 8, 2004, to interested individuals and entities. No comments or petitions to intervene were filed.

On October 12, 2004, the Commission considered Kadoka'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 Kadoka's Intrastate Switched Access Tariff No. 1 subject to refund, with interest, should the final rate be lower than the interim rate. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Kadoka's revised Intrastate Switched Access Tariff No. 1 is approved, effective October 20, 2004, subject to refund, with interest, should the final rate be lower than the interim rate.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 20th day of October, 2004.

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: William Kates

Date: 10/21/04

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner