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December 13, 2004



Ms. Pam Bonrud, Executive Director
Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol Building
Pierre, South Dakota

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UTILITIES COMMISSION

Dear Ms. Bonrud:

Qwest Corporation has attached for filing with the Commission the following pages from the Access Services Tariff:

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This filing allows the Access Service Tariff to mirror the current F.C.C. No. 1 Switched Access Tariff by adding an Optical DS3 Entrance Facility monthly recurring rate element. The rate will be applied to the portion of the Optical DS3 Entrance Facility that is used to provide Intrastate Switched Access Service as determined by the customer self-reported or Qwest calculated PIU (Percentage Interstate Usage) associated with that Entrance Facility. Qwest requests this filing to become effective January 12, 2005.

We would appreciate receipt of acknowledgement of this filing. A duplicate copy of this letter is attached for your convenience. If you have any questions, please call me on 605-335-4596.

Sincerely,

Colleen E. Sebold
Manager-Policy & Law

Receipt Acknowledged _____

By _____, Executive Director
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2.7 SHARED USE REGULATIONS

Shared Use occurs when the Company allows a customer to utilize the same transport facility for different services. When the same transport facility and the associated options are utilized to provide more than one service, the Company shall apportion the monthly billing of the appropriate transport elements between the shared services.

The rate elements subject to the Shared Use allocation process are the recurring elements assessed for transport facilities only between a customer's premises and the SWC of that premises and the interoffice facilities from the customer's SWC to other wire centers which may include access tandems, end offices, and hubbing locations. Rate elements not associated with transport facilities are not allocated. The nonrecurring installation charges for each service are not apportioned and are assessed except as set forth in this section.

The Shared Use transport facility is ordered and provided as Private Line Transport Service (PLTS) unless otherwise described in this section. The specific Shared Use regulations and/or exceptions are described following:

- DS1 and DS3 PLTS with Switched Access Service is described in 2.7.1,
- Switched Access Service with Common Channel Signaling Access Capability Service (CCSAC) is described in 2.7.3, following
- PLTS and Switched Access Service provisioned with an optical interface (described in 2.7.4, following)

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2.7.1 DS1 AND DS3 PLTS WITH SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE

When DS1 and DS3 PLTS (including a facility to a Hub) is shared between PLTS and Switched Access Service (including CCSAC), the service is ordered, provided and rated as PLTS until the customer chooses to place an order for Switched Access Service. When the customer chooses to use a portion of the available capacity on existing PLTS for providing Switched Access Service, the customer shall place an order for each individual Switched Access Service and specify the channel assignment for the Shared Use facility.

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS

2.7 SHARED USE REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

2.7.3 SWITCHED DS3 FACILITY WITH CCSAC SERVICE

Shared Use may occur when Switched Access Service, as set forth in Section 6, following, and CCSAC Service, as set forth in Section 20, following, are provided over the same DS3 facility. The DS3 facility must be ordered, provided and rated from Section 6 until the customer chooses to use a portion of the facility for CCSAC Service.

When the customer chooses to use a portion of the available capacity (i.e., DS1) of a DS3 facility for providing CCSAC, the customer shall place an order for each individual CCSAC Service from Section 20, following, and specify the channel assignment for the Shared Use facility. The customer must dedicate, at a minimum, one DS1 facility for the CCS Links. Since a minimum of one DS1 is utilized for CCS Links, the number of channels apportioned for CCSAC will be in multiples of 24 channels. All rates and charges will be apportioned as set forth in 2.7.1, preceding.

Where PLTS or Switched Access Service is provided and a portion of the facility is utilized for Shared Use to a Hub, rates and charges are apportioned for the facility to the Hub as set forth in 2.7.1, preceding, and individual service rates and charges for CCSAC apply from the Hub to the Company STP as set forth in Section 20, following.

2.7.4 PLTS AND SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE PROVISIONED WITH AN OPTICAL INTERFACE

When a customer chooses to use a portion of the available capacity of a PLTS provisioned with an optical interface, all rates and charges are apportioned as set forth in 2.7.2, preceding. The optical interface is ordered and provided from Section 7, of the Interstate Access Service Tariff, F.C.C. No. 1. The rate for the optical interface as set forth in 6.8, following, is for the billing of Shared Use only.

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6. SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE

6.8 RATES AND CHARGES

6.8.1 SWITCHED TRANSPORT

A. Entrance Facility Monthly Rates

	USOC	MONTHLY RATE	
1. Electrical Interface			(T)
• Voice Grade, per point of termination	EF2AX,FE4AX	\$ 17.40	(T)
• DS1, per DS1	EF2BX,FE4BX	150.00	
• DS3, per DS3	EF2CX,FE4CX	1,282.50	(T)
2. Optical Interface[1]			(N)
• DS3, per DS3	EF2DX,FE4DX	943.50	(N)

[1] For Shared Use only as set forth in 2.7, preceding.

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For the Period of December 9, 2004 through December 15, 2004

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ELECTRIC

EL04-039 **In the Matter of the Joint Request for an Electric Service Rights Exception between Xcel Energy, Inc. and Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. d/b/a Sioux Valley Energy.**

On December 14, 2004, Xcel Energy filed for Commission approval a Service Territory Exception Agreement between Northern States Power Company, d/b/a Xcel Energy, Inc. and Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. d/b/a Sioux Valley Energy. The agreement seeks an exception to the existing service territory near Sioux Falls, SD in order to provide for an efficient electrical connection to a SD DOT "Dynamic Message Board." The sign is located within Xcel Energy's service territory, but because of proximity will be better connected to the Sioux Valley Energy's power system nearby. The location of the sign is on the south side of I90 about 1.375 miles east of the intersection of I229 and I90 near Sioux Falls, SD located in the SW 1/4 of Section 25 of Mapleton Township 102N, Range 49W in Minnehaha County. The agreement will automatically terminate upon removal or abandonment of the sign.

Staff Analyst: Michele Farris
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Filed: 12/14/04
Intervention Deadline: 12/30/04

EL04-040 **In the Matter of the Filing by Otter Tail Power Company for Approval of Tariff Revisions.**

Application by Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) for approval to revise its tariffed Summary List of Contracts with Deviations. The existing contract with the City of Clear Lake will expire on January 15, 2005. Otter Tail states the new agreement does not contain any deviations from Otter Tail's currently filed tariff and therefore requests that reference to a contract with the City of Clear Lake be removed from the Summary List of Contracts with Deviations.

Staff Analyst: Dave Jacobson
Staff Attorney: Sara Harens
Date Filed: 12/14/04
Intervention Deadline: 12/30/04

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

TC04-260 **In the Matter of the Application of Budget Phone, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services and Local Exchange Services in South Dakota.**

On December 14, 2004, Budget Phone, Inc. filed an application seeking a Certificate of Authority to provide interexchange services throughout South Dakota and local exchange services in the areas served by any LECs that are not eligible for a small or rural carrier exemption pursuant to Section 254(f)(1) of the federal act. The Applicant intends to offer resold interexchange and local exchange services utilizing the UNE-P platform.

Staff Analyst: Keith Senger
Staff Attorney: Sara Harens
Date Docketed: 12/14/04
Intervention Deadline: 12/30/04

TC04-261 In the Matter of the Filing by Qwest Corporation for Approval of Revisions to its Access Service Tariff.

On December 15, 2004, Qwest Corporation filed to add Optical DS3 Entrance Facility to its Access Service Tariff. The filing would mirror the current F.C.C. No. 1 Switched Access Tariff by adding a monthly recurring rate element to the intrastate Access Service Tariff for Optical DS3 Entrance Facility. Qwest Corporation requests this filing become effective January 12, 2005.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Filed: 12/15/04
Intervention Deadline: 12/30/04

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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 ACCESS SERVICE TARIFF) TC04-261**

On December 15, 2004, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Qwest Corporation (Qwest) for approval of revisions to its Access Service Tariff. The revisions add Optical DS3 Entrance Facility to Qwest's Access Service Tariff. The filing would mirror the current F.C.C. No. 1 Switched Access Tariff by adding a monthly recurring rate element to the intrastate Access Service Tariff for Optical DS3 Entrance Facility. Qwest requests this filing to be effective January 12, 2005.

On December 16, 2004, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of December 30, 2004, to interested individuals and entities. No parties sought intervention.

The following tariff sheets were filed with regard to the Access Services Tariff:

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At its regularly scheduled meeting of January 25, 2005, 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 Access Service Tariff. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves the above referenced revisions to the Access Service Tariff, effective as of the date of this order.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 26th day of January, 2005.

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>Melaine Kolbe</u>
Date:	<u>1/27/05</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Chairman

Robert K. Sahr

ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner

Dustin M. Johnson

DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner