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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMISSION

Re: South Dakota Network, LLC  
Our File Number 05-018B

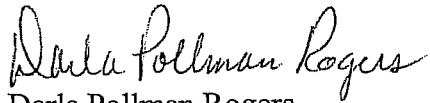
Dear Pam:

This letter, and the accompanying filing (original and ten copies), is to formally request that the Commission grant South Dakota Network, LLC (SDN) a waiver of the switched access cost study required in ARSD 20:10:27:07.

The study requires a great deal of resources and is costly to produce. Although a new cost study is estimated to result in higher access rates than the one filed three years ago, SDN does not intend to ask for an increase in access rates at this time. If SDN were to decide at a future date to seek an increase in the access rates, an updated cost study would be filed with the Commission, as required.

Please feel free to call me at any time should you wish to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely yours,

  
Darla Pollman Rogers  
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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE  
APPLICATION OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
NETWORK, LLC, FOR WAIVER OF  
SWITCHED ACCESS COST STUDY

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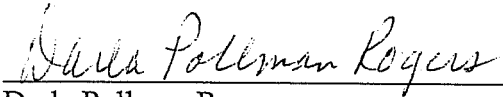
South Dakota Network, LLC (SDN), respectfully requests the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) to grant it a waiver, under ARSD § 20:10:27:02, of the switched access cost study required by ARSD § 20:10:27:07.

ARSD § 20:10:27:07 requires a carrier's carrier to file cost data in support of its switched access service tariff no less than once every three years. ARSD § 20:10:27:02 provides that the Commission may, for good cause shown, either by its own motion or by application from a carrier's carrier, temporarily waive or suspend any rule in chapter 20:10:27.

SDN requests a waiver of the cost study requirement because (1) producing such a study is costly and consumes a great deal of time and resources; and (2) SDN does not anticipate raising access rates at this time, although preliminary analysis indicates that a cost study would likely support higher rates.

WHEREFORE, SDN submits that it has provided the Commission with good cause and it respectfully requests the Commission to temporarily waive or suspend the requirement in ARSD § 20:10:27:07 for the current three-year study period.

DATED this thirteenth day of May, 2005.



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