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Sioux Falls, SD 57194



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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMISSION

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen  
Public Utilities Commission  
State Capitol Building  
Pierre, South Dakota

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

In 2007 Ft. Randall Telephone and Qwest met informally with Commissioners and Staff to discuss the possibility of Qwest Corporation exiting the long distance market in Ft. Randall and Mt. Rushmore territory. At that time we discussed that ballots would be sent to all affected customers letting them know of the choices for carriers of long distance that would be available to them.

This is an informal notification to the Commission to let you know both companies are proceeding with the plans and letters and ballots will be going out to the customers within the next month. A February 2, 2009 implementation date is being targeted

If you have any questions please call me at 605-335-4596.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Colleen Sevold".

Colleen E. Sevold  
Manager-Policy & Law