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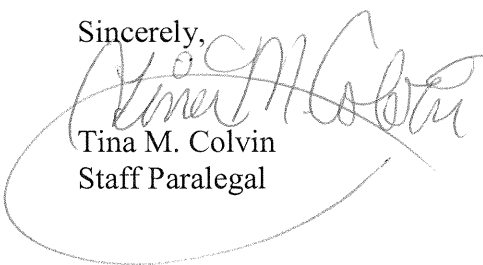
Via Electronic Delivery

RE: In the Matter of the Filing by Qwest Corporation for Approval to Consolidate
Spearfish, Lead, Deadwood and Whitewood Rate Centers
Docket No. TC10-024

Enclosed are Qwest's Responses to South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff's First Set
of Data Requests, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, in the above-referenced docket.

If you have any questions regarding this serving, I can be reached at (303) 383-6677.

Sincerely,



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cc: George Thomson, Esq.
Wayne Johnson

South Dakota
Docket No. TC10-024
STF 1-001

INTERVENOR: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff

REQUEST NO: 001

With the consolidation of these four rate centers, do you expect any changes to local rates?

RESPONSE:

No.

Respondent: Tom Freeberg, Qwest Director

South Dakota
Docket No. TC10-024
STF 1-002

INTERVENOR: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff

REQUEST NO: 002

Are there any 911 issues or PSAP issues to be considered in relationship to this filing?

RESPONSE:

No.

Respondent: Tom Freeberg, Qwest Director

South Dakota
Docket No. TC10-024
STF 1-003

INTERVENOR: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff

REQUEST NO: 003

Please provide an estimate and breakdown of costs projected to be incurred with this consolidation; i.e. hardware, software, switching, trunking, etc. Will any of these costs be passed down to customers?

RESPONSE:

The estimated costs are diminimis. Qwest anticipates no capital outlay and marginal expense associated with changes to mechanized systems. None of these costs will be passed down to customers.

Respondent: Wayne Johnson, Qwest Staff Advocate

South Dakota
Docket No. TC10-024
STF 1-004

INTERVENOR: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff

REQUEST NO: 004

What benefits may customers that live within the consolidated rate center see? Drawbacks?

RESPONSE:

As noted in Qwest's letter which initiated this action, the primary customer benefit is wider geographic availability of number portability. Qwest does not foresee drawbacks from the standpoint of the customer experience.

Respondent: Wayne Johnson, Qwest Staff Advocate

South Dakota
Docket No. TC10-024
STF 1-005

INTERVENOR: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff

REQUEST NO: 005

Since these 4 rate centers are already within one local calling area, long distance service should not be effected, correct?

RESPONSE:

Correct, long distance service should not be impacted.

Respondent: Tom Freeberg, Qwest Director

South Dakota
Docket No. TC10-024
STF 1-006

INTERVENOR: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff

REQUEST NO: 006

Is Qwest seeking rate consolidation in other states? Is so, which states at what is the status in each state?

RESPONSE:

No other Rate Center Consolidation requests are now pending before a state commission.

Respondent: Wayne Johnson, Qwest Staff Advocate