

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

QWEST CORPORATION'S)	
APPLICATION FOR WAIVER)	
OF SWITCHED ACCESS COST)	TC- _____
STUDY)	
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Qwest Corporation ("Qwest"), respectfully requests that the Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") grant a waiver, under ARSD § 20:10:27:02, of the requirement to perform a switched access cost study. As grounds therefore, Qwest states:

ARSD § 20:10:27:02 requires a carrier's carrier to file cost data in support of its switched access tariff no less than once every three years. The rule also provides that the Commission may, for good cause shown, either on its own motion or by application from a carrier's carrier, temporarily waive or suspend any rule in Chapter 20:10:27. Qwest notes that the Commission has in the past routinely granted such waivers for Qwest and other carriers.

Qwest requests a waiver of the cost study requirement because (1) producing such a study is costly and consumes a great deal of resources; (2) Qwest does not intend to raise access rates at this time; and (3) preliminary analysis based on past studies indicates that a cost study would likely justify higher rates than those from the last submitted study.

WHEREFORE, Qwest respectfully asks the Commission to temporarily waive or suspend the requirement in ARSD § 20:10:27:07 for the current period, based on the good cause recited above.

Respectfully submitted this 11th day of January, 2011,

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