

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

**FORT RANDALL TELEPHONE
COMPANY'S APPLICATION FOR WAIVER
OF SWITCHED ACCESS COST STUDY**

TC-11-077

**REQUEST FOR WAIVER AND DISMISSAL OF FORT RANDALL
TELEPHONE COMPANY**

Fort Randall Telephone Company ("Fort Randall") respectfully asks 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, and to dismiss the cost study filed by Ft. Randall on June 30, 2011.

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.

Ft. Randall requests this waiver and dismissal of the cost study because the switched access cost study, on file, is effectively moot as a result of: (i) the Federal Communication Commission's November 18, 2011 *Intercarrier Compensation Reform Order*; and (ii) the subsequent tariff revision filed by Ft. Randall in Docket TC-12-090 to comply with the *Intercarrier Compensation Reform Order*. The switched access cost study required by ARSD § 20:10:27:07 contemplated cost based rates and per minute charges that were equal for originating and terminating traffic, as provided in ARSD § 20:10:29:12. The premises of cost based rates and equal per minute charges for

originating and terminating traffic have been replaced by the *Intercarrier Compensation Reform Order*, making the cost study, on file, required by ARSD § 20:10:27:07 moot.

WHEREFORE, Fort Randall submits that it has provided the Commission with good cause, and it respectfully asks the Commission to temporarily waive or suspend the requirement in ARSD § 20:10:27:07 for the current three-year study period and to dismiss the cost study previously filed in Docket TC-11-077 and that its current rates (as revised in Docket TC-12-090, be allowed to remain in effect, pending further revisions required by the *Intercarrier Compensation Reform Order* or further order of the Commission.

Respectfully submitted this 31st day of August, 2012.

**FORT RANDALL TELEPHONE
COMPANY**

By: 

Bruce C. Hanson, its Treasurer