



Via Electronic Filing

April 6, 2012

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen  
Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
State of South Dakota  
500 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501

RE: SSTELECOM, Inc., Revised Switched Access Tariff

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen,


On behalf of SSTELECOM, Inc. (SSTELECOM), the attached revisions are being filed to its South Dakota Switched Access Services Tariff No. 1 (Tariff). In this filing, SSTELECOM is including exceptions to the recently approved revisions to Local Exchange Carriers Association's (LECA) South Dakota Access Tariff No. 1 (LECA Tariff). On March 27, 2012, the South Dakota Public Utility Commission (SDPUC) approved the revisions to the LECA tariff regarding Toll VoIP-PSTN traffic per the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) Report and Order in WC Docket Nos. 10-90, FCC Release No. 11-161 (Nov. 18, 2011). These approved revisions have an effective date of December 29, 2011.

SSTELECOM mirrors the LECA Tariff with a few exceptions that are stated within the Title Page of its Tariff. After the LECA Tariff revisions were filed with the SDPUC, the FCC released a Clarification Order on February 3, 2012 (DA 12-147). In this Order, at the end of paragraph 24, the FCC clarified "when a carrier's intrastate access rate is lower than its corresponding interstate access rate, that carrier may not, in its intrastate tariff, include a rate for toll VoIP-PSTN traffic that is higher than its intrastate access rate". SSTELECOM has a lower intrastate switched access rate per minute on the intrastate jurisdiction versus the interstate jurisdiction and therefore respectfully requests the attached revised SSTELECOM Tariff be approved by the SDPUC.

Due to this clarification, SSTELECOM wanted to wait until final approval of the LECA Tariff before filing the exceptions to the non-applicable sections of the LECA Tariff for SSTELECOM. The attached revised filing lists new exception to LECA Tariff pages 2-24.1, 2-24.2, 2-24.3, 2-24.4, 6-1, and 17-5 which are in addition to the previously listed page 17-1 and 17-4. This filing revised the Title Page and submits new Tariff pages 6-1 and 17-5 in order to comply with the FCC's toll VoIP-PSTN clarification. SSTELECOM requests the same effective date of the LECA Tariff, which is December 29, 2011 and is the same date the SSTELECOM FCC Tariff revisions became effective for this similar language on the interstate side.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (605) 995-1750.

Sincerely,

  
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Enclosures

cc: Jerry Heiberger