
BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION
OF FIBER RING REVENUE-POOLING
ASSOCIATION FOR APPROVAL OF
THE ADDITION OF REDUNDANT
CAPACITY USE EXHIBIT AND OTHER
REVISED EXHIBITS

DOCKET NUMBER TC14-____

PETITION

COMES NOW Darla Pollman Rogers, of Riter, Rogers, Wattier, & Northrup, LLP, 319 South Coteau Street, Pierre, South Dakota 57501, attorney for the Fiber Ring Revenue-Pooling Association (“FRRPA”), and represents and petitions to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) as follows:

1. Pursuant to SDCL § 49-31-83, FRRPA was organized on March 17, 1999, to provide a pooling mechanism for a collective, cost shared, cost averaged, nondistance sensitive fully-protected transport network for local exchange companies (“LEC” or “LECs”) whose traffic is carried on any of the joint South Dakota LEC and South Dakota Network, LLC (“SDN”) SONET (Synchronous Optical Network) ring transport facilities. As a result of this pooling mechanism, the FRRPA users have had the benefit of survivable, distance insensitive, and highly reliable toll, public Internet transport, 911/E911 transport, and extended area service transport. The fully-integrated SONET ring transport facilities also enables the LECs in South Dakota to more efficiently meet the infrastructure deployment goals described in SDCL §§ 49-31-60 and 49-31-61.

2. FRRPA’s pooling arrangement was first approved by this Commission on July 20, 2000 (Docket TC00-084). Since that time, FRRPA has filed other Petitions and/or informational

filings with this Commission amending the pooling contracts among FRRPA, SDN and member LECS (Docket TC05-173, Docket TC08-137 and Docket TC11-070), and advising the Commission of a decrease in rates (September 28, 2010).

3. FRRPA submits this filing to seek approval of three revised exhibits for member company ring users. The changes included revised charges for Intracompany Transport Use, Public Internet Transport Use, and a new exhibit for Redundant Capacity Use. The Redundant Capacity will only be utilized in the event of failure of a FRRPA circuit, and provides pricing for the service.

4. The current RUL contracts between FRRPA and its member LECs and between FRRPA and SDN will remain the same. All other traffic classes and rates, including PNS rates, are not impacted by or changed as a result of the revisions. Confidential Attachment 1 contains the revised Exhibits to the RUL contracts for which FRRPA is seeking Commission approval.

5. The proposed effective date for availability of the new traffic class to member LEC ring users is March 31, 2014.

WHEREFORE, FRRPA requests that the Commission:

1. Approve the revised Confidential Attachments to the existing FRRPA RUL contracts, including approval of the pricing of the Redundant Capacity as set forth in the revised Exhibits (Confidential Attachment 1); and

2. Grant such other and further relief as the Commission deems necessary to carry out the objectives of FRRPA and this filing.

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