



Via E-Filing

July 1, 2016

Ms. Patty Van Gerpen, Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol Building, 1st Floor
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

RE: Midcontinent Communications Tariff “Switched Access Services Within The State Of South Dakota”

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed for submission to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission are the following revised tariff pages for incorporation into Midcontinent Communications’ (“Midcontinent”) Tariff “Switched Access Services Within The State Of South Dakota:”

5th Revised Page 3

4th Revised Page 44.1

In this filing, Midcontinent complies with the July 2016 step down requirement set forth by the Federal Communications Commission’s (“FCC”) rule 47 C.F.R. § 51.911(c), Access reciprocal compensation rates for competitive LECs, promulgated under the FCC USF/ICC Transformation Order in WC Docket Nos. 10-90, etc., FCC No. 11-161 (released on November 18, 2011). This rule states in sub-part (c) that “Beginning July 1, 2013... all Competitive Local Exchange Carrier Access Reciprocal compensation rates for switched exchange access services subject to this subpart [Transitional Access Service Pricing including intrastate terminating rates] shall be no higher than the Access Reciprocal Compensation rates charged by the competing incumbent local exchange carrier, in accordance with the same procedures specified in § 61.26 of this chapter.” Rule 47 C.F.R. § 61.26 states in sub-part (c) that “If an ILEC to which a CLEC benchmarks its rates, pursuant to this section, lowers the rate to which a CLEC benchmarks, the CLEC must revise its rates to the lower level within 15 days of the effective date of the lowered ILEC rate.”

To comply with this FCC rule, Midcontinent now reduces its terminating intrastate end office switched access rates to the levels of the corresponding dominant incumbent local exchange carrier's (CenturyLink Qwest's) rates. The overall impact of this tariff filing is a reduction in Midcontinent's composite terminating intrastate switched access rate in South Dakota.

The filing date of this tariff is July 1, 2016, with an effective date of July 24, 2016 (which is also the effective date of Midcontinent's reductions in its terminating interstate end office rates).

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures:

Revised Tariff Pages

Rate Comparison Table