

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY QWEST )  
CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF )  
REVISIONS TO ITS ACCESS SERVICE TARIFF )**

**ORDER GRANTING  
INTERVENTION  
TC04-010**

On January 20, 2004, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Qwest Corporation (Qwest) for approval of revisions to its Access Service Tariff. According to filing, "these revisions modify the intrastate jurisdictional reporting requirements for switched access traffic. This filing proposes to modify tariffs to allow customers to self-report a Percent Other Messages (POM) of intrastate use. Customers will be asked to self-declare a POM in addition to their PIU [Percent Intrastate Usage]. Qwest requests this filing to be effective February 16, 2004." Qwest has filed to reduce the Carrier Common Line rate to \$0.038420 from \$0.038905 and to introduce Message Charges to the Common Channel Signaling Network.

On January 22, 2004, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of February 6, 2004, to interested individuals and entities. AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. (AT&T) filed a Petition to Intervene with the Commission on February 5, 2004. Black Hills FiberCom, L.L.C. (FiberCom) late filed a Petition to Intervene with the Commission on February 13, 2004.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.05.

At a regularly scheduled meeting of February 17, 2004, the Commission found that AT&T's Petition to Intervene was timely filed and demonstrated good cause to grant intervention. The Commission further found that good cause was shown to grant FiberCom's late-filed Petition to Intervene. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Petitions to Intervene of AT&T and FiberCom are hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2004.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By: Melaine Kolbo

Date: 2/26/04

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

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JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner