

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY LEVEL 3)
COMMUNICATIONS, LLC FOR A)
CONTINUATION OF AN EXEMPTION FROM)
DEVELOPING COMPANY SPECIFIC COST-)
BASED SWITCHED ACCESS RATES) ORDER GRANTING
EXTENSION FROM
DEVELOPING COMPANY
SPECIFIC COST-BASED
SWITCHED ACCESS RATES
TC07-009**

On February 8, 2007, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a request from Level 3 Communications, LLC (Level 3) for approval of an extension of its exemption from the requirement to develop intrastate switched access rates based on company specific costs.

On April 10, 2007, the Commission considered Level 3's request for approval of a continuation of its exemption from establishing switched access rates based on company specific costs. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-31-18, 49-31-19, and ARSD 20:10:27:11. The Commission voted to grant an extension of its exemption. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Level 3 is approved for an extension of its exemption from establishing company specific cost-based switched access rates and allowed Level 3 to modify its switched access tariff so long as Level 3's intrastate switched access rate is equal to or less than that of the ILEC Qwest intrastate switched access rate or until the Commission shall otherwise order.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 24th day of April, 2007.

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.

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Date: 4/26/07

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Chairman

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GARY HANSON, Commissioner

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