

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST BY FORT)
RANDALL TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR A)
WAIVER OF A REQUIREMENT TO FILE A)
SWITCHED ACCESS COST STUDY)**

**ORDER GRANTING THE
WAIVER REQUEST**

TC08-044

On May 14, 2008, Fort Randall Telephone Company (Fort Randall) filed with the Public Utilities Commission an application for waiver of the requirement to file a switched access cost study as required by Commission rule. ARSD 20:10:27:07 requires a carrier's carrier to file cost data in support of its switched access service tariff no less than once every three years. ARSD 20:10:27:02 provides that the Commission may, for good cause shown, either by its own motion or by application from a carrier's carrier, temporarily waive or suspend any rule in chapters 20:10:27 to 20:10:29, inclusive. Fort Randall requested a waiver of the cost study requirement because (1) producing such a study is costly and consumes a great deal of resources; and (2) Fort Randall does not intend to raise access rates at this time, although preliminary analysis indicates that a cost study would likely support higher rates than are currently approved.

On May 15, 2008, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 30, 2008, to interested individuals and entities. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 1-26-17.1, 49-1A-9, 49-31-12.6, 49-31-18, 49-31-19 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.02, 20:10:01:15.05, 20:10:27:02, 20:10:27:07 and 20:10:27:08.

On June 10, 2008, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission found good cause to grant the requested waiver. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the requested waiver is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 19th day of June, 2008.

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, electronically.
By: <u><i>Rebecca Kolbe</i></u>
Date: <u>6/19/08</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Steve Kolbeck
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

Dustin Johnson
DUSTIN JOHNSON, Commissioner