

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT APPLICATION OF)
THE SOUTH DAKOTA TELECOMMUNICATIONS)
ASSOCIATION, THE LOCAL EXCHANGE)
CARRIERS ASSOCIATION AND QWEST)
CORPORATION DBA CENTURYLINK QC FOR)
WAIVER OF ARSD §§ 20:10:29:10, 20:10:29:12,)
20:10:29:16)**

**ORDER GRANTING
INTERVENTION**

TC12-027

On March 2, 2012, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a joint application from the South Dakota Telecommunications Association, the Local Exchange Carriers Association, and Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC (Applicants) for waiver of ARSD §§ 20:10:29:10, 20:10:29:12, and 20:10:29:16. Applicants stated that that these rules govern the establishment of intrastate switched access charges and a waiver/suspension is requested from the provisions in each rule indicating that local exchange carriers should tariff equal rates for originating and terminating traffic. On March 8, 2012, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 23, 2012, to interested individuals and entities. On March 23, 2012, the Commission received a Petition to Intervene from AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. (AT&T). On March 27, 2012, Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC filed its response to AT&T's Petition to Intervene.

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 March 27, 2012, Applicants stated they did not object to granting AT&T's Petition to Intervene. The Commission found that the Petition to Intervene of AT&T demonstrated good cause to grant intervention and voted unanimously to grant intervention to AT&T. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Petition to Intervene of AT&T is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 2 day of April, 2012.

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: Joy Chasing

Date: 4-2-12

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner