

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY NORTHERN
VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, LLC FOR APPROVAL
OF REVISIONS TO ITS ACCESS SERVICE TARIFF
NO. 1**)

**ORDER DISMISSING AND
CLOSING THE DOCKET**

TC12-094

On June 11, 2012, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Northern Valley Communications, LLC (Northern Valley) for approval of revisions to its Access Service Tariff No. 1. in order to implement the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) intercarrier compensation reforms as set forth in its Connect America Fund Order (Order), released November 18, 2011.¹ As part of its Order, the FCC adopted "bill-and-keep as the default methodology" and "end state" for all intercarrier compensation traffic, including intrastate traffic. The FCC further adopted a defined "transition path" for moving to this end state. The first reduction mandated by the FCC's Order requires a carrier to reduce its intrastate terminating access rate, if above the carrier's interstate access rate, by 50 percent of the differential between the carrier's intrastate rate and the carrier's interstate access rate.


On June 14, 2012, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 29, 2012, to interested individuals and entities. No parties filed to intervene. On July 24, 2012, Northern Valley filed an amended Attachment B. On July 30, 2012, Northern Valley filed a letter requesting to withdraw the filing and to close the docket due to the fact that no revisions to its Intrastate Switched Access Services Tariff No.1 need to be made at this time.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of July 31, 2012, Commission Staff recommended dismissing and closing of this docket. The Commission voted unanimously to dismiss and close the docket. It is therefore

ORDERED this docket shall be dismissed and closed.

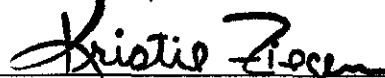
Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 8 day of August, 2012.

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:	
Date:	<u>August 9, 2012</u>
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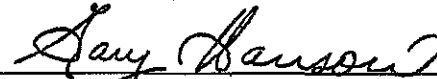
BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



CHRIS NELSON, Chairman



KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner



GARY HANSON, Commissioner

¹ In the Matter of Connect America Fund et al., WC Docket Nos. 10-90, et al., Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 11-161 (rel. November 18, 2011).