

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF QWEST CORPORATION DBA)
CENTURYLINK QC FOR WAIVER OF)
SWITCHED ACCESS COST STUDY)**

**ORDER GRANTING
WAIVER

TC14-001**

On January 27, 2014, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC (CenturyLink) for a waiver of the requirement to perform a switched access cost study pursuant to ARSD 20:10:27:02. ARSD 20:10:27:07 requires that a carrier's carrier submit a cost study no less than once every three years. ARSD 20:10:27:02 provides that the Commission, for good cause shown, may either on 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. CenturyLink requests a waiver of the cost study requirement because (1) many access rates are limited by the federal ruling in the USF/ICC Transformation Order; (2) producing such a study is costly and consumes a great deal of resources; (3) Century Link does not intend to increase access rates at this time; and (4) preliminary analysis based on past studies indicates that a cost study would likely justify higher rates than those from the last submitted study.

On January 30, 2014, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of February 14, 2014, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of March 4, 2014, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff recommended granting CenturyLink's waiver. The Commission found good cause to grant the requested waiver. It is therefore

ORDERED, that CenturyLink's waiver is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 10th day of March, 2014.

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 Laskley
Date: 03-10-14

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner