



*South Dakota*  
**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**2007**  
**Annual Report**

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The Honorable M. Michael Rounds  
Governor of South Dakota  
State Capitol Building  
500 E. Capitol Ave.  
Pierre, SD 57501

Dear Governor Rounds:

We are pleased to present you with the 2007 Annual Report of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

By the numbers, it was an impressive year for the commission. For example, the PUC:

- held approximately **21 hours** of public input hearings in Yankton, Alexandria, Clark, Britton and Pierre on the TransCanada Keystone Pipeline project. A seven-day formal hearing was held in Pierre.
- met with **1,300 elementary students** at 18 schools throughout the state to share lessons about saving energy.
- issued more than **250 warehouse and grain dealer licenses** and conducted more than **300 inspections** of grain warehouse and grain dealers.
- opened **208 total dockets**, including 134 telecommunications cases, 36 electric and 22 natural gas. Staff research and analysis were done on all and many were completed within the calendar year.
- encouraged **thousands** of South Dakotans to take the Change-A-Light challenge and pledge to save energy.
- assisted more than **2,300 consumers** with complaints.

These and many more accomplishments plus information on the PUC's fiscal status, staff and dockets are on the following pages. Please contact us if you wish to receive additional information.

Sincerely,



Gary Hanson  
Chairman



Steve Kolbeck  
Vice Chairman



Dustin "Dusty" Johnson  
Commissioner

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# ABOUT THE SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

## Utility regulation

The PUC ensures utility companies in South Dakota provide safe, reliable service at fair and reasonable rates. The commission regulates investor-owned electric, natural gas and telephone utilities. It plays a more limited regulatory role with respect to wireless telecommunications companies and cooperative, independent and municipal utilities.

## Other responsibilities

The PUC helps resolve disputes between customers and their utilities, operates the South Dakota Do Not Call Registry and administers the state's One Call notification center (call before you dig). The commission also operates the natural gas pipeline safety program and licenses and inspects state public storage, state public grain warehouses, and grain dealers.

## Advocacy and education

The commission advocates for smart energy and telecommunications policy at state and federal levels and works hard to educate consumers about ways to save energy and money. The PUC acts as a resource to landowners, communities and developers for both renewable energy development and for the build-out of our state's wireless networks.

## Information superhighway

The commission's main Web site, [www.puc.sd.gov](http://www.puc.sd.gov), has a wealth of information from utility company phone numbers to a comprehensive docket system. Live audio Web casts of nearly all commission proceedings, including commission meetings and hearings, are accessible from the Web site and are archived for later reference. Use statistics show that on average, 55 unique users viewed 921 pages of the PUC site each day from November 2007 through February 2008. More than 90 percent of the users are from outside state government's computer network, indicating the Web site is a valuable resource to utilities, attorneys, consultants and citizens interested in the work of the PUC.

The PUC also maintains four other Web sites:

- **[www.SDDoNotCall.com](http://www.SDDoNotCall.com):** An overview of how consumers can add their personal phone numbers to the national registry to decrease the amount of telemarketing calls they receive. The site also describes how telemarketing companies doing business in South Dakota need to comply with applicable statutes and rules.
- **[www.SDEnergySmart.com](http://www.SDEnergySmart.com):** A guide for South Dakota consumers to become more energy efficient. The site includes links to the state's utility providers that are partners in the South Dakota Energy Smart initiative.
- **[www.SDOneCall.com](http://www.SDOneCall.com):** The site includes an electronic ticketing system for excavators and others who use the Call Before You Dig notification service and an index of complaints, among other important information. The PUC maintains the site for the One-Call Board.
- **[www.SDWind.com](http://www.SDWind.com):** A major component of this site is information from the Wind Resource Assessment Network, a network of 11 stations that record wind speed and other vital. Data collected by WRAN is interpreted by researchers at SDSU.

## COMMISSIONERS

South Dakotans elect their three Public Utilities Commissioners to staggered, six-year terms.

### **Commissioner Gary Hanson**



Elected to the PUC in 2003, Gary Hanson was chosen by his fellow commissioners to serve as chairman in 2008, a post he also held in 2005. Gary represents South Dakota on the steering committee of the National Wind Coordinating Collaborative, and the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners. He is the current treasurer of the Organization of MISO States.

Gary's service to the state also includes three terms in the South Dakota Senate, from 1983 to 1988, where he was chairman of the Senate Government Audit and Operations Committee and vice chairman of the Senate Taxation Committee.

A native of Sioux Falls, Gary was twice elected mayor of that city, serving from 1994 to 2002. Before that, he worked six years as Sioux Falls' Utilities Commissioner where he was responsible for the development and day-to-day activities for three municipal utilities.

As a regional and industry leader, Gary has been involved as a co-founder and past president and chairman of the Lewis and Clark Regional Water System; past chairman of the South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance; and past president of the Sioux Falls Board of Realtors. He is a former business owner and is a licensed real estate auctioneer, appraiser and broker.

### **Commissioner Steve Kolbeck**

Steve Kolbeck was elected to the PUC in November 2006 and sworn in to office the following month. He was selected as vice chairman of the commission for 2008.



Steve is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, serving on the association's Committee on Telecommunications. He is also secretary of the Mid-America Regulatory Conference.

Steve has extensive experience in the telecommunications industry, having held positions with Northern Telecom (now Nortel Networks), AT&T, South Dakota Network (now SDN Communications), and Alliance Communications.

Prior to joining the commission, Steve served as a Brandon, S.D., city councilman for three years. Steve attended Northern State University and holds an Associate of Applied Science degree in telecommunications from Mitchell Technical Institute. He is a native of Salem, S.D.



### **Commissioner Dustin "Dusty" Johnson**

Dusty Johnson was elected to the PUC in November 2004, becoming the youngest utilities commissioner in the nation. Since joining the commission, he has played a role in developing renewable energy resources, expanding broadband and wireless phone capabilities, keeping utility rates low and protecting consumers.

Dusty currently serves on the board of directors and the electricity committee of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners and on the Western Interconnection Regional Advisory Board. Prior to joining the PUC, Dusty served South Dakota Gov. Mike Rounds as the senior policy advisor for economic development, energy, corrections and transportation issues. He has also worked for local governments in the Kansas City area and as a Truman Fellow for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C.

Dusty has a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of South Dakota, a master's degree in public administration from the University of Kansas, and in 1998 was named a Harry S. Truman Scholar. He has served on the Attorney General's Open Government Task Force and as an adjunct professor at Dakota Wesleyan University.



**South Dakota Public Utilities Commissioners  
Steve Kolbeck, Dusty Johnson and Gary Hanson**

## STAFF

The PUC's 27 staff members perform a variety of duties on behalf of the citizens of South Dakota and in support of the commissioners.

As **executive director, Patricia Van Gerpen** serves as the chief administration officer of the PUC. She is responsible for the overall management of the PUC staff and is the direct liaison between the commissioners and staff on all issues.

**Heather Forney, deputy executive director**, manages the commission's fiscal activities by preparing budgets and handling accounting, payroll and purchasing duties. She also schedules commission meetings and hearings.

Advising the commissioners are **John Smith, general counsel; Greg Rislov, commission advisor; and Rolayne Ailts Wiest, commission attorney**. The attorneys also represent the commission itself in state and federal courts and before federal regulatory agencies. Rolayne's additional specialties are advising about federal regulation and state legislative matters. Greg provides policy and technical consultation and research support regarding major regulatory issues.

**Administrative staff** members **Demaris Axthelm, Anissa Grambilher** and **Delaine Kolbo** perform a variety of support services including handling incoming phone calls and mail, greeting guests, coordinating mailings, maintaining the docket section of the PUC Web site, making travel arrangements, and disseminating information about weekly filings and meeting agendas to the public.

**Brian Rounds** and **Steve Wegman** are **analysts** who primarily concentrate on **emerging technologies** such as wind energy, wireless telecommunications and energy efficiency efforts. They engage in outreach activities to consumers, industry representatives and students and provide docket analysis as assigned.

### *Sizing up the staff*

*South Dakota ties with Vermont as having the third smallest staff (27) among the nation's state utility regulatory agencies. Only Rhode Island, with 10, and Utah, with 15, have staffs smaller than South Dakota's. California tips the scale with a staff of 940. Our neighboring state utility regulatory agencies check in with 41 staff members in North Dakota, 46 in Nebraska, 72 in Iowa, 34 in Wyoming and 61 in Minnesota.*

**Analysts** in the **Fixed Utilities Division** are responsible for investigating, analyzing, evaluating and presenting testimony regarding issues and policies related to the electric, natural gas and telecommunications industries as regulated by the commission. **Harlan Best, Dave Jacobson, Bob Knadle** and **Keith Senger** use their skills to focus on quality of service, financial and rate matters as they work to understand and evaluate complex rate structures, earning requirements, and technical issues of various utility organizations.

**Karen Cremer** and **Kara Semmler** are **staff attorneys**. They interpret state statutes and legal considerations for each of their assigned dockets and represent the staff in proceedings before the commission. They work closely with the analysts as they develop recommendations for policy, rate and enforcement matters. They coordinate the presentation of the staff's case and cross-examine other parties who submit testimony.

The **Pipeline Safety Division** is staffed by engineers **Daris Ormesher** and **Nathan Solem** with Nathan handling additional duties as acting pipeline safety program manager. The PUC administers this program on behalf of the U.S. Department of Transportation. Daris and Nathan inspect and investigate intrastate natural gas pipelines, master meters and propane systems to ensure the public is provided safe and dependable gas service. The two also analyze utility dockets as assigned.

**Jim Mehlhaff** is the director of the **Warehouse Division** that works to protect property rights of customers and safeguard payments to grain producers. **Judy Page** assists with the issuance of warehouse and grain dealer licenses. **Justin Blais** and **Ryan Riedy** conduct grain warehouse and grain dealer inspections and investigations. The warehouse staff also performs check-off audits for various grain commissions and councils.

The **Consumer Affairs Division** works with customers to answer questions and resolve complaints about the rates and services of regulated utilities. Manager **Deb Gregg** and representatives **Vicky Burns** and **Jason Schuchard** act as liaisons between consumers and utility companies in resolving these issues. This division also coordinates the PUC's presence at home shows and fairs and makes group presentations as requested.

**Leah Mohr** and **Tina Douglas** work on **communications** projects for the commission that include news releases, publications, and education and awareness efforts. They are also responsible for the coordination of community meetings and conferences, and the content management of the agency's Web sites.

#### **Longevity**

*Collectively, the current 27 PUC staff members have 210 years of experience with the agency. More than half of that experience – 113 combined years – can be attributed to just four staff members: Harlan Best, Greg Rislov, Bob Knadle and Dave Jacobson. In December 2007, the PUC bid a fond farewell to retiring staffer, Martin Bettmann. In Martin's 30-year career as an engineer with the PUC, he inspected thousands of miles of pipeline, provided analysis for countless dockets and came to know 12 different PUC commissioners.*



## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	BUDGET	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES		ENCUMBRANCE	BALANCE
		By fund group			
		GENERAL FUNDS	OTHER FUNDS		
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>					
Personal Services	\$333,958	\$305,094	\$0	\$0	\$28,864
Operating Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM</b>	<b>\$333,958</b>	<b>\$305,094</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$28,864</b>
<b>WAREHOUSE</b>					
Personal Services	\$272,918	\$194,438	\$5,000	\$0	\$73,480
Operating Expenses	\$81,678	\$65,545	\$36	\$0	\$16,097
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM</b>	<b>\$354,596</b>	<b>\$259,983</b>	<b>\$5,036</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$89,577</b>
<b>FIXED UTILITY (Informational Budget)</b>					
Personal Services	\$1,581,447	\$0	\$1,368,996	\$0	\$212,451
Operating Expenses	\$421,142	\$0	\$324,911	\$0	\$96,231
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM</b>	<b>\$2,002,589</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,693,907</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$308,682</b>
<b>FILING FEES (Informational Budget)</b>					
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$168,317	\$0	(\$168,317)
Operating Expenses	\$259,991	\$0	\$108,981	\$0	\$151,010
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM</b>	<b>\$259,991</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$277,298</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$17,307)</b>
<b>PIPELINE SAFTEY (Informational Budget)</b>					
Personal Services	\$127,263	\$0	\$78,876	\$0	\$48,387
Operating Expenses	\$41,675	\$0	\$39,614	\$0	\$2,061
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM</b>	<b>\$168,938</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$118,490</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$50,448</b>
<b>ONE CALL NOTIFICATION (Informational Budget)</b>					
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$10,625	\$0	(\$10,625)
Operating Expenses	\$836,700	\$0	\$582,470	\$0	\$254,230
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM</b>	<b>\$836,700</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$593,095</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$243,605</b>
<b>DO NOT CALL LIST (Informational Budget)</b>					
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Expenses	\$3,000	\$0	\$884	\$0	\$2,116
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$884</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,116</b>

### Gross Receipts Tax Fund Revenues

Grain and Warehouse Licenses	\$54,221	Gross Receipts Tax	\$1,485,906
Check off Audits	\$4,717	Application Fees	\$3,750
Interest Earned	\$2,748	Interest Earned	\$65,696
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$61,686</b>	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,555,352</b>

## 2007 YEAR IN REVIEW

2007 Leadership: Dusty Johnson, Chairman; Gary Hanson, Vice Chairman; Steve Kolbeck, Commissioner

The activities and accomplishments of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission in 2007 are varied and numerous. Energy efficiency was a theme repeated in classrooms, on television and Web sites. Rate cases were negotiated with fair outcomes for consumers and utility companies. The courts affirmed PUC decisions. Expansion of the state's wireless network continued with new cell towers improving service in rural areas and larger communities. Wind energy development gained momentum with new wind farms and transmission lines being permitted. Local leaders and average citizens gained a greater understanding of wireless telecommunications and wind energy and the impact each has on our state's economy and future. And, a crude oil pipeline proposal resulted in 21 hours of public hearings, thousands of pages of comments, testimony and evidence.

### **TransCanada Keystone Pipeline application**

The proposed TransCanada Keystone Pipeline may have been the biggest issue before the PUC in 2007. In April 2007, the company filed a siting permit application with the commission to construct the 220-mile pipeline to transport crude oil through South Dakota to refineries in Oklahoma and Illinois. The proposed route extends from Marshall County near the North Dakota border to Yankton County near the Nebraska border, crossing portions of Day, Clark, Beadle, Kingsbury, Miner, Hanson, McCook, and Hutchinson counties in between. The commission heard about 18 hours of comment at public input hearings in June in Yankton, Alexandria, Clark and Britton, which combined, attracted an estimated total audience of 580 people. Another public input session was held in Pierre in December during the seven-day formal hearing on the docket. The entire docket included thousand of pages of comment, testimony and evidence. *(2008 note: At its March 11, 2008, meeting, the commission ruled to approve with conditions the siting permit application for the project. For details, visit docket HP07-001 on [www.puc.sd.gov](http://www.puc.sd.gov).)*

### **Court decisions**

In October 2007, the South Dakota Supreme Court affirmed the commission's August 2006 decision to deny a petition by Montana-Dakota Utilities to provide electrical service for the new North Central Farmers Elevator to be located near Bowdle. The court concluded that South Dakota law allows only customers to petition for an outside provider and affirmed the PUC's ruling that Montana-Dakota Utilities lacked standing to bring a petition under the statute. See dockets EL06-011, Civ.06-372 and S.Ct. No. 24448 on [www.puc.sd.gov](http://www.puc.sd.gov).

The PUC's July 2006 decision to allow for the construction of the Big Stone II power plant near Milbank was upheld by the 6<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court in February 2007. The appellants claimed the permit should have been denied because carbon dioxide emissions from the plant would significantly contribute to global warming. Judge Lori S. Wilbur affirmed the PUC's decision. The appellants then took their case to the South Dakota Supreme Court. See dockets EL05-022, Civ.06-399 and S.Ct. No. 24485 on [www.puc.sd.gov](http://www.puc.sd.gov). *(2008 note: In January 2008, the South Dakota Supreme Court unanimously upheld the PUC's decision, finding the commission's approval of the construction permit was correct and the evidence was properly considered.)*

### **South Dakota Energy Smart initiative**

Together with the state's energy providers, the PUC launched the South Dakota Energy Smart initiative in November 2007. The launch unveiled new tools, including a Web site, print materials and television spot, designed to help consumers trim their energy bills through energy efficiency efforts. South Dakota Energy Smart partners include the PUC, Black Hills Power, MidAmerican Energy Company, Montana-Dakota Utilities, NorthWestern Energy, Otter Tail Power Company, Xcel Energy, Heartland Consumers Power District, Missouri River Energy Services, the South Dakota Municipal Electric Association, and the South Dakota Rural Electric Association. More than 25 organizations have signed on as South Dakota Energy Smart supporters. These groups represent the housing and building sectors, service agencies and government offices within the state. See [www.SDEnergySmart.com](http://www.SDEnergySmart.com) for more information.

### **Crammer fined**

In March 2007, the commission levied a fine for cramming against a California company doing business as eChurch Network. Several South Dakota small businesses contacted the PUC in 2006 complaining the company sent them invoices listing a \$50 charge for a one-minute long distance telephone call. The PUC's investigation revealed additional victims of the same type of cramming. See docket TC06-190 on [www.puc.sd.gov](http://www.puc.sd.gov).

### **Wind energy development moves ahead**

Wind energy development received a boost with the commission's approval in June 2007 to construct the White Wind Farm in Brookings County with a rated output of up to 200 MW. In November 2007, the PUC granted a permit to Xcel Energy to construct a 345kV transmission line from the Splitrock substation near Brandon to the Minnesota border. This transmission line will provide capacity to carry additional wind energy from the Buffalo Ridge region, which includes east central South Dakota, to the Twin Cities area and will also provide additional capacity in and out of Sioux Falls. See dockets EL06-020 (wind farm) and EL05-023 (transmission) on [www.puc.sd.gov](http://www.puc.sd.gov).

## **ADDITIONAL 2007 HIGHLIGHTS**

### **Energy efficiency**

- Encouraged South Dakotans to join the national Change-A-Light campaign and pledge to change at least one bulb in their home to an energy-saving compact fluorescent light. Exceeded 2006-2007 pledge goal by 100 percent.
- Conducted public education and outreach on energy efficiency through visits to 18 schools in Mitchell, Rapid City, Sioux Falls, Freeman, Yankton, Tea, Baltic, Dell Rapids, Parker and Pierre; presentations at the Sioux Empire and Brown County fairs; and workshops for homebuilders and service contractors in Yankton, Rapid City, Watertown, Pierre, Sioux Falls and Fort Thompson. The PUC also partnered with the South Dakota Energy Safety Association for a springtime awareness campaign to promote the use of energy-saving compact fluorescent light bulbs.

## **Electric and natural gas**

- Conducted an extensive fact finding, including written comments and two workshops, to implement the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. The review, in particular, examined the process of interconnection for small generation facilities such as small wind facilities or biomass facilities to regulated utilities in South Dakota. The commission received filings from each regulated utility outlining their small generator interconnection procedures and agreement terms.
- Granted a permit to Basin Electric Power Cooperative to construct a second natural-gas fired peaking generator near Groton.
- Opened a formal investigation into a natural gas explosion which occurred in a residential neighborhood in Mitchell on a distribution pipeline owned and operated by NorthWestern Energy.
- Approved a settlement agreement negotiated by PUC staff with NorthWestern Energy for the company's natural gas rate increase request. Final settlement will result in an increase of about 5.8 percent for average residential customers; company sought a raise of approximately 7.2 percent for the average residential customer. NorthWestern agreed to a three-year rate moratorium and to refund insurance revenues the company received for the clean up of the Huron manufactured gas plant for which NorthWestern's natural gas customers had previously paid.
- Authorized Black Hills Power to provide electrical service on business incentive terms to the South Dakota Science and Technology Authority for the development and start-up of the Homestake Underground Laboratory Complex.
- Approved Xcel Energy's avoided cost calculation for cogeneration rates which allowed for a significant increase in the rates small generators will be eligible to receive for supplying power to the Xcel Energy system.

## **Consumer assistance**

- Assisted consumers at the Sioux Empire, Brown County and State fairs with enrolling more than 330 telephone numbers on the national Do Not Call Registry and assisted dozens more who directly contacted the PUC through other methods. The amount of South Dakota telephone numbers on the DNC Registry grew to 383,475 – a 9 percent increase compared to the previous year.
- Assisted at the state's Emergency Operations Center following May flooding in the James River Valley.
- Lead presentations at seminars for AARP members in Aberdeen, Rapid City and Sioux Falls and at a senior resource fair in Pierre. Discussed the Do Not Call Registry, energy efficiency and other consumer issues.

## **Wind energy**

- Put into effect, along with regional counterparts, the Midwest Regional Energy Tracking System. M-RETS tracks the trade and sale of renewable energy credits. The system's first certificates were created in the summer of 2007.
- Hosted "Wind Energy & Transmission: The South Dakota Landscape" conference as a partner with the National Wind Coordinating Collaborative and other entities. Around 200 people turned out to hear presentations and exchange ideas with wind energy experts and policymakers.
- Commissioner Gary Hanson presented a resolution to the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners that urged Congress to approve a long-term production tax credit to boost renewable energy production. NARUC passed the resolution.
- Was selected by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory to facilitate the Wind for Schools, a program to engage students and teachers in wind energy education and introduce wind energy, on a small scale, to rural communities. Announced the program to South Dakota school districts. South Dakota was one of five states selected to participate in the Wind for School program in 2007.
- Held community meetings about wind energy development in Miller, Toronto and near Rosebud. Developers gave presentations about proposed and existing projects; commissioners and staff addressed topics such as state efforts, transmission issues, and future potential and obstacles. Also participated in panel discussion about wind energy at Dakotafest in Mitchell.

## **Leadership**

- Commissioner Steve Kolbeck was appointed to the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' Telecommunications Committee.
- Commissioner Gary Hanson was selected to serve on the steering committee of the National Wind Coordinating Collaborative.
- Commissioner Steve Kolbeck was appointed secretary of the Mid-America Regulatory Conference.
- Commissioner Gary Hanson was elected treasurer of the Organization of MISO States.
- Commissioner Dusty Johnson and Commission Counsel Rolayne Wiest participated as members of the South Dakota Government Openness Task Force, which drafted 2008 legislation designed to create greater openness in state government.

## Legislation

- Successfully supported the passage of a law that removes discrepancies related to sales of a public utility and its major assets. The legislation provides more equal protection to South Dakota customers of affected utilities and was prepared by the PUC and the state's investor-owned utilities, rural electric cooperatives and municipal utilities.
- Drafted and secured passage of legislation to revise statute to ensure South Dakota ratepayers will not face excessive utility rate increases to pay for regulatory mandates imposed in another state.
- Developed and successfully worked to pass a bill that prohibits telecommunications companies from filing tariffs for services that are considered to be competitive. Legislation safeguards consumers by allowing them to obtain information regarding telecommunications services and to be informed in advance of materially adverse changes to these services.
- Drafted and secured passage of other pieces of legislation, including those that clarified when an environmental impact statement can be required for energy conversion facilities, updated statutes related to the pipeline safety program, and made South Dakota's Do Not Call laws more consistent with the FCC's and FTC's rules.
- Appointed and worked with the Warehouse Review Committee, which recommended a number of updates to statutes related to grain dealers and grain warehouses. *(2008 note: As a result of this group's efforts, five bills were introduced during the 2008 legislative session. All passed.)*

## Telecommunications

- Distributed more than \$196,000 to customers of S&S Communications to partially offset their losses from S&S's insolvency and cessation of operations. The commission previously obtained \$354,000 in customer loss offsets in the form of loan and lease forgivenesses from three lending institutions that had loaned money against pre-paid service contracts. Since 2003, the PUC's aggressive action in this case on behalf of consumers has included pursuing bond payments, negotiating loan forgiveness, imposing fines on S&S Communications, prohibiting the company from offering prepaid services, and revoking their certificate of authority.
- Granted certificates of authority to Hawk Relay LLC and CSDVRS LLC to enable them to receive direct reimbursement from the Interstate TRS Fund for providing IP-based relay services for the deaf. The commission also granted certificates of authority to 13 other telecommunications providers.
- Concluded the implementation of the 811 dialing code for contacting South Dakota One Call, allowing South Dakotans to "call before they dig" by dialing 811 from any phone within the state.

## Wireless

- Hosted “Connecting South Dakota: Wireless Technology,” a self-funded conference that drew more than 220 attendees. National, regional and local wireless telecommunications experts addressed the use of current and emerging wireless technologies in practical applications such as public safety, business development and rural connectivity.
- Received petitions from residents of Elkton, Wagner, Hill City, Hisega, Newell, Veblen, Eden, Lake City, Britton, Florence, Pierpont, Leola, Pukwana and Langford calling for improved wireless service in and around their communities. Petitions contained a combined 4,536 signatures. This effort, plus support from commissioners and staff, resulted in new towers going online in Wagner and Elkton in 2007. Petitions are forwarded to wireless companies.
- Established a South Dakota Tower Work Group to gather and share information about wireless telecommunications and wind towers in the state. The resource assists local zoning groups as they review or develop tower-related zoning ordinances and guidelines. Work Group members include representatives of the PUC, wind energy and wireless telecommunications industries, and agencies with input on land use.
- Held meetings in Irene and Florence with community and county leaders and area residents to discuss the need to improve wireless service.
- Continued advancement of the PUC Wireless Initiative by coordinating with wireless providers and community leaders for the construction of 71 new cell sites in and around Lennox, Colton, Brandon, Sioux Falls, Bryant, Howes, Onida, Wanblee, Lead, Custer, Ellsworth Air Force Base, Huron, Wagner, Eureka, Faith, Lemmon, Dakota Dunes, Spearfish, Selby, Alcester, Gary, Peoria Flats, Hitchcock, Mellette, Utica, Wolsey, Piedmont, Centerville, Parkston, Elkton, Mitchell, South Shore, Big Stone Lake, Freeman, Garretson, Scotland, Vermillion, Viborg, Rapid City, Highmore, Lake Kampeska, Scotland, Wessington Springs, Brookings, Crooks, Doland, Groton, Ipswich, Lyons, Mayfield, Mud Butte, Sisseton, Toronto, Tripp, Watertown, Willow Lake and Worthing.
- Initiated discussions with wireless companies and the FCC to address the anticipated discontinuation of analog service. Requested assurances from companies that South Dakota customers would continue to receive adequate service after the transition.

## REGULATED UTILITY COMPANIES

The Commission has territory, complaint and quality of service authority over all natural gas, electric and telecommunication utilities operating within South Dakota. Certain utilities are exempt from the commission's rate regulation. They include municipal, rural electric cooperatives and small, independent and cooperative telephone companies. The commission retains its switched access rate making authority for all telecommunications companies providing local service, including small, independent and cooperative companies.

### GROSS RECEIPTS TAX ASSESSMENT PAID BY REGULATED UTILITY COMPANIES

Electric and Natural Gas Companies	\$898,189
Telecommunication Companies	\$781,502

*The sum of these figures does not correspond with the Gross Receipts Tax Revenues reported on page 9 due to timing issues.*

### INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS COMPANIES

Rate-regulated by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

AMPI Pipeline Inc. (acquired by NorthWestern Energy in March 2007)  
Black Hills Power Inc.  
MidAmerican Energy Co.  
Minnesota Energy Resources Corp.  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.  
NorthWestern Energy  
Otter Tail Power Co.  
South Dakota Intrastate Pipeline Co.  
Xcel Energy

### LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE COMPANIES

Certified to do business by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

@link Networks Inc.

1-800-RECONEX Inc. dba USTel  
3U Telecom Inc.  
360networks (USA) inc.  
800 Response Information Services LLC



## LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE COMPANIES (cont.)

Acceris Management and Acquisition LLC  
AccessLine Communications Corp.  
Access One Inc.  
Access Point Inc.  
ACCXX Communications LLC  
ACN Communication Services Inc.  
ACSI Local Switched Services Inc. dba e.spire  
Advanced Tel Inc. dba ATI  
Affinity Network Inc. dba ANI Networks  
Affinity Network Inc. dba QuantumLink Communications and  
    dba HorizonOne Communications and dba VoIP Communications  
    and Optic Communications  
Airespring Inc.  
Airnex Communications Inc.  
Alliance Group Services Inc. dba U.S. Republic Communications Inc.  
ALLTEL Communications Inc.  
Alticomm Inc.  
American Fiber Network Inc.  
American Telecommunications Systems Inc.  
Americatel Corp. dba 10 123 Americatel dba 1010 123 Americatel dba AMETEX  
    dba 1 800 3030 123 Americatel Collect  
AmeriVision Communications Inc. dba LifeLine Communications dba Affinity 4  
Amerivon LLC  
Applewood Communications Corp.  
Asia Talk Telecom Inc. dba HelloCom Inc.  
Associated Network Partners Inc.  
AT&T Communications of the Midwest Inc.  
Avera Communication LLC  
Aventure CommunicationTechnology LLC

BCN Telecom Inc. fka NUI Telecom Inc.  
Bell Atlantic Communications Inc. dba Verizon Long Distance  
BellSouth Long Distance Inc.  
Broadband Dynamics LLC  
Broadwing Communications LLC  
BT Communications Sales LLC  
Budget Call Long Distance Inc.  
Budget PrePay Inc. dba Budget Phone  
BullsEye Telecom Inc.  
Business Discount Plan Inc.  
Business Network Long Distance Inc.  
Business Productivity Solutions Inc. fka GE Business Productivity Solutions Inc.  
    dba GE Capital Communications Services  
Business Telecom Inc.

## LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE COMPANIES (cont.)

Caribbean Telephone and Telegraph Inc.  
Ciera Network Systems Inc.  
Cincinnati Bell Any Distance Inc. fka BroadWing Telecommunications Inc.  
Coast International Inc.  
Comcast Business Communications LLC dba Comcast Long Distance  
CommPartners LLC  
Communications Network Billing Inc.  
CommuniGroup of K.C. Inc. dba CGI  
Computer Network Technology Corp.  
COMTECH 21 LLC  
Comtel Telecom Assets LP  
Consolidated Communications Networks Inc.  
Consumer Telecom Inc.  
Convergia Inc.  
Covista Inc.  
CSDVRS LLC  
CTC Communications Corp.  
Custom Teleconnect Inc.

DakotaComm LLC  
D.D.D. Calling Inc.  
DeltaCom Inc. dba AuctionFON  
DelTel Inc.  
DIECA Communications Inc. dba Covad Communications Co.  
DSLnet Communications LLC

Embarq Communications Inc.  
Embarq Payphone Services Inc.  
Encompass Communications LLC  
Enhanced Communications Group LLC dba ECG LLC  
Entrix Telecom Inc.  
Epixtar Communications Corp.  
Express Communications

FairPoint Carrier Services Inc. fka FairPoint Communications Solutions Corp.  
FiberComm LC  
First Choice Technology Inc.  
First Communications LLC  
France Telecom Corporate Solutions LLC  
Frontier Communications of America Inc. fka Citizens Telecommunications Co.  
dba Citizens Long Distance Co.

## LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE COMPANIES (cont.)

Global Capacity Group Inc.  
Global Crossing North American Networks Inc.  
Global Crossing Telecommunications Inc.  
Global Tel Link Corp.  
Go Solo Technologies Inc.  
Gold Line Telemanagement Inc.  
Granite Telecommunications LLC  
GST Net Inc.  
GTC Telecom

Hawk Relay LLC  
HickoryTech Long Distance  
Horizon Telecom Inc.

IDT America Corp.  
Incomnet Communications Corp.  
Infone LLC fka North By NortheastCom LLC  
Intandem Communications Corp.  
Integra Telecom of South Dakota Inc.  
Integrated Services Inc.  
Inter-Tel NetSolutions Inc.  
Ionex Communications North Inc.

J D Services Inc. dba American Freedom Network  
JirehCom Inc.

KDDI America Inc. fka KDD America Inc.  
KMC Data LLC

LCR Telecommunications LLC  
LDMI Telecommunications Inc. dba LDMI Telecommunications dba FoneTel  
Least Cost Routing Inc. dba Long Distance Charges  
Legacy Long Distance International Inc.  
Level 3 Communications LLC  
Lightyear Network Solutions LLC  
Long Lines Metro fka CommChoice LLC

Main Street Telephone Co.  
Maskina Communications Inc. fka Transcom Communications Inc.  
    dba Comm Port Communications  
Matrix Telecom Inc. dba Matrix Business Technology  
MCC Telephony of the Midwest Inc. dba Mediacom  
MCI metro Access Transmission Services LLC dba Verizon Access Transmission  
MCI Communications Services Inc. dba Verizon Business Services

## LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE COMPANIES (cont.)

McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services Inc.

Metropolitan Telecommunications of South Dakota Inc.

Midcontinent Communications

Multiline Long Distance Inc.

National Access Long Distance Inc.

National Directory Assistance LLC

Nationwide Long Distance Services Inc.

Navigator Telecommunications LLC

NECC Telecom Inc.

NetLojix Telecom Inc.

Net One International Inc.

NET-tel Corp. dba NET-tel Communications Corp.

Network Billing Systems LLC

Network Communications International Corp. aka Mundo Telecom and aka 1800Call4Less

Network Service Billing Inc.

Network US Inc. dba CA Affinity

NetworkIP LLC

New Access Communications LLC

New Century Telecom Inc.

New Edge Network Inc. dba New Edge Networks

New Horizons Communications Corp.

NobelTel LLC

Norlight Telecommunications Inc.

Norstan Network Services Inc.

Northern Valley Communications LLC

North Dakota Long Distance LLC

NOS Communications Inc. dba International Plus and

dba Internet Business Association and Ivantage Network Solutions (Inetba) and

dba 011 Communications and dba Blueridge Telecom Systems

NOSVA Limited Partnership dba CierraCom Systems

NYNEX Long Distance Co. dba Verizon Enterprise Solutions

OLS Inc.

Onvoy Inc. fka Minnesota Independent Interexchange Corp. dba MEANS Telcom

OPCOM Inc. dba WCS Operators

Operator Service Co.

Opex Communications Inc. fka PremierCom Inc.

OrbitCom fka VP Telecom Inc.

Pacific Centrex Services Inc.

PaeTec Communications Inc.

Parcel Consultants Inc. dba Minimum Rate Pricing (answering phone as

National Communications)

## LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE COMPANIES (cont.)

Pathnet Inc.

PNG Telecommunications Inc. dba PowerNet Global Communications and  
dba CrossConnect

POPP Telcom

PrairieWave Black Hills LLC

PrairieWave Telecommunications Inc.

Preferred Carrier Services Inc.

Premiere Network Services Inc.

Primus Telecommunications Inc.

Public Communications Services Inc.

Quantumshift Communications

Qwest Communications Corp.

Qwest Corp.

Qwest LD Corp. dba Qwest Long Distance

Reduced Rate Long Distance LLC

Reliant Communications Inc. fka HJN Telecom Inc.

Ridley Telephone Co. LLC

RRV Enterprises Inc. dba Consumer Access

SBC Long Distance LLC dba SBC Long Distance dba AT&T Long Distance

Silv Communication Inc.

SmartStop Inc.

SNiP Link LLC

Sprint Communications Co. LP

Starlink Communications LLC

Startec Global Operating Co.

STi Prepaid LLC fka Dialaround Enterprises Inc. fka Dialaround Enterprises Inc.

Talk America Inc. dba Cavalier Telephone

Telecare Inc.

Telecom Management Inc. dba Pioneer Telephone

Telecom Resources Inc.

TeleCommunications Systems Corporation of Maryland

Teleconnect Long Distance Services and Systems Co.

Telenational Communications Inc.

Telrite Corp.

Three River Telco dba Three River Long Distance

TON Services Inc.

Total Call International Inc.

Total National Telecommunications Inc. dba Total World Telecom

Touch 1 Communications Inc.

## LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE COMPANIES (cont.)

Touchtone Communications Inc.  
Trans National Communications International Inc.  
Transamerica Telecom Inc.  
Transworld Network Corp.  
TRI-M Communications Inc. dba TMC Communications  
Trinsic Communications Inc. fka Z-Tel Communications Inc.  
TTI National Inc.

UCN Inc. fka Buyers United Inc. dba BuyersOnline and dba United Carrier Networks  
Uni-Tel Communications Group Inc.  
Univance Telecommunications Inc.  
USA Digital Communications Inc.  
U.S. Telecom Long Distance Inc. fka Corporate Calling Services Inc.  
fka Business Calling Plan Inc.  
US LEC Communications Inc.

Vanco Direct USA LLC  
Verizon Select Services Inc.  
Voicecom Telecommunications LLC

WDT World Discount Telecommunications Co.  
Western CLEC Corp. dba Business Services by Cellular One  
WilTel Communications LLC fka Williams Communications LLC  
Windstream Communications Inc. fka ALLTEL Holding Corporate Services Inc.  
WinStar Communications LLC fka Winstar Wireless Inc.  
Working Assets Funding Service Inc. dba Credo Long Distance

X2Comm Inc. dba DC Communications  
XO Communications Services Inc. fka XO Network Services Inc. dba XO LDS  
fka XO Long Distance Services Inc.

Yak Communications (America) Inc.  
Yestel USA Inc.

ZENEX Long Distance Inc.  
Zeus Telecommunications LLC  
Zone Telecom Inc.

## **OPERATOR SERVICE COMPANIES**

Certified to do business by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

Consolidated Communications Operator Services Inc.  
Evercom Systems Inc. (correctional facilities)  
Intellicall Operator Services Inc. dba ILD  
ITI Inmate Telephone Inc.  
Network Operator Services Inc.  
Phone1 Inc.  
Reliance Telephone Systems Inc. (correctional facilities)  
T NETIX Inc. (correctional facilities)  
T-NETIX Telecommunications Services Inc. (correctional facilities)  
Value Added Communications Inc. (correctional facilities)

## **COMPETITIVE LOCAL EXCHANGE COMPANIES**

Certified to do business by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

@link Networks Inc.

1-800-Reconex Inc. dba USTel  
360networks (USA) inc.

ACN Communication Services Inc.  
Alticomm Inc.  
American Fiber Network Inc.  
AT&T Communications of the Midwest Inc.  
Aventure Communication Technology LLC  
Avera Communication LLC

BellSouth Long Distance Inc.  
BT Communications Sales LLC  
Budget Prepay Inc. dba Budget Phone  
BullsEye Telecom Inc.

Capital Telephone Co. Inc.  
CommPartners LLC  
Computer Network Technology Corp.  
COMTECH 21 LLC  
Comtel Telecom Assets LP  
Covista Inc.

DakotaComm LLC  
DIECA Communications Inc. dba Covad Communications Co.  
DSLnet Communications LLC

## COMPETITIVE LOCAL EXCHANGE COMPANIES (cont.)

FiberComm LC

France Telecom Corporate Solutions LLC

Global Capacity Group Inc.

Granite Telecommunications LLC

HickoryTech Long Distance

IDT America Corp.

Integra Telecom of South Dakota Inc.

Ionex Communications North Inc.

KMC Data LLC

Level 3 Communications LLC

Long Lines Metro fka CommChoice LLC

Matrix Telecom Inc. dba Matrix Business Technologies

MCC Telephony of the Midwest Inc.

MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC dba Verizon Access Transmission Services

McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services Inc.

Metropolitan Telecommunications of South Dakota Inc.

Midcontinent Communications

Midstate Telecom Inc.

New Edge Network Inc. dba New Edge Networks

Northern Valley Communications LLC

NOS Communications Inc.

OrditCom Inc. fka VP Telecom

Pacific Centrex Services Inc.

Pathnet Inc.

PrairieWave Black Hills LLC

PrairieWave Telecommunications Inc.

Premiere Network Services Inc.

Quantumshift Communications

Qwest Communications Corp.

RC Communications Inc. dba RC Services

Reliant Communications Inc. fka HJN Telecom Inc.



## COMPETITIVE LOCAL EXCHANGE COMPANIES (cont.)

Sancom Inc. dba Mitchell Telecom  
Sprint Communications Co. LP  
Sprint Payphone Services Inc.  
SSTelecom Inc.

Trans National Communications International Inc.  
Trinsic Communications Inc. fka Z-Tel Communications Inc.

UCN Inc.

Vanco Direct USA LLC  
VCI Co.

Wyoming Financial Lenders fka Houlton Enterprises Inc. dba Guaranteed Phone Service

XO Communications Services Inc. fka XO Network Services Inc. dba XO LDS

YMax Communications Corp.

## WIRELESS COMPANIES

Known by the Public Utilities Commission to be doing business in South Dakota

American Messaging Services LLC fka Verizon Wireless Messaging Services LLC

Bell Atlantic Communications Inc. dba Verizon Wireless Messaging Services LLC

Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless, as Success-in-Interest to CommNet Cellular Inc.

Managing partner of the following:

Dakota Systems Inc. fka Sioux Falls Cellular LP (MSA 267 B)

Cellular Inc. Network Corp. (MSA 289 B, RSA 634 B, RSA 635 B, RSA 636 B,  
RSA 638 B1, RSA 638 B2, RSA 639 B1 and RSA 639 B2)

Missouri Valley Cellular Inc. fka SD 7 – Sully, LP (RSA 640 B)

Sanborn Cellular Inc. fka SD 8 – Kingsbury LP (RSA 641 B)

Eastern SD Cellular Inc. fka Eastern S.D. of SD LP (RSA 642 B)

City of Brookings dba Swiftel Communications (product brand Sprint PSC)

Golden West Technologies Inc. – paging

Ionex Communications North Inc.  
Iowa Wireless Services LLC dba i Wireless

James Valley Wireless LLC

## WIRELESS COMPANIES (cont.)

KDDI America Inc.

Long Lines Wireless LLC

MCIMetro Access Transmission Services LLC dba Verizon Access Transmission Services  
Midco Communications Inc. nka Midcontinent Communications  
Midwest Wireless Communications LLC

New Cell Inc.

NYNEX Long Distance Co. dba Verizon Enterprise Solutions

Pierre Radio Paging & Telephone Inc.

Qwest Wireless LLC

RCC Minnesota and Wireless Alliance dba RCC Minnesota Inc.  
Rural Cellular Corp. aka Glacial Cellular 2000 dba Unicel

Swiftel Communications

TeleCommunications Systems Corporation of Maryland  
Touchtone Communications Inc.

Vantek Communications fka McLeodUSA Wireless Systems Inc.  
fka Dakota Wireless Systems Inc. (DTG)  
Verizon Wireless

Wagner Mobile Phone

Western Wireless

Managing partner of the following:

Cellular Corp. of Sioux Falls dba Cellular One (MSA 267 A) GCC License LLC  
(MSA 289 A, RSA 638 A, RSA 639 A, RSA 635 A, A 637 A, RSA 641 A, RSA 640 A,  
RSA 642 A, RSA 634 A, RSA 636 A)

Wireless Alliance – PSC

Working Assets Funding Services Inc.

## LOCAL TELEPHONE COMPANIES

Certified to do business by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

### **Independents**

Armour Independent Telephone Co. dba Golden West Telecommunications  
Bridgewater-Canistota Independent Telephone dba Golden West Telecommunications  
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority  
Fort Randall Telephone Co.  
Hills Telephone Co. Inc.  
Jefferson Telephone LLC dba Long Lines  
Kadoka Telephone Co. dba Golden West Telecommunications  
Kennebec Telephone Co.  
Mount Rushmore Telephone Co.  
PrairieWave Community Telephone Inc.  
Qwest Corp.  
RC Communications Inc.  
Sioux Valley Telephone Co. dba Golden West Telecommunications  
Splitrock Properties Inc.  
Stockholm-Strandburg Telephone Co.  
Tri-County Telcom Inc.  
Union Telephone Co. dba Golden West Telecommunications  
Vivian Telephone Co. dba Golden West Telecommunications  
Western Telephone Co.

### **Municipals**

Beresford Municipal Telephone Co.  
City of Brookings Utilities Telephone Division dba Swiftel Communications  
City of Faith Telephone Co.

### **Cooperatives**

Alliance Communications Cooperative Inc.  
Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative dba Golden West Telecommunications  
Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative  
James Valley Telecommunications  
McCook Cooperative Telephone Co.  
Midstate Communications Inc.  
Roberts County Telephone Cooperative  
Santel Communications Cooperative  
Valley Telecommunications  
Venture Communications  
West River Cooperative Telephone Co.

## LOCAL TELEPHONE COMPANIES (cont.)

### Foreign Exchange Carriers

Citizens Telecommunications of Minnesota Inc.

Consolidated Telcom

Dickey Rural Communications Inc.

Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative

Farmers Mutual Telephone Co.

Great Plains Communications

Heartland Telecommunications Company of Iowa dba Hickory Tech Corp.

Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co.

RT Communications Inc.

Red River Rural Telephone Association

Qwest Corp. – Iowa

Qwest Corp. – Minnesota

Qwest Corp. – Nebraska

Three River Telco dba Three River Long Distance

Valley Telephone Co.

West River Telecommunications Cooperative

## 2007 DOCKET STATUS REGISTER

Docketed Consumer Complaints (year end)		
	Opened	Resolved
Telecommunications	6	4
Electric	2	3
Natural Gas	1	1
Total Consumer Contacts for 2007: 2,337		

Docketed Cases (year end)			
	Opened	Closed	Pending
Telecommunications	134	134	32
Civil	2	1	3
Electric	36	32	13
Hydrocarbon Pipeline	1	0	1
Natural Gas	22	23	1
One Call	9	10	3
Pipeline Safety	3	0	3
Rulemaking	1	1	0

Dockets closed between Dec. 31, 2007, and the publication date of this report are noted in parentheses.

### Civil Cases

Go to [www.puc.sd.gov](http://www.puc.sd.gov) to check the current status of pending dockets

S.Ct. No. 24448 - In the Matter of the Petition of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for Approval to Provide Electrical Service for the New North Central Farmers Elevator to be Located near Bowdle, S.D.

Filed: 02/22/07    Closed: 10/19/07

S.Ct. No. 24485 - In the Matter of Otter Tail Power Co. on Behalf of Big Stone II Co-owners for an Energy Conversion Facility Permit for the Construction of the Big Stone II Project.

Filed: 03/28/07    Pending

### Consumer Complaints

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#### Electric

CE07-001 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Michael McCreight, Mitchell, S.D., against NorthWestern Energy Regarding Utility Service Refusal.

Filed: 05/10/07    Closed: 07/02/07

CE07-002 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Erica Voss, Mitchell, S.D., against NorthWestern Energy Regarding Utility Service Refusal.

Filed: 05/18/07    Closed: 06/20/07

#### Natural Gas

CN07-001 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Thomas McDonald, Sioux Falls, S.D., against MidAmerican Energy Co. Regarding Disconnection.

Filed: 10/15/07    Closed: 11/31/07

## **Consumer Complaints (cont.)**

### **Telecommunications**

CT07-001 - In the Matter of the Complaint Filed by Ingram Pest Service, Fort Pierre, S.D., Against Reduced Rate Long Distance LLC Regarding Unauthorized Long Distance Charges.  
Filed: 10/31/07 Pending

CT07-002 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Black Hills Shooters Supply, Rapid City, S.D., against Reduced Rate Long Distance LLC Regarding Unauthorized Long Distance Charges.  
Filed: 11/05/07 Pending

CT07-003 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Patricia Byrne, Sioux Falls, S.D., against Reduced Rate Long Distance LLC Regarding Unauthorized Long Distance Charges.  
Filed: 11/05/07 Pending

CT07-004 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Hebron Brick/Dakota Masonry, Rapid City, S.D., against Reduced Rate Long Distance LLC Regarding Unauthorized Long Distance Charges.  
Filed: 11/13/07 Pending

CT07-005 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Patrick Cassidy, Lead, S.D., against Reduced Rate Long Distance LLC Regarding Unauthorized Long Distance Charges.  
Filed: 11/19/07 Pending

CT07-006 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Jack and Cindy Brunson, Edgemont, S.D., against Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative Regarding Telecommunications Services.  
Filed: 12/13/07 Pending

### **Electric Dockets**

Go to [www.puc.sd.gov](http://www.puc.sd.gov) to check the current status of pending dockets

EL07-001 - In the Matter of the Filing by Xcel Energy for Approval of its Revised Rate Sheets for its Occasional Delivery Energy Service and Time of Delivery Energy Service.  
Filed: 01/03/07 Closed: 02/28/07

EL07-002 - In the Matter of the Application of Basin Electric Power Cooperative Inc. for an Energy Conversion Facility Permit for the Construction of the Groton Generation Station Unit 2 Project near Groton, S.D.  
Filed: 01/05/07 Closed: 03/30/07

EL07-003 - In the Matter of the Filing by MidAmerican Energy Co. for Approval of Tariff Revisions.  
Filed: 01/05/07 Closed: 02/28/07

## Electric Dockets (cont.)

EL07-004 - In the Matter of the Filing by Otter Tail Power Co. for Approval of an Electric Service Agreement for the Supply of Bulk Interruptible Power between Otter Tail Power Co. and Valley Queen Cheese Factory Inc.

Filed: 01/22/07    Closed: 02/28/07

EL07-005 - In the Matter of the Filing by Northern States Power Co. dba Xcel Energy for Approval of Tariff Revisions.

Filed: 01/22/07    Closed: 03/13/07

EL07-006 - In the Matter of the Filing by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for Approval of Tariff Revisions.

Filed: 02/28/07    Closed: 03/13/07

EL07-007 - In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Co. dba Xcel Energy to Establish a Transmission Cost Recovery Tariff and for Approval of 2007 Planned Transmission Investments to be Included in Rates.

Filed: 02/28/07    Pending

EL07-008 - In the Matter of the Filing by Otter Tail Power Co. for Approval of Tariff Revisions.

Filed: 03/12/07    Closed: 04/24/07

EL07-009 - In the Matter of the Filing by Black Hills Power Inc. for Approval of Tariff Revisions.

Filed: 03/12/07    Closed: 04/07/07

EL07-010 - In the Matter of the Filing by Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative dba Sioux Valley Energy for Approval of Revised Service Territories as a Result of Annexation by Brookings Municipal Utilities.

Filed: 03/16/07    Pending

EL07-011 - In the Matter of the Filing by Otter Tail Power Co. for Approval of its Proposed Energy Efficiency Partnership Plan for 2008.

Filed: 03/29/07    Pending

EL07-012 - In the Matter of the Filing by Xcel Energy for Approval of its 2006 Economic Development Annual Report and 2007 Economic Development Plan.

Filed: 04/02/07    Closed: 05/01/07

EL07-013 - In the Matter of the Joint Request for an Electric Service Territory Boundary Change between Black Hills Electric Cooperative Inc. and Black Hills Power Inc.

Filed: 04/06/07    Closed: 05/24/07

## Electric Dockets (cont.)

EL07-014 - In the Matter of the Joint Request for an Electric Service Territory Boundary Change between Black Hills Electric Cooperative Inc. and Black Hills Power Inc.  
Filed: 04/06/07    Closed: 05/24/07

EL07-015 In the Matter of the Filing by MidAmerican Energy Co. for Approval of its Proposed Energy Efficiency Plan for 2008.  
Filed: 04/18/07    Pending

EL07-016 - In the Matter of the Joint Request for an Electric Service Territory Boundary Change between Charles Mix Electric Association Inc. and Douglas Electric Cooperative Inc.  
Filed: 04/23/07    Closed: 06/20/07

EL07-017 - In the Matter of the Joint Request for an Electric Service Territory Boundary Change between Black Hills Power Inc. and West River Electric Association.  
Filed: 04/30/07    Closed: 06/20/07

EL07-018 - In the Matter of the Request for a Declaratory Ruling by PPM Energy Inc. Regarding the Siting of Wind Power Facilities.  
Filed: 05/16/07    Closed: 11/16/07

EL07-019 - In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Corp. dba NorthWestern Energy for Approval of a Contract with Deviations with Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railroad.  
Filed: 05/24/07    Closed: 07/02/07

EL07-020 - In the Matter of the Joint Request for an Electric Service Territory Boundary Change between Clay-Union Electric and NorthWestern Energy.  
Filed: 05/25/07    Closed: 07/02/07

EL07-021 - In the Matter of the Filing by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for Approval of Tariff Revisions.  
Filed: 06/14/07    Closed: 08/14/07

EL07-022 - In the Matter of the Filing by Black Hills Power Inc. for Approval of a Contract with Deviations with South Dakota Science and Technology Authority.  
Filed: 07/23/07    Closed: 10/30/07

EL07-023 - In the Matter of the Filing by Otter Tail Power Co. for Approval of Tariff Revisions.  
Filed: 08/01/07    Closed: 09/18/07

EL07-024 - In the Matter of the Filing by the City of White for Approval of its Revised Service Territory as a Result of Annexation.  
Filed: 08/02/07    Closed: 09/18/07



## Electric Dockets (cont.)

EL07-025 - In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Addendum to Agreement Regarding Assigned Service Area between Codington-Clark Electric Cooperative Inc. and the City of Watertown, S.D.

Filed: 08/06/07    Closed: 10/30/07

EL07-026 - In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Co. dba Xcel Energy to Establish an Environmental Measures Cost Recovery Tariff and for Approval of 2007 and 2008 Planned Environmental Measures to be Included in Rates.

Filed: 09/07/07    Pending

EL07-027 - In the Matter of the Filing by Xcel Energy for Approval of its Tariff Revisions and Distributed Generation Interconnection Manual.

Filed: 09/24/07    Pending

EL07-028 - In the Matter of the Filing by MidAmerican Energy Co. for Approval of its Generation Interconnection Procedures.

Filed: 09/24/07    Pending

EL07-029 - In the Matter of the Filing by Black Hills Power Inc. for Approval of its Tariff Revisions and Distribution Generation Technical Requirements for Parallel Operation Distribution Generation Facilities.

Filed: 09/24/07    Pending

EL07-030 - In the Matter of the Filing by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for Approval of its Tariff Revisions and Guidelines for Interconnection Requirements and Parallel Operation of Customer Owned Generation.

Filed: 09/26/07    Pending

EL07-031 - In the Matter of the Filing by Otter Tail Power Co. for Approval its Tariff Revisions and Distributed Generation Interconnection Manual.

Filed: 10/09/07    Pending

EL07-032 - In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Energy for Approval of its Tariff Revisions and Distributed Generation Interconnection Manual.

Filed: 10/12/07    Pending

EL07-033 - In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Corp. dba NorthWestern Energy for Approval of Tariff Revisions.

Filed: 10/26/07    Closed: 11/21/07

EL07-034 - In the Matter of the Filing by the City of Elk Point for Approval of its Revised Service Territory as a Result of Annexation.

Filed: 11/13/07    Closed: 12/28/07

### **Electric Dockets (cont.)**

EL07-035 - In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Co. Regarding the Accounting Treatment for Nuclear Refueling Outage Costs.

Filed: 12/05/07 Pending

EL07-036 - In the Matter of the Petition of Xcel Energy for Approval to Establish a Demand Side Management Program and Cost Recovery Tariff and for Approval of its 2008 Planned Costs to be Included in its Rates.

Filed: 12/28/07 Pending

### **Gas & Electric Dockets**

None

### **Grain Dealer Dockets**

GD07-001 - In the Matter of LW Sales/LW Seed's Failure to Obtain Necessary Licensure Prior to Operation as a Grain Dealer in the State of South Dakota.

Filed: 03/01/007 Closed: 11/28/07

### **Hydrocarbon Pipeline Dockets**

Go to [www.puc.sd.gov](http://www.puc.sd.gov) to check the current status of pending dockets

HP07-001 - In the Matter of the Application by TransCanada Keystone Pipeline LP for a Permit Under the South Dakota Energy Conversion and Transmission Facilities Act to Construct the Keystone Pipeline Project.

Filed: 04/27/07 Pending

### **Natural Gas Dockets**

NG07-001 - In the Matter of the Filing by MidAmerican Energy Co. for Approval of Tariff Revisions.

Filed: 01/05/07 Closed: 02/28/07

NG07-002 - In the Matter of the Filing by MidAmerican Energy Co. for Approval of its 2006 Economic Development Report and its 2007 Economic Development Plan.

Filed: 03/09/07 Closed: 02/24/07

NG07-003 - In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Energy for Approval of a Contract with Deviations with Great Plains Ethanol LLC.

Filed: 03/09/07 Closed: 04/10/07

## Natural Gas Dockets (cont.)

NG07-004 - In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Energy for Approval of a Contract with Deviations with James Valley Ethanol LLC.

Filed: 03/09/07 Closed: 04/10/07

NG07-005 - In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Energy for Approval of a Contract with Deviations with Redfield Energy LLC.

Filed: 03/09/07 Closed: 04/10/07

NG07-006 - In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Energy for Approval of a Contract with Deviations with South Dakota Soybean Processors.

Filed: 03/09/07 Closed: 04/10/07

NG07-007 - In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Energy for Approval of a Contract with Deviations with Sioux River Ethanol Plant.

Filed: 03/09/07 Closed: 04/10/07

NG07-008 - In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Energy for Approval of a Contract with Deviations with VeraSun Energy Corp.

Filed: 03/09/07 Closed: 04/10/07

NG07-009 - In the Matter of the Request of NorthWestern Energy to Establish Deferral of Former Nekota Pipeline Gas Costs.

Filed: 03/12/07 Closed: 04/10/07

NG07-010 - In the Matter of the Filing by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for Approval of Tariff Revisions.

Filed: 03/30/07 Closed: 05/24/07

NG07-011 - In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Corp. dba NorthWestern Energy for Approval of a Contract with Deviations with Millennium Ethanol LLC.

Filed: 04/20/07 Closed: 06/20/07

NG07-012 - In the Matter of the Filing by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for Approval of Tariff Revisions Regarding the Experimental Conservation Program Tracking Mechanism Rate 90.

Filed: 04/20/07 Closed: 06/20/07

NG07-013 - In the Matter of the Application of NorthWestern Corp. dba NorthWestern Energy for Authority to Increase its Natural Gas Rates.

Filed: 06/01/07 Closed: 12/28/07

NG07-014 - In the Matter of the Application of MidAmerican Energy Co. for Approval of Tariff Revisions extending the Monthly Metered Transportation Gas Pilot Projects.

Filed: 07/23/07 Closed: 09/18/07

## Natural Gas Dockets (cont.)

NG07-015 - In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Corp. dba NorthWestern Energy for Approval of a Contract with Deviations with Deviations with Lake Preston Cooperative.  
Filed: 07/25/07 Closed: 08/14/07

NG07-016 - In the Matter of the Filing by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for Approval of Tariff Revisions.  
Filed: 07/25/07 Closed: 09/18/07

NG07-017 - In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Energy for Approval of Tariff Revisions.  
Filed: 08/31/07 Closed: 10/02/07

NG07-018 - In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Energy for Approval of Tariff Revisions.  
Filed: 08/31/07 Closed: 11/01/07

NG07-019 - In the Matter of the Filing by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group Inc., for Approval of an Amendment to a Contract with Deviations with Merillat Corp.  
Filed: 10/03/07 Closed: 10/30/07

NG07-020 - In the Matter of Inadequate Reason for Disconnection, Failure to Provide Service and Tariff Violations made by MidAmerican Energy.  
Filed: 10/05/07 Closed: 10/30/07

NG07-021 - In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Corp. dba NorthWestern Energy for Approval of Tariff Revisions.  
Filed: 10/26/07 Closed: 11/21/07

NG07-022 - In the Matter of the Filing by MidAmerican Energy Co. for Approval of Tariff Revisions.  
Filed: 12/12/07 (Closed: 01/18/08)

## One Call Dockets

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OC07-001 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Watertown Municipal Utilities, Watertown, S.D., against Stromseth Construction, Watertown, S.D.  
Filed: 01/05/07 Closed: 02/26/07

OC07-002 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Southeastern Electric Cooperative Inc., Alcester, S.D., against JHK Excavating, Lennox, S.D.  
Filed: 04/09/07 Closed: 05/29/07

## One Call Dockets (cont.)

OC07-003 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by the City of Montrose, S.D., against Iron Wheel, Salem, S.D.

Filed: 04/18/07 Closed: 05/04/07

OC07-004 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by AT&T Corp., Sioux Falls, S.D., against Pease Construction LLC, Sioux Falls, S.D.

Filed: 05/03/07 Closed: 06/13/07

OC07-005 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Kaneb Pipeline Operating Partnership LP, Sioux Falls, S.D., against Landscape Garden Center, Sioux Falls, S.D.

Filed: 06/11/07 Closed: 08/01/07

OC07-006 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by One Call Systems Inc. against D&D Trailer Park aka S.P.O.T, DeSmet, S.D.

Filed: 07/23/07 Closed: 10/25/07

OC07-007 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Crooks Municipal Utilities, Crooks, S.D., against Solid Fence Co., Tea, S.D.

Filed: 11/06/07 (Closed: 02/19/08)

OC07-008 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by PrairieWave Communications, Sioux Falls, S.D., against the City of Hurley, Hurley, S.D.

Filed: 11/16/07 (Closed: 02/14/08)

OC07-009 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Northern Natural Gas Co., Omaha, Neb., against Bowes Construction Inc., Brookings, S.D.

Filed: 12/05/07 Pending

## Pipeline Safety Dockets

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PS07-001 - In the Matter of the Filing by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group Inc., for Approval of Waiver.

Filed: 01/18/07 Pending

PS07-002 - In the Matter of the Filing of the Investigation of the Natural Gas Incident of March 8, 2007, on NorthWestern Energy's System in Mitchell, S.D.

Filed: 07/13/07 Pending

PS07-003 - In the Matter of the Filing by MidAmerican Energy Co. for Approval of a Waiver of 49 C.F.R. Section 192.285(c).

Filed: 09/28/07 Pending

## Rulemaking Dockets

RM07-001 - In the Matter of Revisions and/or Additions to the Commission's Telecommunications Rules.

Filed: 06/29/07    Closed: 8/22/07

## Telecommunication Dockets

Go to [www.puc.sd.gov](http://www.puc.sd.gov) to check the current status of pending dockets

TC07-001 - In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of Terms and Conditions for Interconnection, Unbundled Network Elements, Ancillary Services, and Resale of Telecommunications Services between Qwest Corp. and Capital Telephone Co. Inc.

Filed: 01/08/07    Closed: 02/28/07

TC07-002 - In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Adoption Agreement between Qwest Corp. and American Fiber Network Inc.

Filed: 01/08/07    Closed: 02/28/07

TC07-003 - In the Matter of the Filing by Hills Telephone Co. Inc. for Approval of Revisions to its Intrastate Switched Access Tariff.

Filed: 01/09/07    Closed: 01/30/07

TC07-004 - In the Matter of the Filing by Kadoka Telephone Co. for Approval of Revisions to its Intrastate Switched Access Tariff.

Filed: 01/09/07    Closed: 01/30/07

TC07-005 - In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement between Aventure Communication Technology LLC and Jefferson Telephone Co. LLC.

Filed: 01/18/07    Closed: 02/28/07

TC07-006 - In the Matter of the Application of Matrix Telecom Inc. dba Matrix Business Technologies for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Local Exchange Services in South Dakota.

Filed: 01/18/07    Closed: 02/24/07

TC07-007 - In the Matter of the Petition of Brookings Municipal Utilities dba Swiftel Communications for Suspension or Modification of Dialing Parity, Number Portability and Reciprocal Compensation Obligations.

Filed: 01/30/07    Pending

TC07-008 - In the Matter of the Filing by Aventure Communication Technology LLC for Approval of its Intrastate Switched Access Tariff and for an Exemption from Developing Company Specific Cost-Based Switched Access Rates.

Filed: 01/31/07    Closed: 03/30/07

## Telecommunication Dockets (cont.)

TC07-009 - 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.  
Filed: 02/08/07    Closed: 02/24/07

TC07-010 - In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corp. and MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC.  
Filed: 02/09/07    Closed: 03/30/07

TC07-011 - In the Matter of the Filing by Northern Valley Communications LLC for Approval of Revisions to its Intrastate Switched Access Tariff.  
Filed: 02/16/07    Closed: 03/30/07

TC07-012 - In the Matter of the Filing by SStelecom Inc. for Approval of Revisions to its Intrastate Switched Access Tariff.  
Filed: 02/16/07    Closed: 03/30/07

TC07-013 - In the Matter of North Shore Marketing's Failure to Register as a Telemarketer and the Solicitations it made to those Registered on the Do Not Call Registry.  
Filed: 02/21/07    Pending

TC07-014 - In the Matter of the Application of Hawk Relay LLC for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services in South Dakota.  
Filed: 02/23/07    Closed: 07/02/07

TC07-015 - In the Matter of the Filing by OrbitCom Inc. fka VP Telecom for Approval of its Intrastate Switched Access Tariff.  
Filed: 03/12/07    Closed: 02/24/07

TC07-016 - In the Matter of the Filing by Dakota Comm LLC for Approval of Revisions to its Switched Access Services Tariff.  
Filed: 03/15/07    Closed: 02/24/07

TC07-017 - In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corp. and Ionex Communications North Inc.  
Filed: 03/22/07    Closed: 05/21/07

TC07-018 - In the Matter of the Application of First Choice Technology Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services in South Dakota.  
Filed: 04/04/07    Closed: 06/20/07

TC07-019 - In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement Between Qwest Corp. and MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC.  
Filed: 04/05/07    Closed: 05/24/07

## Telecommunication Dockets (cont.)

TC07-020 - In the Matter of the Filing by Matrix Telecom Inc. dba Matrix Business Technologies for an Exemption from Developing Company Specific Cost-Based Switched Access Rates.

Filed: 04/06/07    Closed: 07/02/07

TC07-021 - In the Matter of the Approval of Transfer of Certificate of Authority from Dialaround Enterprises Inc. to Sti Prepaid LLC.

Filed: 04/18/07    Closed: 08/14/07

TC07-022 - In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corp. and AT&T Communications of the Midwest Inc.

Filed: 04/20/07    Closed: 06/20/07

TC07-023 - In the Matter of the Request of Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/07/07    Closed: 09/24/07

TC07-024 - In the Matter of the Request of Stockhom-Strandburg Telephone Co. dba ITC for Certificate Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/07/07    Closed: 09/24/07

TC07-025 - In the Matter of the Request of SStelecom Inc. dba ITC for Certification Regarding its use of Federal Universal Support.

Filed: 05/07/07    Closed: 09/24/07

TC07-026 - In the Matter of the Application of ACCESS2GO Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services in South Dakota.

Filed: 05/08/07    Closed: 06/20/07

TC07-027 - In the Matter of the Filing by South Dakota Network LLC for Approval of Revisions to its Access Service Tariff.

Filed: 05/15/07    Closed: 10/02/07

TC07-028 - In the Matter of the Request of Kennebec Telephone Co. Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/15/07    Closed: 09/24/07

TC07-029 - In the Matter of the Request of RCC Minnesota Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/16/07    Closed: 09/24/07

TC07-030 - In the Matter of the Request of Wireless Alliance LLC for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/16/07    Closed: 09/24/07



## Telecommunication Dockets (cont.)

TC07-031 - In the Matter of the Request of Midcontinent Communications for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/18/07 Closed: 09/24/07

TC07-032 - In the Matter of the Request of James Valley Cooperative Telephone Co. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/18/07 Closed: 09/24/07

TC07-033 - In the Matter of the Request of James Valley Wireless LLC for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/18/07 Closed: 09/24/07

TC07-034 - In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corp. and Comtel Telecom Assets LP dba VarTec Telecom.

Filed: 05/18/07 Closed: 07/02/07

TC07-035 - In the Matter of the Request of West River Cooperative Telephone Co. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/24/07 Closed: 09/24/07

TC07-036 - In the Matter of the Approval of a Business Escalation between Qwest Corp. and Verizon Business Networks Services Inc.

Filed: 05/24/07 Closed: 08/14/07

TC07-037 - In the Matter of the Request of Midstate Communications Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/25/07 Closed: 09/24/07

TC07-038 - In the Matter of the Request of Midstate Telecom Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/25/07 Closed: 09/24/07

TC07-039 - In the Matter of the Request of Valley Telephone Cooperative Association Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/29/07 Closed: 09/24/07

TC07-040 - In the Matter of the Request of Alliance Communications Cooperative Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/29/07 Closed: 09/24/07

TC07-041 - In the Matter of the Request of Splitrock Properties Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/29/07 Closed: 09/24/07

## Telecommunication Dockets (cont.)

TC07-042 - In the Matter of the Request of Hills Telephone Co. Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/29/07 Closed: 09/24/07

TC07-043 - In the Matter of the Request of Western Telephone Co. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/29/07 Closed: 09/24/07

TC07-044 - In the Matter of the Request of West River Telecommunications Cooperative (Mobridge) for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/29/07 Closed: 09/24/07

TC07-045 - In the Matter of the Request of West River Telecommunications Cooperative (McLaughlin) for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/29/07 Closed: 09/24/07

TC07-046 - In the Matter of the Request of Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association and RC Communications Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/29/07 Closed: 09/24/07

TC07-047 - In the Matter of the Request of RC Communications Inc. dba RC Services for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/29/07 Closed: 09/24/07

TC07-048 - In the Matter of the Request of Tri-County Telcom Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/29/07 Closed: 09/24/07

TC07-049 - In the Matter of the Request of McCook Cooperative Telephone Co. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/29/07 Closed: 09/24/07

TC07-050 - In the Matter of the Request of Armour Independent Telephone Co. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/29/07 Closed: 09/24/07

TC07-051 - In the Matter of the Request of Bridgewater-Canistota Independent Telephone Co. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/29/07 Closed: 09/24/07

TC07-052 - In the Matter of the Request of Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/29/07 Closed: 09/24/07

## Telecommunication Dockets (cont.)

TC07-053 - In the Matter of the Request of Kadoka Telephone Co. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/29/07    Closed: 09/24/07

TC07-054 - In the Matter of the Request of Sioux Valley Telephone Co. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/29/07    Closed: 09/24/07

TC07-055 - In the Matter of the Request of Union Telephone Co. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/29/07    Closed: 09/24/07

TC07-056 - In the Matter of the Request of Vivian Telephone Co. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/29/07    Closed: 09/24/07

TC07-057 - In the Matter of the Request of Midcontinent Communications for Approval to Expand its Certificate of Authority to Provide Local Exchange Service in the Gayville Rural Service Area.

Filed: 05/29/07    Closed: 09/18/07

TC07-058 - In the Matter of the Request of Venture Communications Cooperative for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/30/07    Closed: 09/24/07

TC07-059 - In the Matter of the Request of Qwest Corp. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/30/07    Closed: 09/24/07

TC07-060 - In the Matter of the Request of RT Communications Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/30/07    Closed: 09/24/07

TC07-061 - In the Matter of the Filing by PrairieWave Community Telephone Inc. for Approval of Revisions to its Intrastate Switched Access Tariff.

Filed: 05/30/07    Pending

TC07-062 - In the Matter of the Request of Jefferson Telephone Co. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/31/07    Closed: 09/24/07

TC07-063 - In the Matter of the Request of PrairieWave Community Telephone Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/31/07    Closed: 09/24/07

## Telecommunication Dockets (cont.)

TC07-064 - In the Matter of the Request of PrairieWave Black Hills LLC for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/31/07    Closed: 09/24/07

TC07-065 - In the Matter of the Request of WWC License LLC for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/31/07    Closed: 09/24/07

TC07-066 - In the Matter of the Request of Santel Communications Cooperative for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 05/31/07    Closed: 09/24/07

TC07-067 - In the Matter of the Request of City of Brookings Municipal Telephone for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 06/01/07    Closed: 09/24/07

TC07-068 - In the Matter of the Request of City of Brookings Municipal Telephone dba Swiftel Communications for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 06/01/07    Closed: 09/24/07

TC07-069 - In the Matter of the Request of Valley Telephone Co. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 06/01/07    Closed: 09/24/07

TC07-070 - In the Matter of the Request of Red River Rural Telephone Co. Association for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 06/01/07    Closed: 09/24/07

TC07-071 - In the Matter of the Request of Farmers Mutual Telephone Co. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 06/01/07    Closed: 09/24/07

TC07-072 - In the Matter of the Request of Fort Randall Telephone Co. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 06/01/07    Closed: 09/24/07

TC07-073 - In the Matter of the Application of CSDVRS LLC for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services in South Dakota.

Filed: 06/01/07    Closed: 07/02/07

TC07-074 - In the Matter of the Request of City of Faith Municipal Telephone Co. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 06/01/07    Closed: 09/24/07

## Telecommunication Dockets (cont.)

TC07-075 - In the Matter of the Request of Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 06/01/07 Closed: 09/24/07

TC07-076 - In the Matter of the Request of Beresford Municipal Telephone Co. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

Filed: 06/01/07 Closed: 09/24/07

TC07-077 - In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corp. and Houlton Enterprises Inc. dba Guaranteed Phone Service.

Filed: 06/05/07 Closed: 07/02/07

TC07-078 - In the Matter of the Filing by Qwest Corp. for Approval of Withdrawal of Section 252(f) Statement of Generally Available Terms Compliance.

Filed: 06/15/07 Pending

TC07-079 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by OrbitCom Inc. against Global Crossing Telecommunications Inc. Regarding Switched Access Services.

Filed: 06/18/07 Closed: 08/14/07

TC07-080 - In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corp. and Qwest Communications Corp.

Filed: 06/20/07 Closed: 07/26/07

TC07-081 - In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corp. and Covista Inc.

Filed: 06/20/07 Closed: 07/26/07

TC07-082 - In the Matter of the Filing by Qwest Corp. DIECA Communications Inc. dba Covad Communications Co. and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services Inc. of their Notice of Stipulation Regarding Certain Performance Indicator Definitions and Qwest Performance Assurance Plan Provisions and Joint Motion to Approve Same on Behalf of the Stipulating Parties.

Filed: 06/22/07 Pending

TC07-083 - In the Matter of the Application of Global Capacity Group Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services and Local Exchange Services in South Dakota.

Filed: 07/03/07 Closed: 09/26/07

TC07-084 - In the Matter of the Filing by NOS Communications Inc. for a Continuation of an Exemption from Developing Company Specific Cost-Based Switched Access Rates.

Filed: 07/17/07 Closed: 08/14/07

## Telecommunication Dockets (cont.)

TC07-085 - In the Matter of the Filing by Primus Telecommunications Inc. for Approval of Relief of Certification Requirement to Post Surety Bond.

Filed: 07/17/07 Closed: 08/14/07

TC07-086 - In the Matter of the Filing by Citizens Telecommunications Co. of Minnesota LLC for a Waiver of ARSD 20:10:32:56.

Filed: 07/27/07 Closed: 09/24/07

TC07-087 - In the Matter of the Petition of Qwest Corp. for Waiver of Utilization Threshold Requirement in the Sioux Falls Rate Center.

Filed: 08/03/07 Closed: 09/18/07

TC07-088 - In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corp. and DIECA Communications Inc. dba Covad Communications Co.

Filed: 08/07/07 Closed: 09/18/07

TC07-089 - In the Matter of the Filing by Sancom Inc. dba Mitchell Telecom for Approval of Revisions to its Switched Access Services Tariff.

Filed: 08/08/07 Closed: 09/18/07

TC07-090 - In the Matter of the Application of Inmate Calling Solutions LLC dba ICSolutions for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services in South Dakota.

Filed: 08/09/07 Pending

TC07-091- In the matter of the filing by Sprint Communications Co. LP for approval of its intrastate switched access tariff and for an Exemption from Developing Company Specific Cost-Based Switched Access Rates.

Filed: 08/15/07 Closed: 10/02/07

TC07-092 - In the Matter of the Filing by McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services Inc. for Approval of a Revision to its Intrastate Switched Access Tariff.

Filed: 08/29/07 Closed: 10/02/07

TC07-093 - In the Matter of the Filing by DakotaComm LLC for an Extension of an Exemption from Developing Company Specific Cost-Based Switched Access Rates.

Filed: 08/30/07 Pending

TC07-094 - In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of a Resale Agreement between Qwest Corp. and NOS Communications Inc.

Filed: 08/31/07 Closed: 10/02/07

## Telecommunication Dockets (cont.)

TC07-095 - In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corp. and 360networks (USA).

Filed: 09/06/07 (Closed: 02/05/08)

TC07-096 - In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corp. and Granite Telecommunications LLC.

Filed: 09/06/07 (Closed: 02/05/08)

TC07-097 - In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corp. and OrbitCom Inc.

Filed: 09/07/07 (Closed: 02/05/08)

TC07-098 - In the Matter of the Application of Silv Communication Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services in South Dakota.

Filed: 09/07/07 Closed: 10/15/07

TC07-099 - In the Matter of the Filing by PrairieWave Black Hills LLC for an Extension of an Exemption from Developing Company Specific Cost-Based Switched Access Rates.

Filed: 09/07/07 Closed: 11/13/07

TC07-100 - In the Matter of the Filing by Granite Telecommunications LLC for an Extension of an Exemption from Developing Company Specific Cost-Based Switched Access Rates.

Filed: 09/11/07 Closed: 11/13/07

TC07-101 - In the Matter of the Application of Sage Telecom Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Local Exchange and Interexchange Telecommunication Services in South Dakota.

Filed: 09/11/07 Pending

TC07-102 - In the Matter of the Filing by South Dakota Network LLC for Approval of Revisions to its Intrastate Switched Access Tariff.

Filed: 09/11/07 Closed: 10/02/07

TC07-103 - In the Matter of the Application of Applewood Communications Corp. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services in South Dakota.

Filed: 09/14/07 Closed: 11/13/07

TC07-104 - In the Matter of the Filing by PrairieWave Community Telephone Inc. for an Exemption from Developing Company Specific Cost-Based Switched Access Rates.

Filed: 09/17/07 Pending

TC07-105 - In the Matter of the Complaint filed by PrairieWave Black Hills LLC and PrairieWave Telecommunications Inc. against Reduced Rate Long Distance LLC.

Filed: 09/26/07 Pending

## Telecommunication Dockets (cont.)

TC07-106 - In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corp. and Comtel Telcom Assets LP dba Excel Telecommunications.

Filed: 09/27/07 Closed: 11/13/07

TC07-107 - In the Matter of Unauthorized Long Distance Changes and Unauthorized Telephone Charges Made by Reduced Rate Long Distance LLC.

Filed: 10/05/07 Pending

TC07-108 - In the Matter of the Filing by XO Communications Services Inc. for an Extension of an Exemption from Developing Company Specific Cost-Based Switched Access Rates.

Filed: 10/09/07 Closed: 12/28/07

TC07-109 - In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corp. and Qwest Communications Corp.

Filed: 10/12/07 Closed: 11/13/07

TC07-110 - In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of a Reciprocal Interconnection Transportation and Termination Agreement between James Valley Cooperative Telephone Co. and James Valley Wireless LLC.

Filed: 10/16/07 Closed: 11/13/07

TC07-111 - In the Matter of the Petition of Alliance Communications Cooperative Inc. for Arbitration Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to Resolve Issues Relating to an Interconnection Agreement with Alltel Communications Inc.

Filed: 10/19/07 Pending

TC07-112 - In the Matter of the Petition of McCook Cooperative Telephone Co. for Arbitration Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to Resolve Issues Relating to an Interconnection Agreement with Alltel Communications Inc.

Filed: 10/19/07 Pending

TC07-113 - In the Matter of the Petition of Beresford Municipal Telephone Co. for Arbitration Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to Resolve Issues Relating to an Interconnection Agreement with Alltel Communications Inc.

Filed: 10/19/07 Pending

TC07-114 - In the Matter of the Petition of Kennebec Telephone Co. for Arbitration Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to Resolve Issues Relating to an Interconnection Agreement with Alltel Communications Inc.

Filed: 10/19/07 Pending



## Telecommunication Dockets (cont.)

TC07-115 - In the Matter of the Petition of Santel Communications Cooperative Inc. for Arbitration Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to Resolve Issues Relating to an Interconnection Agreement with Alltel Communications Inc.

Filed: 10/19/07 Pending

TC07-116 - In the Matter of the Petition of West River Cooperative Telephone Co. for Arbitration Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to Resolve Issues Relating to an Interconnection Agreement with Alltel Communications Inc.

Filed: 10/19/07 Pending

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