



March 20, 2001

Mr. William Bullard, Executive Director
Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol Building
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

Dear Mr. Bullard:

Qwest Corporation has attached for filing the following revised pages from our Access Service Tariff:

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These revisions modify the language and application of unauthorized Primary Interexchange Carrier (PIC) changes to adopt the new language recently released by the Federal Communications Commission in Docket #94-129. The FCC states that there are two preferred carrier change charges that can be involved in a slamming situation. The first charge is assessed when the LEC executes the slamming carriers preferred carrier change order. The second charge is assessed when the LEC returns the subscriber to their authorized carrier. Therefore, the PIC restoral language has been removed.

Qwest requests an effective date of April 21, 2001. We would appreciate acknowledgment of receipt of this filing. A duplicate copy of the letter is attached for your convenience.

Sincerely,

Colleen E. Sevold
Manager-Regulatory Affairs

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UTILITIES COMMISSION

TELECOMMUNICATIONS NEW SERVICES CLASSIFICATION FILING

- 1) Requested Classification: Non-Competitive
 Emerging Competitive
 Fully Competitive

- 2) This service will be offered: Intrastate, IntraLATA
 Intrastate, InterLATA
 Interstate

- 3) Detailed Description of Service: This filing makes modifications to the language in the Access Service Tariff regarding PIC changes.

- 4) Reason for Change: The Federal Communications Commission has released new language which Qwest has incorporated into the Access Service Tariff.

- 5) Basis for Rates: Based on rates already in tariff

- 6) Quantification of Customer Impact: This change will affect the way carriers are billed but will not change the revenue received by Qwest.

- 7) Proposed Effective Date: April 21, 2001

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13.3.2 RESTORATION PRIORITY

Existing Restoration Priority (RP) was superseded by Telecommunications Service Priority (TSP), as specified in Section 13.3.7, following, on September 10, 1990. Existing RP arrangements remain in effect for thirty (30) months until March 10, 1993. If RP Service is converted to TSP, the customer will incur the Priority Restoration Level Implementation Nonrecurring Charge as specified in 13.4.3.D., following.

13.3.3 INTEREXCHANGE CARRIER SUBSCRIPTION (M)

A. Description

Interexchange Carrier (IC) Subscription is a procedure whereby an end user or payphone service provider (PSP) may select and designate to the Company an IC to access without dialing an access code. This procedure applies for both interLATA and intralATA calls. This IC is referred to as the end user's or PSP's primary IC (PIC). An end user or PSP may select one primary IC for both interLATA and intralATA service, or they may choose to have two primary IC's, one for interLATA service and a different IC for intralATA service. (M)

The IC Subscription procedure applies to Telephone Exchange Service lines and/or trunks, Switched Access Lineside connections, Centre-type lines and Public Access Line (PAL) Service. (M)

- For IC Subscription pay telephones, the PSP will select and designate to the Company an IC to access, without dialing an access code, for intralATA calls. (M)

Should a caller wish to use the services of an IC other than the primary IC, it is necessary for the caller to dial the IC's access code(s) to reach that IC's service(s). (M)

The terms, conditions, rates and charges for interLATA IC Subscription are found in F.C.C. No. 1, Section 13. (M)

The terms and conditions for intralATA IC Subscription are following. (M)

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13.3.3 INTEREXCHANGE CARRIER SUBSCRIPTION (Cont'd)

B. Terms and Conditions

1. Charge Application for IC Subscription

- a. End users or PSPs placing orders for new service will be asked to select a primary IC at the time they place an order with the Company for Exchange Service, Switched Access Lineside connection, Centrex-type service or PAL Service. There will be no charge for this selection.
- b. Subsequent to the installation of Telephone Exchange Service, Switched Access Lineside connection, Centrex-type service or PAL Service, for any change in selection, including a change from one access code to another access code for the same IC, a nonrecurring charge applies.
- c. For a period of 60 days after July 22, 1999, an end user or PAL subscriber may make one PIC change without charge.
- d. Following the expiration of the 60 day waiver period, a one time full-bill will be issued to all participating intraLATA carriers amounting to them the total of all intraLATA PIC change charges waived during the mandated waiver period for end user customers choosing to change to them.
- e. When end users or PSPs simultaneously choose or change an intraLATA and interLATA primary IC, only the PIC change charge from F.C.C. No. 1, Section 13 will apply.
- f. The nonrecurring charge for a primary IC change is billed to the end user who is the subscriber to the Telephone Exchange Service, Switched Access Lineside connection, Centrex-type service or to the PSP of PAL Service. However, an IC may, at its option, pay the charge for any end user and/or PSP at any time, or as prescribed by the Company, when the IC has specified that the PIC change request is being made as the result of an end user/PSP disputed PIC change reported to the alleged authorized carrier. The nonrecurring charge for a PIC change is set forth in D., following.

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13.3.3 INTEREXCHANGE CARRIER SUBSCRIPTION

B. Terms and Conditions (Cont'd)

2. Dispute Application for IC Subscription

If there is a conflict between an end user, a PSP or their respective agent, on one hand, and the IC on the other hand, over the designation of the primary IC, the Company will honor the designation selected by the end user, a PSP or their respective agent, regardless of any contractual obligations the end user, PSP or agent may have with one or more ICs.

If there is a conflict between an end user and/or a PSP, on one hand, and their agent on the other hand, over the designation of the primary IC, the Company will honor the designation selected by the end user and/or PSP regardless of any contractual obligations the end user and/or PSP may have with one or more IC's or agents.

3. Subscriber Alleged PIC Disputes

When a subscriber alleges that a PIC change was made without their authorization, the Company shall return the subscriber to their previous PIC, at no charge to the subscriber. All PIC change charges assessed by the Company to the subscriber as the result of the alleged unauthorized PIC change shall be credited to the subscriber's service.

Even if no order is received from the alleged unauthorized carrier to switch the customer back to their alleged authorized carrier, the Company will assess two nonrecurring PIC change charges to the alleged unauthorized carrier, one for the initial switch of the subscriber to the alleged unauthorized carrier; the second for the switch from the alleged unauthorized carrier to the alleged authorized carrier as set forth in D., following.

If the alleged unauthorized carrier change was due to a Company error, the subscriber will be returned to the alleged authorized carrier free of charge to both the subscriber and the alleged unauthorized carrier.

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13.3.3 INTEREXCHANGE CARRIER SUBSCRIPTION

B. (Cont'd)

4. Cancellation of Interexchange Participation for IC Subscription

If an IC elects to discontinue all of its Feature Group D services to an end office prior to the conversion date or after the introduction of Feature Group D to the converting end office, the IC is obligated to do the following:

- Notify the Company of the cancellation of their Feature Group D services, and.
- Contact all end users or PSPs that are pre-subscribed to the canceling IC as their primary IC. Inform these end users or PSPs of the cancellation and request that the end users or PSPs contact the Company to select a new primary IC.

The Company will bill the canceling IC the service order charge described in C, following, for each end user or PSP that this IC has currently participated to them.

Such charge will not apply to the canceling IC where the canceling IC transfers or assigns its Feature Group D services and the associated 101/102/103 code to another IC in such a manner that the Company does not change the end users' or PSPs' records or the end users' or PSPs' PIC designation, or if another IC elects to pay the service order charge on behalf of the canceling IC.

C. IC Initiated Conversions for IC Subscription

When an IC requests that their end user or PSP be changed from one access code to another access code on a mass conversion basis, (e.g., an IC using two or more PIC designations or an IC assuming ownership of another IC's end users, etc.) charges will be as set forth in D., following:

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D. Rates and Charges

NONRECURRING
CHARGE

1. The charges for a PIC change are as follows[1]:

- Per Telephone Exchange Service line or trunk \$ 5.00
- Per Switched Access Lineside connection 5.00
- Per Centrex-type line 5.00
- Per PAL 5.00

2. The charges for an IC Initiated Conversion are as follows[1]:

- Per Telephone Exchange Service line or trunk 0.75
- Per Switched Access Lineside connection 0.75
- Per Centrex-type line 0.75
- Per PAL 0.75

[1] Interim charge pending further South Dakota Public Utilities Commission docket per approved stipulation in Docket No. TC99-053.

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
WEEKLY FILINGS
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If you need a complete copy of a filing faxed, overnight expressed, or mailed to you, please contact Delaine Kolbo within five business days of this filing. Phone: 605-773-3705 Fax: 605-773-3809

CONSUMER COMPLAINTS

CT01-013 In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Oldham Services, Oldham, South Dakota, against AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services.

Complainant alleges that Oldham Services' 800 number was switched to AT&T without its authorization, that Oldham Services received its first billing sixteen months after the alleged authorization; that the billing covered a 12 month period in one bill and that AT&T failed to return its 800 number to its local provider. The complainant requests that the charges be eliminated or at least greatly reduced.

Staff Analyst: Charlene Lund
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier
Date Docketed: 03/27/01
Intervention Deadline: N/A

NATURAL GAS

GE01-001 In the Matter of the Filing by MidAmerican Energy Company for Approval of Revised Residential and Commercial Informational Booklet.

MidAmerican Energy Company has requested approval of a proposed informational booklet for new commercial and residential customers in South Dakota, entitled "Welcome - Helpful Information About MidAmerican Energy." This booklet will replace the "Guide to Energy Services" approved in 1997.

Staff Analyst: Heather Forney
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Docketed: 03/26/01
Intervention Deadline: 04/13/01

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

TC01-029 In the Matter of the Filing by Qwest Corporation for Approval of Revisions to its Access Service Tariff.

Qwest has filed revisions to Sections 1 and 13 of its South Dakota Access Service Tariff. These revisions modify the language and application of unauthorized Primary Interexchange Carrier (PIC) changes to comply with FCC rules.

Staff Analyst: Keith Senger
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Docketed: 03/22/01
Intervention Deadline: 04/13/01

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY QWEST) ORDER APPROVING TARIFF
CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF) REVISIONS
REVISIONS OF ITS ACCESS SERVICE TARIFF) TC01-029

On March 22, 2001, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Qwest Corporation (Qwest) for approval of revisions to its Access Service Tariff. The purpose of the filing is to modify the language and application of unauthorized Primary Interexchange Carrier (PIC) changes to adopt the new language recently released by the Federal Communications Commission in Docket No. 94-129.

On March 29, 2001, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of April 13, 2001, to interested individuals and entities. No parties sought intervention.

The following tariff sheets were filed with regard to the Access Service Tariff

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At its regularly scheduled meeting of April 17, 2001, the Commission considered this matter.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the above revisions to the Access Service Tariff. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves the above referenced revisions to the Access Service Tariff, effective as of the date of this order.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 24th day of April, 2001.

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