

TC01-089

V. H. D.

In the Matter of \_\_\_\_\_

IN THE MATTER OF THE  
APPLICATION OF WORLD  
COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE  
SYSTEMS, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE  
OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE  
INTEREXCHANGE  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN  
SOUTH DAKOTA

Public Utilities Commission of the State of South Dakota

MEMORANDA

2/2 01 Filed and Docketed;  
2/5 01 Public Hearing;  
2/11 01 Kenneth Teriff Pages,  
the a. Daley Harting CDA;  
2/11 01 Docket Closed.

**The Helein Law Group, P.C.**

8180 Greensboro Drive  
Suite 700  
McLean, VA 22102

(703) 714-1300 (Telephone)  
(703) 714-1330 (Facsimile)  
mail@helein.com

Management Consulting Group  
Global Telecompetition Consultants, Inc. (GTC)  
(703) 714-1320 (Telephone)

Writer's Direct Dial Number

(703) 714-1318

Writer's E-mail Address

jwagner@helein.com

June 29, 2001

**VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY**

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
State Capitol  
500 East Capitol Street  
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070

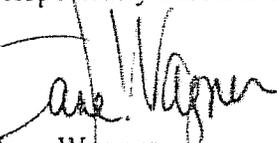
Re: Application of World Communications Satellite Systems, Inc. for a  
Certificate of Authority to Provide Telecommunications Services in  
South Dakota

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of World Communications Satellite Systems, Inc. ("WCSS"), a long distance resale carrier, enclosed are an original and twelve (12) copies of its Application for a Certificate to Provide Telecommunications Services in South Dakota.

An additional copy of this filing is enclosed. Please date-stamp the extra copy and return it to the undersigned in the enclosed self-addressed postage-prepaid envelope. Please address any inquiries or further correspondence concerning this filing to the undersigned. Thank you for your assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jane Wagner

Enclosures

RECEIVED

JUL 02 2001

SOUTH DAKOTA PUB  
UTILITIES COMMISSA

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS  
SATELLITE SYSTEMS, INC.  
Application for a Certificate of Authority  
to Provide Telecommunications Services  
in South Dakota

RECEIVED

JUL 02 2001

SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**TO THE COMMISSION:**APPLICATION OF WORLD COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE SERVICES, INC.

World Communications Satellite Services, Inc., ("WCSS" or "Applicant") respectfully petitions for authorization to provide its telecommunications resale services on an intrastate basis. In support of this application, WCSS provides the following information as required by Administrative Rule of South Dakota (ARSD) 20:10:24:02.

(1) The name, address, and telephone number of the applicant;

World Communications Satellite Systems, Inc.  
3730 Kirby Drive  
Suite 1200  
Houston, Texas 77098  
(866) 647-2752  
(866) 647-2751 (facsimile)

(2) The name under which the applicant will provide these services if different than in subdivision (1) of this section;

Not applicable.

(3) If the applicant is a corporation:

(a) The state in which it is incorporated, the date of incorporation, and a copy of its certificate of incorporation or, if it is an out-of-state corporation, a copy of its certificate of authority to transact business in South Dakota from the Secretary of State;

Applicant was incorporated in the Commonwealth of Virginia on April 13, 2000. A copy of WCSS's Certificate of Authority to Transact Business in South Dakota is provided in Attachment A.

(b) The location of its principal office, if any, in this state and the name and address of its current registered agent; and

WCSS does not have, and does not plan to open, an office in South Dakota. The name and address of its current registered agent is the following:

Corporation Service Company  
503 South Pierre Street  
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

(c) The name and address of each corporation, association, partnership, cooperative, or individual holding a 20 percent or greater ownership or management interest in the applicant corporation and the amount and character of the ownership or management interest:

<u>Shareholder</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Caterina Bergeron	3730 Kirby, Suite 1200 Houston, Texas 77098	100 shares	Common	100

(4) If the applicant is a partnership, the name, title, and business address of each partner, both general and limited;

Not applicable.

(5) A description of the telecommunications services the applicant intends to offer:

Applicant is a switchless reseller which will provide resold long distance service, primarily 1+ equal access calling, calling cards and eventually toll free access calling. Applicant will provide its service to meet the intrastate needs of its future customers and is currently filing the requisite applications in all other states to be certified as required.

At present, Applicant will employ no switches or network facilities of its own because those will be provided by Applicant's underlying carrier, Qwest. Applicant will provide service to commercial enterprises and residential customers. This application does not seek authority at this time to provide any form of operator services nor any service to payphones.

(6) A detailed statement of the means by which the applicant will provide its services:

To provide non-facilities based resale services, Applicant will arrange under the provisions of the duly published tariffs of its underlying carrier or carriers to commitments to meet the telecommunications traffic usage volumes necessary to qualify for the highest levels of discounts available under those tariffs. Applicant is responsible for all payments to the underlying carrier for such usage. Applicant then rebills its customers, at the same time passing on to them a share of the higher discounts made possible by having pooled their traffic with other Applicant's customers.

(7) The geographic areas in which the services will be offered or a map describing the service area:

Applicant proposes to provide service throughout the entire state of South Dakota.

(8) Current financial statements including a balance sheet, income statement, and cash flow statement; a copy of the applicant's latest annual report; a copy of the applicant's report to stockholders; and a copy of applicant's tariff with the terms and conditions of service;

Applicant requests a waiver of supplying this information as permissible under ARSD 20:10-24-02(15). Applicant is a start-up company and is just beginning to offer services. Applicant is aware that a bond is required in place of the financial information. If a bond is not obtained, then the Applicant understands that it may not provide prepaid calling cards, require deposits, or collect advance payments from its customers. As stated and reflected in sections 2.6, 2.7, 4.2.2, and 4.3.2 of the Applicant's proposed tariff, Applicant does not intend to provide prepaid calling cards, require deposits, or collect advance payments.

(9) The names, addresses, telephone number, fax number, E-mail address, and toll free number of the applicant's representatives to whom all inquiries must be made regarding complaints and regulatory matters and a description of how the applicant handles customer billings and customer service matters;

Customer Complaints:

Caterina Bergeron  
3730 Kirby, Suite 1200  
Houston, Texas 77098  
(866) 647-2752  
(866) 647-2751 (facsimile)  
[www.cathy@wess.com](mailto:www.cathy@wess.com)

Regulatory Matters:

The Helein Law Group  
8180 Greensboro Drive  
Suite 700  
McLean, VA 22102  
(703) 714-1300 (voice)  
(703) 714-1330 (facsimile)  
[www.mail@helein.com](mailto:www.mail@helein.com)

Customer complaints will be handled entirely in-house by Applicant's customer service staff. Customers may reach Applicant toll free by calling (866) 647-2752. In the event of a billing dispute between the customer and the Applicant, the customer shall notify Applicant of its disagreement within thirty (30) days of receiving its bill. The customer may request, and Applicant will provide, a detailed review of the disputed amount. In this event, the undisputed amount of any subsequent billing must be paid on a timely basis. If, after investigation by a manager of Applicant, there is still a disagreement about the disputed amount the customer will be notified by Applicant that an appeal

to the state public utilities commission may be made.

(10) A list of the states in which the applicant is registered or certified to provide telecommunications services, whether the applicant has ever been denied registration or certification in any state and the reasons for any such denial, a statement as to whether or not the applicant is in good standing with the appropriate regulatory agency in the states where it is registered or certified, and a detailed explanation of why the applicant is not in good standing in a given state, if applicable:

Applicant is certified to provide services in the following states:

District of Columbia  
Michigan  
Montana  
New Jersey  
Oregon  
Utah  
Virginia

Applicant intends to file applications in all other contiguous states. Applicant has not been denied certification in any state and Applicant is in good standing with the various State Commissions where it is certified.

(11) A description of how the applicant intends to market its services, its target market, whether the applicant engages in any multilevel marketing, and copies of any company brochures used to assist in the sale of services;

Applicant intends to market its services to both residential and business customers. Applicant does not intend to use a multi-level marketing approach. Applicant plans to market using outside independent agents and some telemarketing.

(12) Cost support for rates shown in the company's tariff for all noncompetitive or emerging competitive services;

Every service that the Applicant proposes to offer is an established competitive service.

(13) Federal tax identification number:

76-0640329

(14) The number and nature of complaints filed against the applicant with any state or federal regulatory commission regarding the unauthorized switching of a customer's telecommunications provider and the act of charging customers for services that have not been ordered;

provider and the act of charging customers for services that have not been ordered;

No complaints have been filed against Applicant.

(15) A written request for waiver of those rules the applicant believes to be inapplicable; and

Please see response to ARSD 20:10:24:02(8).

(16) Other information requested by the commission needed to demonstrate that the applicant has sufficient technical, financial, and managerial capabilities to provide the interexchange services it intends to offer consistent with the requirements of this chapter and other applicable rules and laws.

No additional information had been requested by the Commission.

WHEREFORE, World Communications Satellite Systems, Inc. prays that the Commission authorize it to engage in the resale of intrastate interexchange telecommunications services to the public as proposed herein, and as set forth in the attached tariff.

Respectfully submitted this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2001.



Charles H. Helein

The Helein Law Group, P.C.

8180 Greensboro Drive, Suite 700

McLean, VA 22102

VERIFICATION

)  
)  
)

Caterina Bergeron, being duly sworn, attests that: she is the President of World Communications Satellite Systems, Inc.; that she has read the foregoing Application and knows the contents thereof; and that the same is true of her knowledge except as to any matters therein stated upon information and belief; and as to those matters she believes them to be true; that she consents to the verified affidavit being used as evidence in this proceeding.

Caterina Bergeron  
Caterina Bergeron  
President

Subscribed to and sworn to before me this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2001

Jane M. Scott  
Notary Public

My commission expires: 8/31/03

**Attachment A**

**World Communications Satellite Systems, Inc.**

**Certificate of Authority**

# State of South Dakota



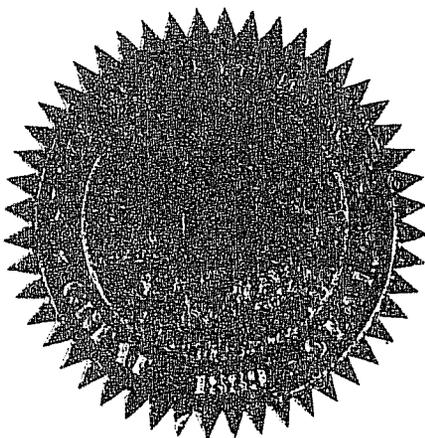
## OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

### Certificate of Authority

I, **JOYCE HAZELTINE**, Secretary of State of the State of South Dakota, hereby certify that the Application for a Certificate of Authority of **WORLD COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE SYSTEMS, INC. (VA)** to transact business in this state duly signed and verified pursuant to the provisions of the South Dakota Corporation Acts, have been received in this office and are found to conform to law.

**ACCORDINGLY** and by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, I hereby issue this Certificate of Authority and attach hereto a duplicate of the application to transact business in this state.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, at Pierre, the Capital, this May 16, 2001.



Joyce Hazeltine  
Secretary of State

**Attachment B**

**World Communications Satellite Systems, Inc.**

**Proposed Tariff**

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFF

---

TITLE SHEET

SOUTH DAKOTA TELECOMMUNICATIONS TARIFF

This tariff contains the description, regulations, and rates applicable to the furnishing of service and facilities for telecommunications services provided by World Communications Satellite Systems, Inc., with principal offices at 3730 Kirby, Suite 1200, Houston, TX 77098. This tariff applies to services furnished within South Dakota. This tariff is on file with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, where copies may be inspected during normal business hours.

---

ISSUED:

EFFECTIVE

By: Tariff Administrator  
World Communications Satellite Systems, Inc.  
3730 Kirby, Suite 1200  
Washington, D.C. 20007

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFFCHECK SHEET

Pages 1 through 23 inclusive of this tariff are effective as of the date shown at the bottom of the respective page(s). Original and revised pages as named below comprise all changes from the original tariff and are currently in effect as of the date at the bottom of this page.

<u>PAGE</u>	<u>REVISION</u>	<u>PAGE</u>	<u>REVISION</u>
1	Original	21	Original
2	Original	22	Original
3	Original	23	Original
4	Original		
5	Original		
6	Original		
7	Original		
8	Original		
9	Original		
10	Original		
11	Original		
12	Original		
13	Original		
14	Original		
15	Original		
16	Original		
17	Original		
18	Original		
19	Original		
20	Original		

ISSUED:EFFECTIVE:

By: Tariff Administrator  
World Communications Satellite Systems, Inc.  
3730 Kirby, Suite 1200  
Houston, TX 77098

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFF

TABLE OF CONTENTS

TITLE SHEET ..... 1

CHECK SHEET ..... 2

TABLE OF CONTENTS ..... 3

SYMBOLS ..... 4

TARIFF FORMAT ..... 5

SECTION 1 - TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS ..... 6

SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS ..... 7

SECTION 3 - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES ..... 17

SECTION 4 - RATES ..... 20

SECTION 5 - PROMOTIONAL OFFERINGS ..... 24

ISSUED:

EFFECTIVE:

By: Tariff Administrator  
World Communications Satellite Systems, Inc.  
3730 Kirby, Suite 1200  
Houston, TX 77098

---

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFF

---

SYMBOLS

The following are the only symbols used for the purpose indicated below:

- (C) - Changed regulation
- (D) - Discontinued rate or regulation
- (I) - Increase in rate
- (M) - Moved to/from another tariff location
- (N) - New rate or regulation
- (R) - Reduction in rate
- (T) - Change in text only

---

ISSUED:

EFFECTIVE:

By: Tariff Administrator  
World Communications Satellite Systems, Inc.  
3730 Kirby, Suite 1200  
Houston, TX 77098

---

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFF**

---

TARIFF FORMAT

- A. Page Numbering - Page numbers appear in the upper right corner of the page. Pages are numbered sequentially. However, new pages are occasionally added to the tariff. When a new page is added between pages already in effect, a decimal is added. For example, a new page added between pages 14 and 15 would be 14.1.
- B. Page Revision Numbers - Revision numbers also appear in the upper right corner of each page. These numbers are used to determine the most current page version on file with the SDPUC. For example, 4th Revised Page 14 cancels the 3rd Revised Page 14. Because of various suspension periods, deferrals, etc. the SDPUC follows in its tariff approval process, the most current page number on file with the SDPUC is not always the tariff page in effect. Consult the Check Sheet for the page currently in effect.
- C. Paragraph Numbering Sequence - There are nine levels of paragraph coding. Each level of coding is subservient to its next higher level:
- 2.
  - 2.1.
  - 2.1.1.
  - 2.1.1.A.
  - 2.1.1.A.1.
  - 2.1.1.A.1.(a).
  - 2.1.1.A.1.(a) I.
  - 2.1.1.A.1.(a).I. (i).
  - 2.1.1.A.1.(a).I.(i).(l).
- D. Check Sheets - When a tariff filing is made with the SDPUC, an updated check sheet accompanies the tariff filing. The check sheet lists the pages contained in the tariff, with a cross reference to the current revision number. When new pages are added, the check sheet is changed to reflect the revision. All revisions made in a given filing are designated by an asterisk (\*). There will be no other symbols used on this page if these are the only changes made to it (i.e., the format, etc., remains the same, just revised revision levels on some pages). The tariff user should refer to the latest check sheet to find out if a particular page is the most current on file with the SDPUC.

---

ISSUED:

EFFECTIVE:

By: Tariff Administrator  
World Communications Satellite Systems, Inc.  
3730 Kirby, Suite 1200  
Houston, TX 77098

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFF

---

SECTION 1 - TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Access Line - A telephone line provided by local exchange carriers which connect a telephone or other communications device at a customer's location to World Communications Satellite Systems, Inc.'s underlying carrier's telecommunications network switching center(s).

Authorization or Account Code - A numerical code of four to eleven digits, one or more of which codes are available to a customer to enable the customer to lawfully connect its communication devices for the purpose of accessing the telecommunications networks of World Communications Satellite Systems, Inc.'s Underlying Carrier, and which thereby are used to prevent unauthorized network access and to identify the customer and its calling volumes for billing purposes.

Carrier or Company - World Communications Satellite Systems, Inc.

Customer - The person, firm, corporation, end user or other entity which orders or uses services and is responsible for the payment of charges.

Holidays - New Year's Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

Rate Center - The Points of Presence (POPs) or first point of interconnection of local exchange facilities providing access to the long distance network of the Company's Underlying Carrier and the point from which a customer's traffic is rated and billed.

SDPUC - South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

Service Agreement - Company's standard form for the ordering and acceptance of a customer's request for and commitment to take Company's service offerings pursuant to this tariff.

Underlying Carrier - The telecommunications carrier whose network facilities provide the technical capability and capacity necessary for the transmission and reception of customer telecommunications traffic within South Dakota.

---

ISSUED:

EFFECTIVE:

By: Tariff Administrator  
World Communications Satellite Systems, Inc.  
3730 Kirby, Suite 1200  
Houston, TX 77098

---

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFF

---

SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS

2.1 Undertaking of Company

Company undertakes to provide only those designated Services as are furnished under the terms and subject to the conditions and customer payment of the applicable rates of this tariff for communications originating and terminating within South Dakota.

The Company's Services are available to its customers twenty four hours per day, seven days per week.

2.2 Limitations

2.2.1 Service is offered subject to the availability of the facilities of Company's Underlying Carrier and the provisions of this tariff.

2.2.2 Company reserves the right to discontinue furnishing service, or to limit the use of service necessitated by conditions beyond its control, including without limitation, for customer non-payment of charges, or when the customer's use of a service becomes or is in violation of the law or the provisions of this tariff.

2.2.3 The Services provided under this tariff are subject to the direct and exclusive control of the Company. No one may alter or affect the Services nor transfer or assign its use of the Services without the express written consent of the Company, which consent may be withheld, without limitation, by Company in its sole discretion at any time such alteration, effect, transfer or assignment would result in an interruption of the Services or a change in the customer's location to which the Services are to be provided.

2.2.4 In the event prior written permission from the Company is given for any assignment or transfer, all regulations and conditions contained in this tariff shall apply to all such permitted assignees or transferees, as well as all conditions for service.

---

ISSUED:

EFFECTIVE:

By: Tariff Administrator  
World Communications Satellite Systems, Inc.  
3730 Kirby, Suite 1200  
Houston, TX 77098

---

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFF

---

SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

2.3 Liabilities of the Company

Company shall be indemnified and held harmless by the customer against:

- A. Claims for libel, slander, or infringement of copyright arising out of the material, data, information, or other content of a customer's communications traffic;
- B. Claims for patent infringement arising from a customer's use of its equipment, facilities, or systems with the Company's Services; and
- C. All other claims arising out of any act or omission of the customer in connection with any service provided by Company.

---

ISSUED:

EFFECTIVE:

By: Tariff Administrator  
World Communications Satellite Systems, Inc.  
3730 Kirby, Suite 1200  
Houston, TX 77098

---

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFF**

---

SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.4 Interruption of Service

- 2.4.1 Credit allowance for the interruption of service is subject to the general liability provisions set forth in Section 2.3.1 herein. Customer shall receive no credit allowance for interruption of service due to Carrier's testing or adjusting, to negligence of the customer, or to the failure of channels or equipment provided by the customer. It shall be the obligation of the customer to notify the Company immediately of any interruption in service for which a credit allowance is claimed. Before giving such notice, the customer shall ascertain that the trouble is not being caused by any action or omission within customer's control, or is not in wiring or equipment, if any, furnished by the customer in connection with the Company's Services.
- 2.4.2 No credit is allowed in the event service must be interrupted in order to provide routine service quality or related investigations.
- 2.4.3 Credit for failure of service shall be allowed only when such failure is caused by or occurs due to causes within the control of Company or in the event Company is entitled to a credit for the failure of the facilities of Company's Underlying Carrier used to furnish customer's service.
- 2.4.4 No credit shall be allowed:
- A. For failure of services or facilities of customer; or
  - B. For failure of services or equipment caused by the negligence or wilful acts of customer.
- 2.4.5 Credit for an interruption shall commence after customer notifies Company of the interruption or when Company becomes aware thereof, and ceases when service has been restored.

---

ISSUED:

EFFECTIVE:

By: Tariff Administrator  
World Communications Satellite Systems, Inc.  
3730 Kirby, Suite 1200  
Houston, TX 77098

---

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFF**

---

**SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (Cont'd)****2.4 Interruption of Service (Cont'd)**

- 2.4.6 Before customer notifies Company of an interruption, customer shall make reasonable attempts to ascertain that customer, a third party, or its or their actions and/or equipment is/are not the cause thereof.
- 2.4.7 Credits are applicable only to that portion of service interrupted.
- 2.4.8 For purposes of credit computation, every month shall be considered to have 720 hours.
- 2.4.9 No credit shall be allowed for an interruption of a continuous duration of less than two hours.
- 2.4.10 The customer shall be credited for an interruption of two hours or more at the rate of 1/720th of the monthly charge for the service affected for each hour or major fraction thereof that the interruption continues. Calculations of the credit shall be made in accordance with the following formula.

Credit Formula:

$$\text{Credit} = \frac{\text{A}}{720} \times \text{B}$$

"A" = outage time in hours

"B" = total monthly charge for affected facility

---

**ISSUED:****EFFECTIVE:**

By: Tariff Administrator  
World Communications Satellite Systems, Inc.  
3730 Kirby, Suite 1200  
Houston, TX 77098

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFF

---

SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

2.5 Restoration of Service

The use and restoration of service shall be administered by the Underlying Carrier in accordance with the priority system specified in the Rules and Regulations of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

2.6 Deposits

The Company does not require a deposit from its customers.

2.7 Advance Payments

The Company does not collect advance payments.

2.8 Taxes

- 2.8.1 Customer will be billed and is responsible for payment of applicable local, state, and federal taxes assessed in conjunction with service used.
- 2.8.2 All state and local taxes (i.e., sales taxes, gross receipts taxes, municipal utilities taxes, etc.) are listed as separate line items and are not included in the scheduled rates.

---

ISSUED:

EFFECTIVE:

By: Tariff Administrator  
World Communications Satellite Systems, Inc.  
3730 Kirby, Suite 1200  
Houston, TX 77098

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFF

---

SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

2.9 Collections

In the event Company incurs fees or expenses, including attorneys' fees, to collect, or to attempt to collect, any charges owed Company by customer, including charges alleged to have resulted from fraud or abuse of customer's services, the Company shall charge customer all such fees and expenses, including Company's reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred to collect or to attempt to collect its charges.

---

ISSUED:

EFFECTIVE

By: Tariff Administrator  
World Communications Satellite Systems, Inc.  
3730 Kirby, Suite 1200  
Houston, TX 77098

---

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFF**

---

**SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (Cont'd)****2.10 Billing Disputes**

- 2.10.1 Billing disputes shall be processed by the Company or its billing agent(s) consistent with SDPUC regulations.
- 2.10.2 Customer agrees to notify Company of its billing disagreement within 180 days of receiving its bill.
- 2.10.3 A valid billing dispute consists of written documentation specifically listing the total dollar amount of the dispute, the specific rate elements being disputed, and their dollar amounts. At least one of the following reasons must be given for the dispute to be considered valid:
- A. Incorrect Rate
  - B. Error in quantity (i.e., billing increments)
  - C. Service no longer exists
  - D. Incorrect customer being billed
  - E. Backbilling
- 2.10.4 Refusal to pay an entire bill or any portion thereof without written supporting documentation will not be considered a valid dispute and will be handled as a non-payment.
- 2.10.5 In the event that a billing dispute is resolved in favor of the Company, late payment charges will apply to amounts withheld pending settlement of the dispute. Late payment charges are calculated as set forth in Section 4.8 except that when the customer disputes the bill on or before the payment date and pays the undisputed amount on or before the payment date, the penalty interest period shall not begin until 10 days following the payment date.

---

**ISSUED:****EFFECTIVE**

By: Tariff Administrator  
World Communications Satellite Systems, Inc.  
3730 Kirby, Suite 1200  
Houston, TX 77098

---

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFF

---

SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

2.10 Billing Disputes (Cont'd)

2.10.6 Customer agrees that all actions, suits, or proceedings to recover charges due under this tariff shall be prosecuted in the court of competent jurisdiction of the Company's principal place of business. Customer consents to and submits to the exercise of jurisdiction over the subject matter, waives personal service of any and all process upon it, and consents that all such service of process be made by registered mail directed to customer at its address registered with Company. Service so made shall be deemed to be completed five business days after such process shall have been deposited in the mail, postage prepaid. Customer waives trial by jury, any objection based on forum non conveniens, any objection to venue or jurisdiction of any action instituted hereunder, and consents to the granting of such legal or equitable relief as deemed appropriate by the Court.

2.10.7 Customers unsatisfied with the Company's handling of a dispute may contact the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, State Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070, or by phone at (800) 332-1782, or for the hearing-impaired, TTY Through Relay South Dakota (800) 877-1113.

2.11 Billing

Company utilizes an independent billing company to bill its customers.

---

ISSUED:

EFFECTIVE:

By: Tariff Administrator  
World Communications Satellite Systems, Inc.  
3730 Kirby, Suite 1200  
Houston, TX 77098

---

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFF**

---

SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.12 Form and Content of Termination Notice

In the event that the Company proposes to terminate service to a customer pursuant to this tariff, the Company will send the customer a written notice of termination. The notice will be titled "SHUT OFF NOTICE" or "CUT OFF NOTICE" in type at least one-quarter (1/4) inch in height and will clearly indicate that it is a disconnect notice. The disconnect notice will contain the following information:

- The name and address of the customer, the telephone number or identifying number to which the service is billed, and the nature of the service provided by the Company.
- A clear and concise statement of the reasons for the proposed termination of service.
- The date after which service will be terminated unless the customer takes appropriate action.
- If the reason for termination of service is nonpayment of a delinquent account, the notice shall include a statement of the amount owed and the date of delinquency prompting termination.
- The Company's telephone number which can be called toll-free and the address of the Company's office where a customer may make inquiries, pay the bill, make a complaint, or initiate an investigation.
- A statement that any customer with an unresolved complaint may contact the SDPUC's Consumer Complaints Hotline at (800) 332-1782.
- The charge and the customer action necessary for reconnection of service.

---

ISSUED:

EFFECTIVE:

By: Tariff Administrator  
World Communications Satellite Systems, Inc.  
3730 Kirby, Suite 1200  
Houston, TX 77098

---

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFF

---

SECTION 3 - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

3.1 Usage Based Services

- 3.1.1 Long distance usage charges are based on the actual usage of the Company's network. Timing for all calls begin when the called party answers the call (i.e. when two-way communications are established). Answer detection is based on standard industry answer detection methods, including hardware and software answer detection.
- 3.1.2 Chargeable time for all calls ends when one of the parties disconnects from the call.
- 3.1.3 Unless otherwise specified in this tariff, the minimum call duration for billing purposes is one (1) minute.
- 3.1.4 Unless otherwise specified in this tariff, calls are billed in one (1) minute increments.
- 3.1.5 Usage is measured and rounded up to the next higher increment for billing purposes.
- 3.1.6 There are no billing charges applied for incomplete calls.

---

ISSUED:

EFFECTIVE:

By: Tariff Administrator  
World Communications Satellite Systems, Inc.  
3730 Kirby, Suite 1200  
Houston, TX 77098

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFF

---

SECTION 3 - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES (Cont'd)

3.2 Outbound Interexchange Service

The Company's service is provided for use by presubscribed Customers or Authorized Users. Calls are routed over the Company's resold transmission and switching facilities to any valid NPA-NXX in the state of South Dakota.

3.3 Calling Card Service

Carrier offers a calling card, which allows Customer to gain access to its long distance service from anywhere in South Dakota via a toll-free access number with service billed back to the Customer's account. Calling Card service allows customers to originate outbound, direct dial long distance calls.

---

ISSUED:

EFFECTIVE:

By: Tariff Administrator  
World Communications Satellite Systems, Inc.  
3730 Kirby, Suite 1200  
Houston, TX 77098

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFF

---

SECTION 3 - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES (Cont'd)

3.4 Directory Assistance

The Company provides standard Directory Assistance.

3.5 Services Not Available

Carrier does not offer 900, 911, collect, or third-party billed calling.

---

ISSUED:

EFFECTIVE:

By: Tariff Administrator  
World Communications Satellite Systems, Inc.  
3730 Kirby, Suite 1200  
Houston, TX 77098

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFF

---

SECTION 4 - RATES

4.1 Description of Rates

Services are available to subscribers under the following rate plans. Calls in each rate plan are billed in increments with minimum billing increments as specified. No charge is made for an uncompleted call.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFF

---

SECTION 4 - RATES (Cont'd)

4.1 Basic Plan

4.1.1 1+ Outbound - Basic Plan

Switched 1+ Outbound Service is billed in one minute increments with a minimum billing increment of two minutes at the following flat rate:

\$0.14/minute 24 hours per day, every day

4.1.2 Calling Card Service - Basic Plan

Calling Card Service is billed in one minute increments with a minimum billing increment of one and one-half minutes at the following flat rate:

\$0.24/minute 24 hours per day, every day

4.1.3 A nonrecurring charge also applies: Account Set-Up Fee: \$6.00/account (BTN)

---

ISSUED:

EFFECTIVE:

By: Tariff Administrator  
World Communications Satellite Systems, Inc.  
3730 Kirby, Suite 1200  
Houston, TX 77098

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFF

---

SECTION 4 - RATES (Cont'd)

4.1 Save Plan

4.1.1 I+ Outbound - Save Plan

Switched I+ Outbound Service is billed in one minute increments with a minimum billing increment of two minutes at the following flat rate:

\$0.07/minute 24 hours per day, every day, plus a \$3.00 monthly charge

4.1.2 Calling Card Service - Save Plan

Calling Card Service is billed in one minute increments with a minimum billing increment of one and a half minutes at the following flat rate:

\$0.24/minute 24 hours per day, every day

4.1.3 A nonrecurring charge also applies: Account Set-Up Fee: \$6.00/account (BTN)

---

ISSUED:

EFFECTIVE:

By: Tariff Administrator  
World Communications Satellite Systems, Inc.  
3730 Kirby, Suite 1200  
Houston, TX 77098

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFF

## SECTION 4 - RATES (Cont'd)

4.1 Fixed Minutes Calling Plan. Customers may obtain discounted service by purchasing a fixed amount of minutes for a fixed monthly service charge with additional usage charged at a specified per minute rate based on the jurisdictional nature of the call. International calls are not included in the fixed monthly minimum. International calls are billed according to Company's International Tariff on file with the FCC.

4.1.1 IntraLATA Call Rates. For presubscribed outbound interstate intraLATA calling service, the rates 24 hours a day, seven days a week are:

1 <sup>st</sup> 1,000 Minutes	Each Add'l Minute or Fraction over 1,000 Minutes
<u>\$21.95</u>	<u>\$0.139</u>

4.1.2 InterLATA Call Rates. For presubscribed outbound interstate interLATA calling service, the rates 24 hours a day, seven days a week are:

1 <sup>st</sup> 1,000 Minutes	Each Add'l Minute or Fraction over 1,000 Minutes
<u>\$21.95</u>	<u>\$0.069</u>

4.1.3 A nonrecurring charge also applies:

Account Set-Up Fee: \$6.00/account (BTN)

All intrastate (also referred to as in-state) and interstate intraLATA and interLATA calls are included in determining Customer's fixed minutes of use (1,000 minutes) for any given month. International calls are not included. The charges for minutes of use in excess of the fixed monthly minimum is charged pursuant to whether the call is an intraLATA (often referred to as local long distance) or an interLATA call (a call placed between LATAs (local access and transport areas) located in the same state). If a Customer is located in a single-LATA state (for example, New Mexico), all in-state calls which exceed the 1,000 minutes in a given month will be rated at the rates set forth in 4.1.1, above.

ISSUED:

EFFECTIVE:

By: Tariff Administrator  
World Communications Satellite Systems, Inc.  
3730 Kirby, Suite 1200  
Houston, TX 77098

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFF

---

SECTION 4 - RATES (Cont'd)

- 4.1 Flat Rate Plan. Customers may choose the following flat rate plan. Rates are distance, time-of-day, day of week, and jurisdictionally insensitive, that is, do not change up or down depending on when or to where the call is placed.

\$0.209/minute

A nonrecurring charge also applies: Account Set-Up Fee: \$6.00/account (BTN)

A monthly recurring charge applies to all customers whose usage (based on all call types – in-state, interstate or international) is less than \$50.00 per month.

\$4.95/month

---

ISSUED:

EFFECTIVE:

By: Tariff Administrator  
World Communications Satellite Systems, Inc.  
3730 Kirby, Suite 1200  
Houston, TX 77098

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFF

---

SECTION 4 - RATES (Cont'd)

4.6 Directory Assistance Charge

\$0.95 call

4.7 Late Payment Charge

A late fee of 1.5% per month will be charged on any past due balance.

---

ISSUED:

EFFECTIVE:

By: Tariff Administrator  
World Communications Satellite Systems, Inc.  
3730 Kirby, Suite 1200  
Houston, TX 77098

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFF

---

SECTION 4 - RATES (Cont'd)

4.8 Returned Check Charge

Carrier charges a fee of \$15.00 for any check returned for insufficient funds.

4.9 Method of Computing Charges

Charges for each call are totaled by rate period. If the computed charges include a fraction of a cent, the fraction is rounded up to the next whole cent (e.g., \$1.4266 would be rounded up to \$1.43).

4.10 Miscellaneous Charges

Monthly Service Fee \$4.95 \*

\* Applies to Basic Rate Plan customers billing less than \$10.00 in long distance calling per month.

---

ISSUED:

EFFECTIVE:

By: Tariff Administrator  
World Communications Satellite Systems, Inc.  
3730 Kirby, Suite 1200  
Houston, TX 77098

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS  
SATELLITE SYSTEMS, INC.  
3739 KERRY DRIVE, SUITE 1200  
HOUSTON, TX 77098

FIRST UNION NATIONAL BANK  
ATLANTA, GA  
64-22/610

1317

6/27/2001



South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

\$ \*\*250.00

Two Hundred Fifty and 00/100\*\*\*\*\*

DOLLARS

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

⑆001317⑆ ⑆061000227⑆ 200000248339⑆

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE SYSTEMS, INC.

131

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

6/27/2001

250.00

TC 01-089

Checking-First Union

250.00

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
**WEEKLY FILINGS**  
For the Period of June 28, 2001 through July 4, 2001

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**

**CT01-028** In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Dennis Lindskov dba Automotive Co., Inc., Isabel, South Dakota, against MCI WorldCom Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services and Billing for Services.

The Complainant states that he was billed for unauthorized service by MCI WorldCom. He states that when he contacted MCI about the billing, he was told by the MCI representative that the charges would be waved if he sent a letter indicating that the charges were unauthorized and that he requests the account be closed. He sent a letter requesting the cancellation of the account on April 16, 2001. As of today, the charges have not been removed. Complainant requests \$1,000.00 for the unauthorized billing, that all charges be credited and \$250.00 for his loss of time to try and resolve this billing.

Staff Analyst: Mary Healy  
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer  
Date Docketed: 07/03/01  
Intervention Deadline: N/A

**ELECTRIC**

**EL01-016** In the Matter of the Joint Request for Electric Service Territory Exception between Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Kingsbury Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative and Kingsbury Electric Cooperative, Inc. jointly request the Commission grant an exception to the existing electric service territory boundary. The exception would permit Kingsbury Electric Cooperative, Inc. to provide electric service to the Lon Hall residence located in the Northwest quarter of Section 6, Township 112 North, Range 52 West.

Staff Analyst: Michele Farris  
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer  
Date Docketed: 07/02/01  
Intervention Deadline: 07/20/01

**EL01-017** In the Matter of the Joint Request for Electric Service Territory Exception between Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Xcel Energy.

Sioux Valley Southwestern Electric Cooperative and Xcel Energy jointly request the Commission grant an exception to the existing electric service territory boundary. The exception would permit Xcel Energy to provide electric service to Flack Signs and also to Lamar Outdoor Advertising for billboard locations in the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 south of I-90, Section 25, Township 102 North, Range 50 West.

Staff Analyst: Michele Farris  
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer  
Date Docketed: 07/02/01  
Intervention Deadline: 07/20/01

**TC01-082      In the Matter of the Establishment of Switched Access Revenue Requirement for James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company and Accent Communications, Inc.**

James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company and Accent Communications, Groton, South Dakota, filed a switched access cost study developing a revenue requirement and minutes of use that are included in the revenue requirement and minutes of use used to determine the switched access rates for the Local Exchange Carrier Association.

Staff Analyst: Keith Senger  
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer  
Date Docketed: 06/29/01  
Intervention Deadline: 07/20/01

**TC01-083      In the Matter of the Establishment of Switched Access Revenue Requirement for Stockholm-Strandburg Telephone Company.**

Stockholm-Strandburg Telephone Co. filed a switched access cost study developing a revenue requirement and minutes of use that are included in the revenue requirement and minutes of use used to determine the switched access rates for the Local Exchange Carrier Association.

Staff Analyst: Heather Forney  
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer  
Date Docketed: 06/29/01  
Intervention Deadline: 07/20/01

**TC01-084      In the Matter of the Establishment of Switched Access Revenue Requirement for West River Telecommunications Cooperative.**

West River Telecommunications Cooperative, Hazen, North Dakota, filed a switched access cost study developing a revenue requirement and minutes of use that are included in the revenue requirement and minutes of use used to determine the switched access rates for the Local Exchange Carrier Association. In accordance with ARSD 20:10:27:10, West River Telecommunications Cooperative requests that the Commission allow the use of GVNW's cost study model as opposed to the Commission model for determining West River Telecommunications Cooperative's revenue requirement.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best  
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer  
Date Docketed: 06/29/01  
Intervention Deadline: 07/20/01

**TC01-085      In the Matter of the Establishment of Switched Access Revenue Requirement for Mobridge Telecommunications Company.**

Mobridge Telecommunications, Hazen, North Dakota, filed a switched access cost study developing a revenue requirement and minutes of use that are included in the revenue requirement and minutes of use used to determine the switched access rates for the Local Exchange Carrier Association. In accordance with ARSD 20:10:27:10, Mobridge Telecommunications requests that the Commission allow the use of GVNW's cost study model as opposed to the Commission model for determining Mobridge Telecommunications' revenue requirement.

**TC01-090 In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Adoption Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Williams & Company Communications, Inc.**

On July 2, 2001, an Adoption Agreement between Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") and Williams & Company Communications, Inc. ("Williams") was filed with the Commission for approval. According to the parties the Agreement is a negotiated agreement with the parties adopting the terms and conditions of the Interconnection Agreement and any associated amendments, if applicable, between FiberComm, L.L.C. and Qwest Corporation f/w/a US WEST Communications, Inc. which was approved by the Commission on March 30, 1999 in Docket No TC98-186. Any party wishing to comment on the agreement may do so by filing written comments with the Commission and the parties to the agreement no later than July 23, 2001. Parties to the agreement may file written responses to the comments no later than twenty days after the service of the initial comments.

Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier  
Date Docketed: 07/02/01  
Initial Comments Due: 07/23/01

**TC01-091 In the Matter of the Filing by Qwest Corporation for Approval of Revisions to its Exchange and Network Services Tariff.**

On July 2, 2001, Qwest Corporation filed revisions to its Exchange and Network Services Tariff for approval. These revisions increase the Federal Telephone Assistance Plan credit from \$6.10 to \$6.75 to offset the \$.65 increase in the Residence Subscriber Line Charge.

Staff Analyst: Heather Forney  
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier  
Date Docketed: 07/02/01  
Intervention Deadline: 07/20/01

You may receive this listing and other PUC publications via our website or via internet e-mail.  
You may subscribe or unsubscribe to the PUC mailing lists at <http://www.state.sd.us/puc/>

1001-001

# The Helein Law Group, P.C.

8180 Greenboro Drive  
Suite 700  
McLean, VA 22102

(703) 714-1300 (Telephone)  
(703) 714-1330 (Facsimile)  
mail@helein.com

Management Consulting Group  
Global Telecompetition Consultants, Inc. (GTC)  
(703) 714-1320 (Telephone)

Writer's Direct Dial Number

(703) 714-1300

Writer's E-mail Address

mail@helein.com

July 31, 2001

## VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Dave Jacobson  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
State Capitol Building,  
500 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070

RECEIVED

AUG 21 2001

SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMISSION

**Re: World Communications Satellite Systems, Inc.  
Application for Authority to Operate Within the State of South  
Dakota as a Long Distance Telecommunications Service Provider**

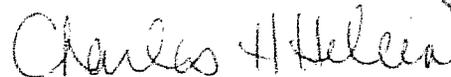
Dear Mr. Jacobson:

On behalf of World Communications Satellite Systems, Inc. ("WCSS"), an applicant for authority to provide telecommunication services in South Dakota, we submit revisions to WCSS' proposed tariff. These revisions reflect those changes you requested on July 11, 2001. In particular, the revisions include the following:

1. Page 3 – The page number for Section 3 was changed to 16, the page number for Section 4 was changed to 19 and the reference to Section 5 was deleted;
2. Page 13 – Line 3 of Section 2.10.5 was changed from 4.8 to 4.7;
3. Page 14 – Section 2.10.6 was deleted;
4. Pages 20 and 21 – The plan has been specified for Section 4.2.3 and 4.3.3 respectively;
5. Page 21.1 – Section 4.4.2 was deleted; and
6. Page 23 – Section 4.10 and the corresponding footnote were relocated to page 20.

An extra copy of this filing is enclosed. Please date stamp it and return it in the self-addressed envelope. Please contact our office if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Respectfully Submitted,

 (m)

Charles H. Helein

Enclosures

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFF**

---

TABLE OF CONTENTS

TITLE SHEET .....1

CHECK SHEET .....2

TABLE OF CONTENTS .....3

SYMBOLS .....4

TARIFF FORMAT .....5

SECTION 1 - TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS .....6

SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS .....7

SECTION 3 - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES .....16

SECTION 4 - RATES .....19

---

ISSUED:

EFFECTIVE:

By: Tariff Administrator  
World Communications Satellite Systems, Inc.  
3730 Kirby, Suite 1200  
Houston, TX 77098

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFF

---

SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

2.10 Billing Disputes

- 2.10.1 Billing disputes shall be processed by the Company or its billing agent(s) consistent with SDPUC regulations.
- 2.10.2 Customer agrees to notify Company of its billing disagreement within 180 days of receiving its bill.
- 2.10.3 A valid billing dispute consists of written documentation specifically listing the total dollar amount of the dispute, the specific rate elements being disputed, and their dollar amounts. At least one of the following reasons must be given for the dispute to be considered valid:
- A. Incorrect Rate
  - B. Error in quantity (i.e., billing increments)
  - C. Service no longer exists
  - D. Incorrect customer being billed
  - E. Backbilling
- 2.10.4 Refusal to pay an entire bill or any portion thereof without written supporting documentation will not be considered a valid dispute and will be handled as a non-payment.
- 2.10.5 In the event that a billing dispute is resolved in favor of the Company, late payment charges will apply to amounts withheld pending settlement of the dispute. Late payment charges are calculated as set forth in Section 4.7 except that when the customer disputes the bill on or before the payment date and pays the undisputed amount on or before the payment date, the penalty interest period shall not begin until 10 days following the payment date.

---

ISSUED:

EFFECTIVE:

By: Tariff Administrator  
World Communications Satellite Systems, Inc.  
3730 Kirby, Suite 1200  
Houston, TX 77098

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFF

---

SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

2.10 Billing Disputes (Cont'd)

2.10.6 Customers unsatisfied with the Company's handling of a dispute may contact the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, State Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070, or by phone at (800) 332-1782, or for the hearing-impaired, TTY Through Relay South Dakota (800) 877-1113.

2.11 Billing

Company utilizes an independent billing company to bill its customers.

---

ISSUED:

EFFECTIVE:

By: Tariff Administrator  
World Communications Satellite Systems, Inc.  
3730 Kirby, Suite 1200  
Houston, TX 77098

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFF

---

SECTION 4 - RATES (Cont'd)

4.2 Basic Plan

4.2.1 1+ Outbound - Basic Plan

Switched 1+ Outbound Service is billed in one minute increments with a minimum billing increment of two minutes at the following flat rate:

\$0.14/minute 24 hours per day, every day

4.2.2 Calling Card Service - Basic Plan

Calling Card Service is billed in one minute increments with a minimum billing increment of one and one-half minutes at the following flat rate:

\$0.24/minute 24 hours per day, every day

4.2.3 A nonrecurring charge also applies to both the 1+ Outbound – Basic Plan and the Calling Card Service – Basic Plan: Account Set-Up Fee: \$6.00/account (BTN)

---

ISSUED:

EFFECTIVE:

By: Tariff Administrator  
World Communications Satellite Systems, Inc.  
3730 Kirby, Suite 1200  
Houston, TX 77098

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFF**

---

SECTION 4 - RATES (Cont'd)

**4.3 Save Plan**

**4.3.1 1+ Outbound - Save Plan**

Switched 1+ Outbound Service is billed in one minute increments with a minimum billing increment of two minutes at the following flat rate:

\$0.07/minute 24 hours per day, every day, plus a \$3.00 monthly charge

**4.3.2 Calling Card Service - Save Plan**

Calling Card Service is billed in one minute increments with a minimum billing increment of one and a half minutes at the following flat rate:

\$0.24/minute 24 hours per day, every day

**4.3.3 A nonrecurring charge also applies to both the 1+ Outbound – Save Plan and the Calling Card Service – Save Plan: Account Set-Up Fee: \$6.00/account (BTN)**

---

ISSUED:

EFFECTIVE:

By: Tariff Administrator  
World Communications Satellite Systems, Inc.  
3730 Kirby, Suite 1200  
Houston, TX 77098

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFFSECTION 4 - RATES (Cont'd)

4.4 MegaMinutes Calling Plan. Customers may obtain discounted service by purchasing a fixed amount of minutes for a fixed monthly service charge with additional usage charged at a specified per minute rate based on the jurisdictional nature of the call. International calls are not included in the fixed monthly minimum. International calls are billed according to Company's International Tariff on file with the FCC.

4.4.1 IntraLATA Call Rates. For presubscribed outbound interstate intraLATA calling service, the rates 24 hours a day, seven days a week are:

1* 1,000	Each Add'l Minute
Minutes	or Fraction over
<u>Or Fraction</u>	<u>1,000 Minutes</u>
\$24.95	\$0.139

4.4.2 A nonrecurring charge also applies:

Account Set-Up Fee: \$6.00/account (BTN)

All intrastate (also referred to as in-state) and interstate intraLATA and interLATA calls are included in determining Customer's fixed minutes of use (1,000 minutes) for any given month.

International calls are not included. The charges for minutes of use in excess of the fixed monthly minimum is charged pursuant to whether the call is an intraLATA (often referred to as local long distance) or an interLATA call (a call placed between LATAs (local access and transport areas) located in the same state). If a Customer is located in a single-LATA state (for example, New Mexico), all in-state calls which exceed the 1,000 minutes in a given month will be rated at the rates set forth in 4.4.1, above.

ISSUED:

EFFECTIVE:

By: Tariff Administrator  
World Communications Satellite Systems, Inc.  
3730 Kirby, Suite 1200  
Houston, TX 77098

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )	ORDER GRANTING
WORLD COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE )	CERTIFICATE OF
SYSTEMS, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF )	AUTHORITY
AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE INTEREXCHANGE )	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN )	TC01-089
SOUTH DAKOTA )	

On July 2, 2001, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission), in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02, received an application for a certificate of authority from World Communications Satellite Systems, Inc. (World).

World proposes to offer resold long distance service, primarily 1+ equal access calling, calling cards and toll free access calling. A proposed tariff was filed by World. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On July 5, 2001, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 20, 2001, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its August 16, 2001, meeting, the Commission considered World's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that World not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. Commission Staff further recommended a waiver of ARSD 20:10:24:02(8).

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02 and 20:10:24:03. The Commission finds that World has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. World has, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial and managerial capabilities to offer telecommunications services in South Dakota. Further, the Commission finds that there is good cause to waive ARSD 20:10:24:02(8). The Commission approves World's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that World not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that World's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, effective September 1, 2001, subject to the condition that World not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Commission finds good cause to waive ARSD 20:10:24:02(8). It is

# SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

---

## CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

To Conduct Business As A Telecommunications Company  
Within The State of South Dakota

Authority was Granted effective September 1, 2001  
Docket No. TC01-089

*This is to certify that*

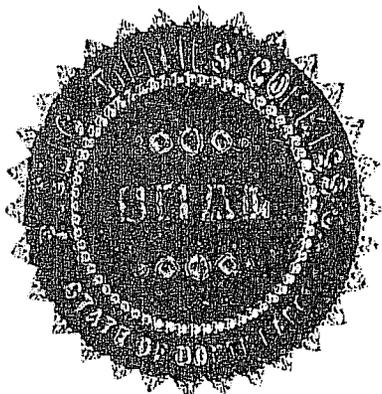
**WORLD COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE SYSTEMS, INC.**

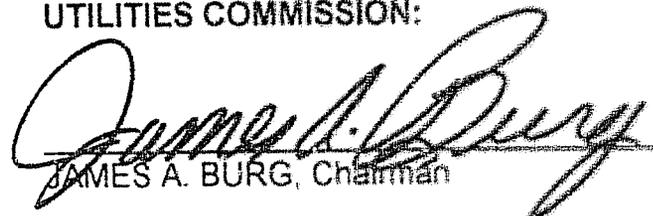
is authorized to provide interexchange telecommunications services in South Dakota, subject to the condition that it not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission.

This certificate is issued in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02, and is subject to all of the conditions and limitations contained in the rules and statutes governing its conduct of offering telecommunications services.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2001.

SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMISSION:



  
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

  
PAM NELSON, Commissioner