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DOCKET NO. TC02-095

In the Matter of IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY QWEST CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO ITS EXCHANGE AND NETWORK SERVICES TARIFF

### Public Utilities Commission of the State of South Dakota

DATE	MEMORANDA
7/22 02	Filed & Docketed;
7/25 02	for Filing;
8/30 02	Order Approving Tariff Revisions;
8/30 02	Docket Closed.



July 18, 2002

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Ms. Debra Elofson, Executive Director  
Public Utilities Commission  
State Capitol Building  
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMISSION

Dear Ms. Elofson:

Qwest Corporation has attached for filing with the Commission the following revised pages from our Exchange and Network Services Tariff:

<u>Section</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Release</u>
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These revisions increase the Federal Telephone Assistance Plan credit from \$6.75 to \$7.75 to offset the \$1.00 increase in the Residence Subscriber Line Charge.

Qwest requests an effective date of July 2, 2002.

We would appreciate acknowledgment of receipt of this filing. A duplicate copy of this letter is attached for your convenience.

Sincerely,

Colleen E. Sevold  
Manager-Regulatory Affairs

**Qwest Corporation  
Exchange and Network  
Services Tariff**

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A.3. (Cont'd)

- c. The Lifeline Assistance Plan credit will begin with the first billing date after the Company is notified by applicants who qualify for benefits or when new service is established by a qualifying customer.
- d. Nonrecurring charges will not apply to establish this program on existing service.
- e. This credit shall apply only to a customer's principal residence line.

4. Credit

	<b>CREDIT USOC</b>	<b>MONTHLY CREDIT[1]</b>
• Lifeline Assistance Plan Credit	ASGFX	\$7.75 (I)

[1] The total monthly credit consists of the \$6.00 baseline FCC Lifeline support and an additional \$1.75 FCC Lifeline support. See Tribal Lifeline for expanded federal lifeline benefits available to residents living on reservations.

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B. Tribal Lifeline

1. Description

Tribal Lifeline provides additional lifeline support of up to \$25.00, in addition to the baseline Federal Lifeline support of \$7.75 for qualifying low-income individuals living on reservations as defined by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) regulations. (C)

2. Terms and Conditions

- a. Residents living on reservations are eligible for the Tribal Lifeline benefit if they participate in one or more of the following programs:
- Medicaid (e.g. Title XIX/Medical, state supplemental assistance),
  - Food Stamps,
  - Supplemental Security Income (SSI),
  - Federal public housing assistance,
  - Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LHEAP),
  - Bureau of Indian Affairs general assistance program,
  - Tribally administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program,
  - Head Start programs (only for those meeting its income-qualifying standard),
  - National School Lunch Program's free lunch program.
- b. The Company must obtain the customers signature on a document in which the eligible customer certifies, under penalty of perjury, that such customer receives benefits from at least one of the programs above, and lives on a reservation. In addition to identifying the program or programs from which that customer receives benefits, the customer must also agree to notify the Company if that customer ceases to participate in the qualifying program or programs.
- c. Tribal Lifeline benefits apply to the primary flat local residential access line, outside the base rate area and touch-tone service charges , mileage charges, zone charges, or other non-discretionary charges associated with basic residential service. The benefit may not bring the basic local residential access line rate below \$1.00 per month.

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Exchange and Network  
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B. Tribal Lifeline (Cont'd)

3. Monthly Credit[1]

	<b>CREDIT USOC[2]</b>	<b>CREDIT AMOUNT</b>
• Flat individual line (1FR)		
- Chamberlain	ASGFT	\$13.00
- Flandreau	ASGFT	13.00
- Pierre	ASGFT	13.80
- Sturgis	ASGFT	13.00
- Morristown/McIntosh		
- Base Rate Area	ASGFT	11.45
- Outside Base Rate Area	ASGFT	14.45
- Timber Lake		
- Base Rate Area	ASGFT	10.75
- Outside Base Rate Area	ASGFT	13.75

[1] The ASGFX credit of \$7.75 applies in addition to the Tribal Lifeline credit. (C)

[2] The credit amount is calculated by adding the 1FR rate and any applicable outside the base rate area and touch-tone charges plus the \$6.00 subscriber line charge together. The ASGFX credit of \$7.75 is subtracted from the total and the remaining difference less \$1.00 which is the minimum Tribal Lifeline rate allowed, is the credit amount. For example: Tribal Lifeline customer in Timber Lake, outside the base rate area, (\$15.00 + \$1.50 + \$6.00 = \$22.50 - \$7.75 = \$14.75 - \$1.00) = \$13.75 credit. (C)

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**TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**TC02-094 In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement Between 1-800 RECONEX, Inc. and Qwest Corporation.**

On July 19, 2002, the Commission received for approval a filing of an Amendment for Unbundled Network Elements Combinations to the Interconnection Agreement between 1-800 RECONEX, Inc. and Qwest Corporation. According to the parties, the Amendment is a negotiated amendment and is made in order to add to the Interconnection Agreement, the terms, conditions, and rates for unbundled network element combinations. 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 August 8, 2002. 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: Rolayne Ailts Wiest  
Date Docketed: 07/19/02  
Initial Comments Due: 08/08/02

**TC02-095 In the Matter of the Filing by Qwest Corporation for Approval of Revisions to its Exchange and Network Services Tariff.**

On July 22, 2002, Qwest Corporation filed revisions to its Exchange and Network Services Tariff for approval. These revisions increase the Federal Telephone Assistance Plan credit from \$6.75 to \$7.75 to offset the \$1.00 increase in the Residence Subscriber Line Charge.

Staff Analyst: Heather Forney  
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer  
Date Docketed: 07/22/02  
Intervention Deadline: 08/09/02

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**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 TO ITS EXCHANGE AND )  
NETWORK SERVICES TARIFF ) TC02-095**

On July 22, 2002, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Qwest Corporation (Qwest) for approval of revisions to its Exchange and Network Services Tariff. The revisions increase the Federal Telephone Assistance Plan credit from \$6.75 to \$7.75 to offset the \$1.00 increase in the Residence Subscriber Line Charge.

On July 25, 2002, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of August 9, 2002, to interested individuals and entities. No parties sought intervention.

The following tariff sheets were filed with regard to the Exchange and Network Services Tariff:

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At its regularly scheduled meeting of August 15, 2002, 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 Exchange and Network Services Tariff. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves the above referenced revisions to the Exchange and Network Services Tariff, effective as of July 2, 2002.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2002.

<p><b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b></p> <p>The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.</p> <p>By: <u>Tina Doyen</u></p> <p>Date: <u>8-30-02</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg  
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson  
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Robert K. Sahr  
ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner

John Smith  
by John Smith