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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

Ms. Pam Bonrud, Executive Director
Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol Building
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

Dear Ms. Bonrud:

Qwest Corporation has attached for filing with the Commission the following revised Locality Special Rate Area Map. This revision is being made to the boundary of the Timber Lake exchange to accommodate two customers who will now be served by West River Telecommunications Cooperative. West River will also be filing a revised map.

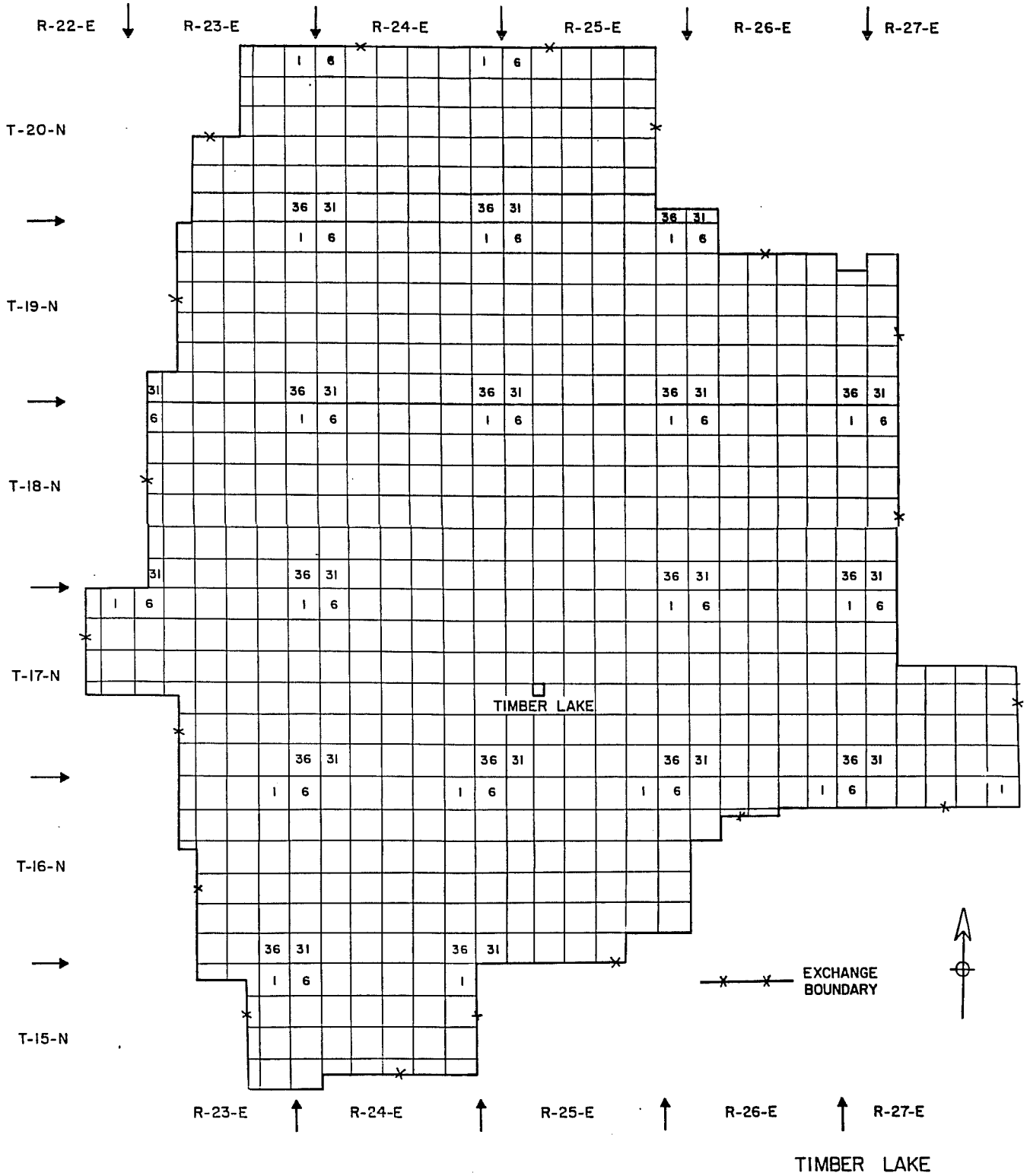
If you have any questions, please call me on 605-335-4596.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Colleen E. Sevoid".

Colleen E. Sevoid
Manager-Policy & Law

Attachment



May 9, 2003

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
Attention: Delaine Kolvo
500 East Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501

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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

RE: West River Telecommunications Cooperative's McLaughlin Exchange
and Qwest's Timber Lake Exchange Boundary change.

Dear Sirs,

West River Telecommunications Cooperative(WRT) is requesting the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission's approval of a WRT/Qwest exchange boundary change between WRT's McLaughlin Exchange and Qwest's Timber Lake Exchange.

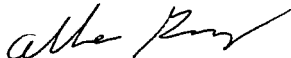
WRT has received a request from two Qwest Timber Lake customers, Bud Long Chase(605-865-3479) and Vern Shelton(605-865-3760) to be served from the McLaughlin Exchange. Bud and Vern's business center is McLaughlin, SD and WRT's upgraded telephone facilities route very close to their locations.

WRT and Qwest have reviewed the boundary change and have agreed to seek PUC approval.

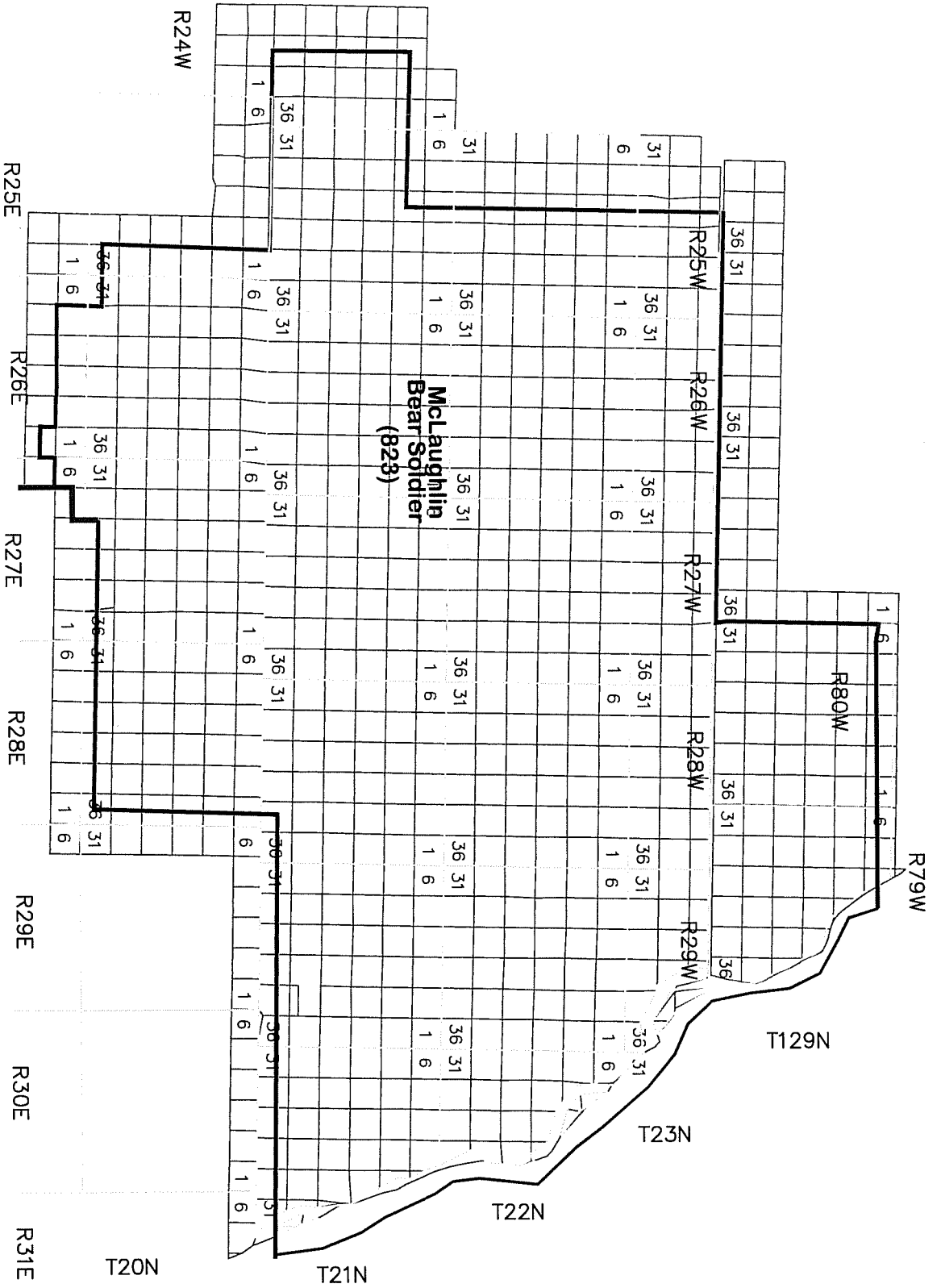
Enclosed are two exchange boundary prints for the McLaughlin Exchange. One print is the existing exchange boundary with the change shown in red. The other print is the proposed exchange boundary print for the PUC's files.

If there are any questions or concerns please contact me at 701-748-2211.

Sincerely,



Albert Grosz
CEO/General Manager
West River Telecommunications Cooperative



EXCHANGE BOUNDARY
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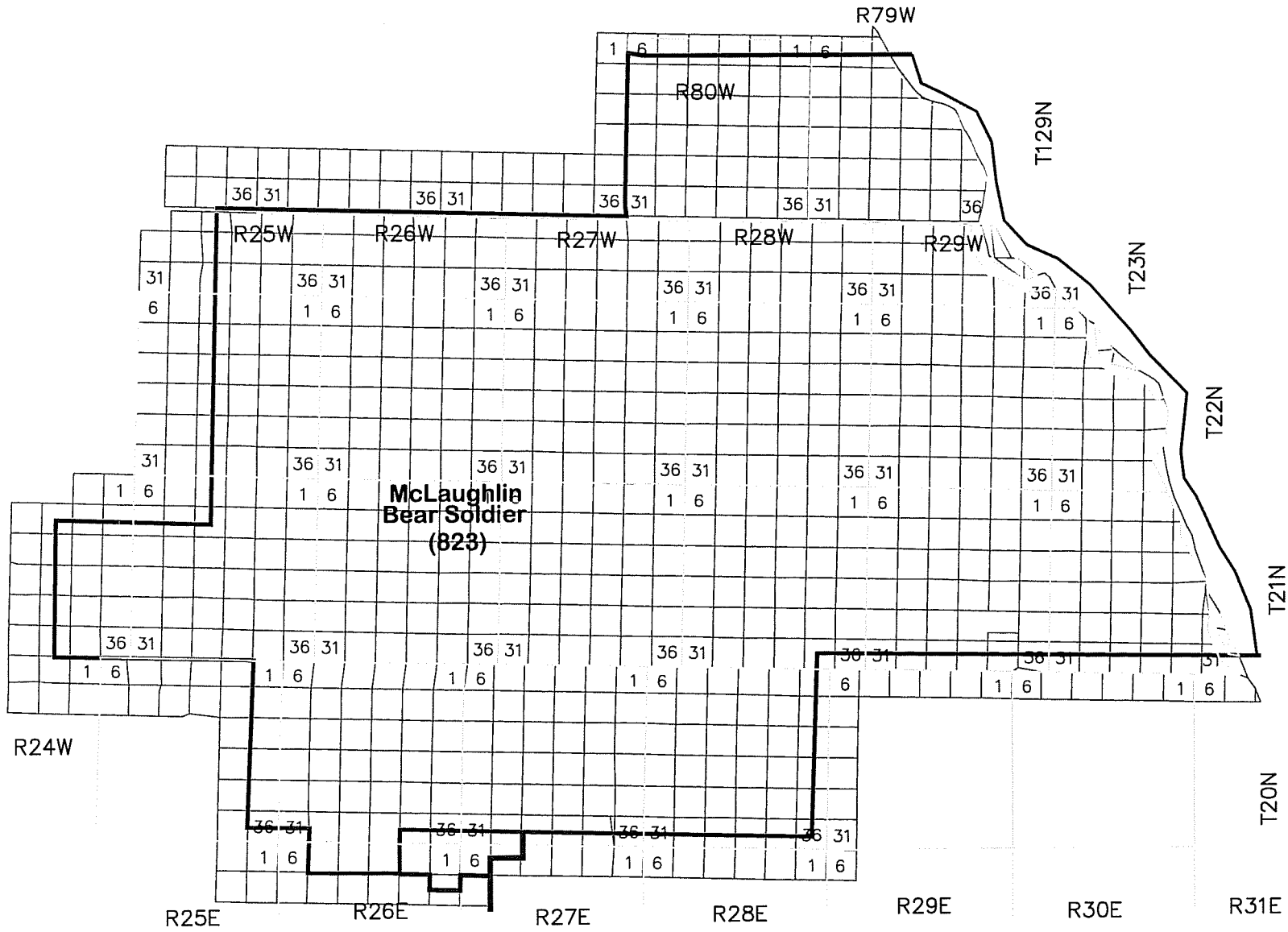


WEST RIVER TITLE & ESCROW COMPANY
MEMBER OF WEST RIVER FINANCIAL GROUP

FILE: mclaughlin	OREGON COUNTY, SD
UPDATED BY: JAS	DATE: 9/23/02
REVISION PURPOSE:	DATE:

WEST RIVER TITLE & ESCROW COMPANY
MEMBER OF WEST RIVER FINANCIAL GROUP
1000 WEST RIVER AVENUE
SUITE 100
DENVER, COLORADO 80202





——— EXISTING WRTC BOUNDARY
 ——— PROPOSED MCLG BOUNDARY CHANGE

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WEST RIVER TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE
 709 West Main Street
 Huron, North Dakota 58549

EXCHANGE BOUNDARY

MCLAUGHLIN

FILE: mclaughlin	CORSON COUNTY, SD
UPDATED BY: MS	DATE: 5/23/02
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 FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER*

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
WEEKLY FILINGS
For the Period of May 8, 2003 through May 14, 2003

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 report. Phone: 605-773-3705

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

TC03-082 In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Midcontinent Communications, Inc.

On May 9, 2003, the Commission received a filing for approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Midcontinent Communications, Inc. and Qwest Corporation. According to the parties, the amendment is made in order to add to the agreement the Performance Assurance Plan as approved by the Commission and the Performance Indicator Definitions, as set forth in Attachments 1 and 2 to the amendment. The original agreement was approved by the Commission on May 5, 1999, in Docket No. TC99-023. 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 May 29, 2003. 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: 05/09/03
Initial Comments Due: 05/29/03

TC03-083 In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc.

On May 9, 2003, the Commission received a filing for approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. and Qwest Corporation. According to the parties, the amendment is made in order to add the terms, conditions and rates for Unbundled Loops, as set forth in Attachment 1 and Exhibits A and B to the amendment. The original agreement was approved by the Commission on July 23, 1999, in Docket No. TC99-057. 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 May 29, 2003. 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: 05/09/03
Initial Comments Due: 05/29/03

TC03-084 In the Matter of the Application of X2Comm, Inc. d/b/a DC Communications for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services in South Dakota.

X2Comm, Inc. d/b/a DC Communications has filed an application for a Certificate of Authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services in South Dakota. The applicant intends to provide inbound (toll free) and outbound long distance services to both residential and business customers. Inbound and outbound services will be available as switched and dedicated service.

Staff Analyst: Bonnie Bjork
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Docketed: 05/09/03
Intervention Deadline: 05/30/03

TC03-085 In the Matter of the Application of Covista, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Local Exchange Services in South Dakota.

Covista, Inc. has filed an application for a Certificate of Authority to provide resold and facilities based/UNE-P local exchange services in South Dakota.

Staff Analyst: Bonnie Bjork
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Docketed: 05/12/03
Intervention Deadline: 05/30/03

TC03-086 In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Sprint Communications Company L.P.

On May 12, 2003, the Commission received a filing for approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Sprint Communications Company L.P. and Qwest Corporation. According to the parties, the agreement is amended by adding terms and conditions for Collocation Available Inventory, as set forth in Attachment 1 and Exhibit A to the amendment. The original agreement was approved by the Commission on November 13, 2001, in Docket No. TC01-151. 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 June 2, 2003. 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: 05/12/03
Initial Comments Due: 06/02/03

TC03-087 In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of a Boundary Change between West River Telecommunications Cooperative and Qwest Corporation.

West River Telecommunications Cooperative and Qwest Communications have filed a joint petition for Commission approval of an exchange boundary change between West River's McLaughlin Exchange and Qwest's Timber Lake Exchange. Two customers have requested the boundary change in order to be served by West River.

Staff Analyst: Michele Farris
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Docketed: 05/14/03
Intervention Deadline: 05/30/03

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June 2, 2003

SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

Ms. Pam Bonrud, Executive Director
Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol Building
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

Dear Ms. Bonrud:

Re: Docket TC03-087

On April 29, 2003, Qwest Corporation filed a revised Locality Special Rate Area Map. This revision was to accommodate two customers who wish to be served by West River Telecommunications.

With regard to this filing, Qwest is requesting a waiver of SDCL 49-31-69 and a waiver of subparagraphs 1-7, 9-21 and 23 of ARSD 20:10:32:03. The reason for this request for waivers is that the information required is already on file with the Commission.

If you have any questions, please call me on 605-335-4596.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Colleen E. Sevoid".

Colleen E. Sevoid
Manager-Policy & Law



June 3, 2003

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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
Attention: Michele M. Farris, P.E.
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

RE: West River Telecommunications Cooperative's McLaughlin Exchange and
Qwest's Timber Lake Exchange Boundary Change.
Docket TC03-087

Dear Ms. Farris:

West River Telecommunications Cooperative is requesting an amended Certificate of Authority pursuant to SDCL 49-31-69 consistent with the enclosed exchange boundary maps and a waiver of subparagraphs 1-7, 9-21 and 23 of ARSD 20:10:32:03.

Enclosed are two copies of signed letters from Bud Long Chase and Vern Shelton indicating their interest, awareness, and commitment to the boundary change.

Also enclosed is a written legal description for the boundary change.

If you have any questions, please call me at 701-748-2211.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Albert Grosz'.

Albert Grosz
CEO/General Manager

AG/co
Enc.

**WRT/QWEST'S MCLAUGHLIN/TIMBER LAKE BOUNDARY CHANGE
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:**

EXISTING BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

A line beginning on the SE corner of the NE/4 Sec. 32 T20N R27E of the Black Hills Meridian, Corson County, South Dakota, thence West 4 Miles to the SW corner of the NW/4 Sec. 35 T20N R26E of the Black Hills Meridian, thence South 1½ miles to the SW corner Sec. 2 T19N R26E of the Black Hills Meridian to the End Point.

PROPOSED BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION CHANGE:

A line beginning on the SE corner of the NE/4 Sec. 32 T20N R27E of the Black Hills Meridian, Corson County, South Dakota, thence South 1 mile to the NE corner of the SE/4 Sec. 5 T19N R27E of the Black Hills Meridian, thence West 1 mile to the NW corner of the SW/4 Sec. 5 T19N R27E, thence South ½ mile to the SE corner of Sec. 6 T19N R27E, thence 1 mile West to the SE corner Sec. 1 T19N R26E of the Black Hills Meridian, thence South ½ mile to the NE corner of the SE/4 Sec. 12 T19N R26E, thence 1 mile West to the NW corner of the SW/4 Sec. 12 T19N R 26E, thence North ½ mile to the SE corner Sec. 2 T19N R26E, thence West 1 mile to the SW corner Sec. 2 T19N R26E of the Black Hills Meridian to the End Point.

WEST KING WILDCORN MANAGING COMPANY
 1400 WEST 10TH STREET
 SUITE 200
 DENVER, CO 80202

WRT

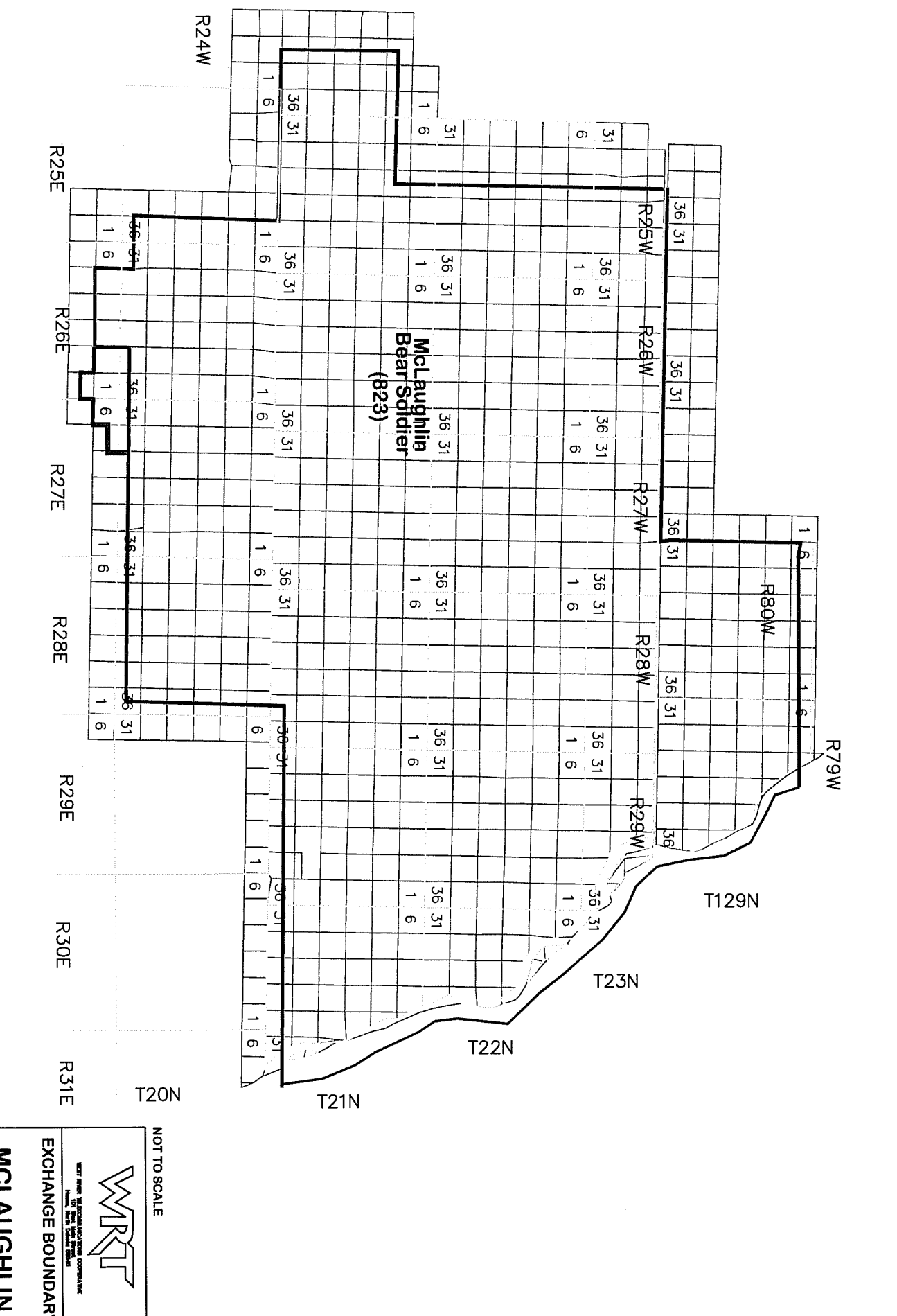
EXCHANGE BOUNDARY

MCLAUGHLIN

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EXISTING WRTC BOUNDARY
 PROPOSED MCLG BOUNDARY CHANGE



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West River Telecom

December 11, 2002

Mr. Bud Long Chase
PO Box 100
Little Eagle, SD 57639

Dear Bud,

Thank you for your interest in WRT providing you telephone service from our McLaughlin exchange and requesting release from Qwest's Timber Lake Exchange. To provide service, WRT will need a commitment of \$525.00 aid to construction.

- ▶ WRT will not proceed unless all involved in the area agree to the aid to construction payment. You must also agree to be released from Qwest's Timber Lake Exchange.
- ▶ WRT will make contact with Qwest requesting your location release once we have commitments from all involved. WRT cannot guarantee that Qwest will grant a release.
- ▶ Please sign and date both copies indicating your commitment for service and aid to construction money. Return one letter in the self-addressed stamped envelope and keep one for your file.

Sincerely,

Blaine L. Lemer
Plant Manager

BLL/co

I, Bud Long Chase agree to pay WRT \$525.00 for aid to construction when and if Qwest gives written approval of release of my area to WRT.

12/15/02
Bud Long Chase Date



West River Telecom

June 5, 2002

Bud Long Chase
PO Box 100
Little Eagle, SD 57639

Mr. Vern Shelton

Dear Bud and Vern,

Per our visit and telephone conversation on your interest in WRT providing you telephone service from our McLaughlin exchange and requesting release from Qwest's Timber Lake Exchange, WRT is needing a commitment of \$525 aid to construction from Bud and \$950 from Vern.

- ▶ WRT will not proceed unless both of you agree to these terms.
- ▶ WRT will make contact with Qwest requesting your release once we have your commitment. WRT can not guarantee that Qwest will grant a release.
- ▶ Please sign and date all three copies indicating your commitment for service and aid to construction money. Return one letter in the self-addressed stamped envelope and each of you keep one for your files.

Sincerely,

Blaine L. Lemer
Plant Manager

I, Bud Long Chase agree to pay WRT \$525 for aid to construction and I, Vern Shelton, agree to pay WRT \$950 for aid to construction when and if Qwest gives written approval of release of my area to WRT.

Bud Long Chase

Date

Vern Shelton

1-28-03

Date

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR)	ORDER GRANTING
APPROVAL OF A BOUNDARY CHANGE)	AMENDED CERTIFICATES
BETWEEN WEST RIVER)	OF AUTHORITY AND
TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE AND)	ORDER APPROVING
QWEST CORPORATION)	BOUNDARY CHANGE
)	TC03-087

On April 30, 2003, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a request for approval of a boundary change between West River Telecommunications Cooperative's (West River) McLaughlin Exchange and Qwest's Timber Lake Exchange. On May 14, 2003, West River filed with the Commission a request for approval of the same boundary change. Bud Long Chase and Vern Shelton have requested that they be served by West River's McLaughlin Exchange and be released from Qwest's Timber Lake Exchange. Qwest and West River requested Amended Certificates of Authority pursuant to SDCL 49-31-69. Qwest and West River also requested a waiver of ARSD 20:10:32:03, 1-7, 9-21, and 23 as the Commission already has the information on file.

On June 17, 2003, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered the parties' requests for approval of the joint requests for a boundary change, the applications for Amended Certificates of Authority, and waiver of ARSD 20:10:32:03.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3 and 49-31-69 and ARSD 20:10:32:03. The Commission finds that Qwest and West River have met the legal requirements established for the granting of Amended Certificates of Authority. Qwest and West River have, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3 and 49-31-71, 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 subparagraphs 1 through 7, 9 through 21, and 23 of ARSD 20:10:32:03. Further, the Commission finds that pursuant to SDCL 49-31-69, the Amended Certificates of Authority shall be granted, that the proposed boundary territory change between Qwest and West River is in the public interest and the requests shall be granted, and ARSD 20:10:32:03, parts 1 through 7, 9 through 21, and 23 shall be waived. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that the requests for Amended Certificates of Authority shall be granted; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the proposed boundary territory change between Qwest and West River as set forth on the maps filed with the applications shall be granted; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that ARSD 20:10:32:03, parts 1 through 7, 9 through 21, and 23 shall be waived.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 26th day of June, 2003.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u>Alaine Kalbo</u>
Date: <u>6/26/03</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Robert K. Sahr

ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

James A. Burg

JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner