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August 20, 2003

Mr. Harlan Best
Utility Analyst
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 E. Capital
Pierre, SD 57501

Dear Mr. Best:

As per your discussions with Mr. Darrell Gomarko, of TELEC Consulting Resources, Inc., we are re-filing the Kadoka Telephone Company Access Tariff rates, with a desired effective date of October 01, 2003. The new rates, for approval by the Public Utility Commissioners, are the average of all cost companies in South Dakota excluding Qwest for the 2001 study year. This is the PUC approved process for Kadoka Telephone Company. We are aware that these average rates are viewed by the Commission as interim and that they are subject to further review by the Commission with possible refund, with interest, should the Commission later modify these rates.

We are submitting the original signed page and 10 copies per your request.

If you have any questions, please contact Darrell Gomarko at 605-582-2020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick L. Morse", written over a faint, circular stamp.

Patrick L. Morse
Vice President/Regulatory

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KADOKA TELEPHONE COMPANY SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
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PART IV
SHEET 1

KADOKA TELEPHONE COMPANY

INTRASTATE CARRIER ACCESS BILLING TARIFF CHARGES

FOR ALL SWITCHED ACCESS FEATURE GROUP SERVICES AND FACILITIES

ACCESS ELEMENT	ORIG RATE	TERM RATE	
Carrier Common Line	0.0488	0.0488	PER ACCESS MINUTE
Local Switching	0.0232	0.0232	PER ACCESS MINUTE
Local Transport	0.0335	0.0335	PER ACCESS MINUTE

ANY ELEMENT NOT COVERED BY THE ABOVE TARIFF CHARGES WILL BE HANDLED ON AN INDIVIDUAL CASE BASIS (ICB)

NOTE: ALL FEATURE GROUP SERVICES, BILLED ACCESS MINUTES, AND MESSAGES ARE AS DEFINED BY NECA. (EXCEPTION; NON-DISTANCE SENSITIVE LOCAL TRANSPORT FACILITY)

ISSUED: August 15, 2003
DATE

EFFECTIVE: _____
DATE

BY: 
Pat Morse

Vice President/Regulatory
TITLE

P O Box 220
Kadoka, SD 57543-0220
ADDRESS

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
WEEKLY FILINGS

For the Period of August 21, 2003 through August 27, 2003

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NATURAL GAS

NG03-004 In the Matter of the Filing by NorthWestern Energy for Approval of Tariff Revisions.

Application by NorthWestern Energy to update its fuel retention percentage for natural gas transportation service. NorthWestern Energy's tariff provides that the fuel retention percentage be adjusted annually with the updated percentage to be effective October 1 of each year.

Staff Analyst: David Jacobson
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier
Date Filed: 08/27/03
Intervention Deadline: 09/12/03

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

TC03-167 In the Matter of the Filing by Kadoka Telephone Company to Establish Switched Access Rates.

On August 21, 2003, Kadoka Telephone Company, Kadoka, South Dakota, filed revised Switched Access Tariff rates with a proposed effective date of October 1, 2003. In accordance with ARSD 20:10:27:12, the switched access rates are the average of all cost companies (for the year ended December 31, 2001) in South Dakota excluding Qwest Corporation.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Docketed: 08/21/03
Intervention Deadline: 09/12/03

TC03-168 In the Matter of the Application of IDT America, Corp. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Local Exchange Services in South Dakota.

On August 25, 2003, IDT America, Corp filed an application for a Certificate of Authority to provide local telecommunications services in South Dakota. IDT America intends to provide facilities-based and resold local exchange telecommunications services statewide, except in those areas deemed rural and those areas of the state that are not open to competition.

Staff Analyst: Michele Farris
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Filed: 08/25/03
Intervention Deadline: 09/12/03

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY KADOKA) ORDER APPROVING
TELEPHONE COMPANY TO ESTABLISH) SWITCHED ACCESS RATES
SWITCHED ACCESS RATES) TC03-167**

On August 21, 2003, Kadoka Telephone Company (Kadoka) filed for approval by the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) its revised switched access tariff sheets. This filing reflects the switched access rates as determined by dividing the Commission approved revenue requirement by the Commission approved minutes of use for the cost study companies operating in South Dakota, excluding Qwest Corporation, for the year ended December 31, 2001.

On August 28, 2003, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 12, 2003, to interested individuals and entities. The Commission considered this matter at its November 4, 2003, meeting. Commission Staff recommended approval.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 1-26-17.1, 49-31-12.4, 49-31-12.6, 49-31-18, 49-31-19 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.02, 20:10:01:15.05, 20:10:27:07, 20:10:27:08, 20:10:27:11 and 20:10:27:12. Upon review of Kadoka's filing, the Commission found that the revised switched access rates were fair and reasonable and should be approved. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that Kadoka's revised switched access rates are hereby approved and shall become effective November 21, 2003.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 13th day of November, 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>Helaine Kolbo</u>
Date: <u>11/14/03</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