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In the Matter of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY  
\_\_\_\_\_ QWEST CORPORATION FOR  
\_\_\_\_\_ APPROVAL OF A REVISION TO ITS  
\_\_\_\_\_ RAPID CITY LOCALITY SPECIAL RATE  
\_\_\_\_\_ AREA MAP AND FORT RANDALL  
\_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE COMPANY'S HERMOSA  
\_\_\_\_\_ EXCHANGE

Public Utilities Commission of the State of South Dakota

DATE	MEMORANDA
3/4 04	Filed and Pocketed;
3/11 04	Weekly Filing;
5/13 04	After hearing on <sup>Rate Case Map of Fort Randall Hermosa Exchange</sup> amended COAs and finding approving revision to Qwest R.C. Special
5/13 04	Hocket Closed.

Qwest Corporation  
125 South Dakota Avenue  
Sioux Falls, SD 57194

TC04-041



March 2, 2004

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

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UTILITIES COMMISSION

Dear Ms. Bonrud:

Qwest Corporation is attaching for filing with the Commission the following revised  
Locality Special Rate Area Map:

Rapid City, South Dakota  
Fifteenth Revised Sheet

This change is being made to accommodate an agreement between Fort Randall  
Telephone Company and Qwest. A development is planned that would have involved  
both companies. This revision allows the development to be served entirely by Fort  
Randall. No current Qwest customers will be affected.

Qwest has attached a copy of a letter from Bruce Hanson stating that Fort Randall agrees  
with this revision. If you have any questions, please call me at 605-335-4596.

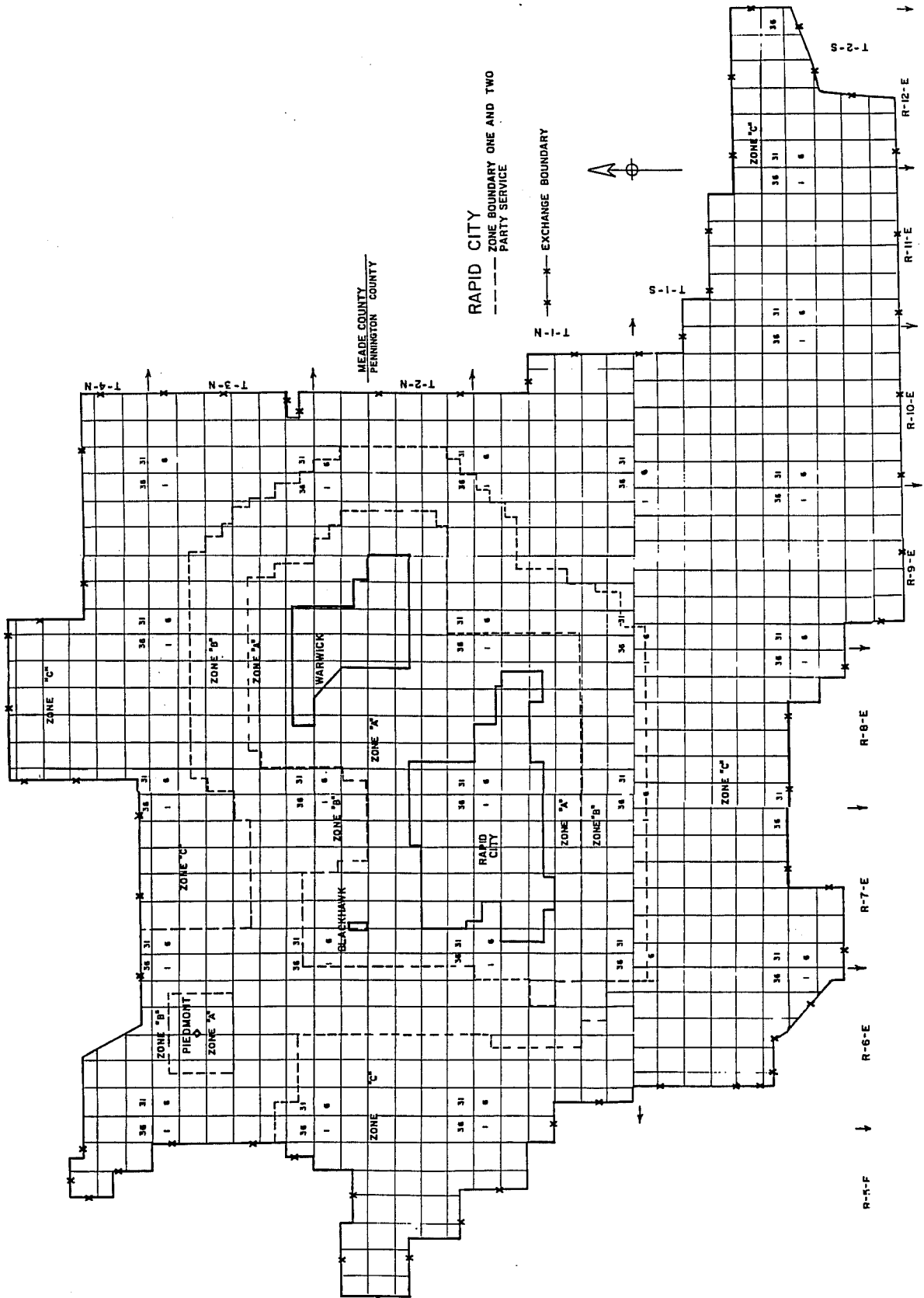
Sincerely,

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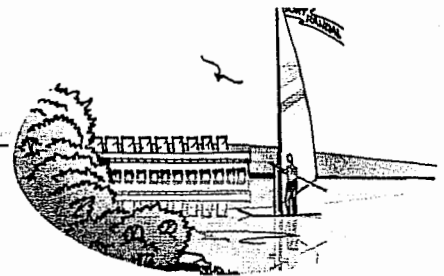
Colleen E. Sevold  
Manager-Policy & Law

Enclosures

CC: Bruce Hanson



# FORT RANDALL



February 27, 2004

Colleen Sevold  
Public Policy  
QWEST Communications  
125 South Dakota Avenue, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sioux Falls SD 57194

RE: Section 11

Dear Ms. Sevold:

Enclosed is an agreed-upon exchange border change for the Hermosa Exchange. The change will add section 11 to the Hermosa exchange.

I want to restate that the intent of this exchange boundary change is so that the development contemplated by John Preston will be served completely by one company. This exchange border change will not affect any present customers of QWEST Communications or Ft. Randall Telephone Company (DBA: Mt. Rushmore Telephone Co.).

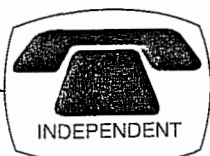
We would like to join you in a petition for this extension with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

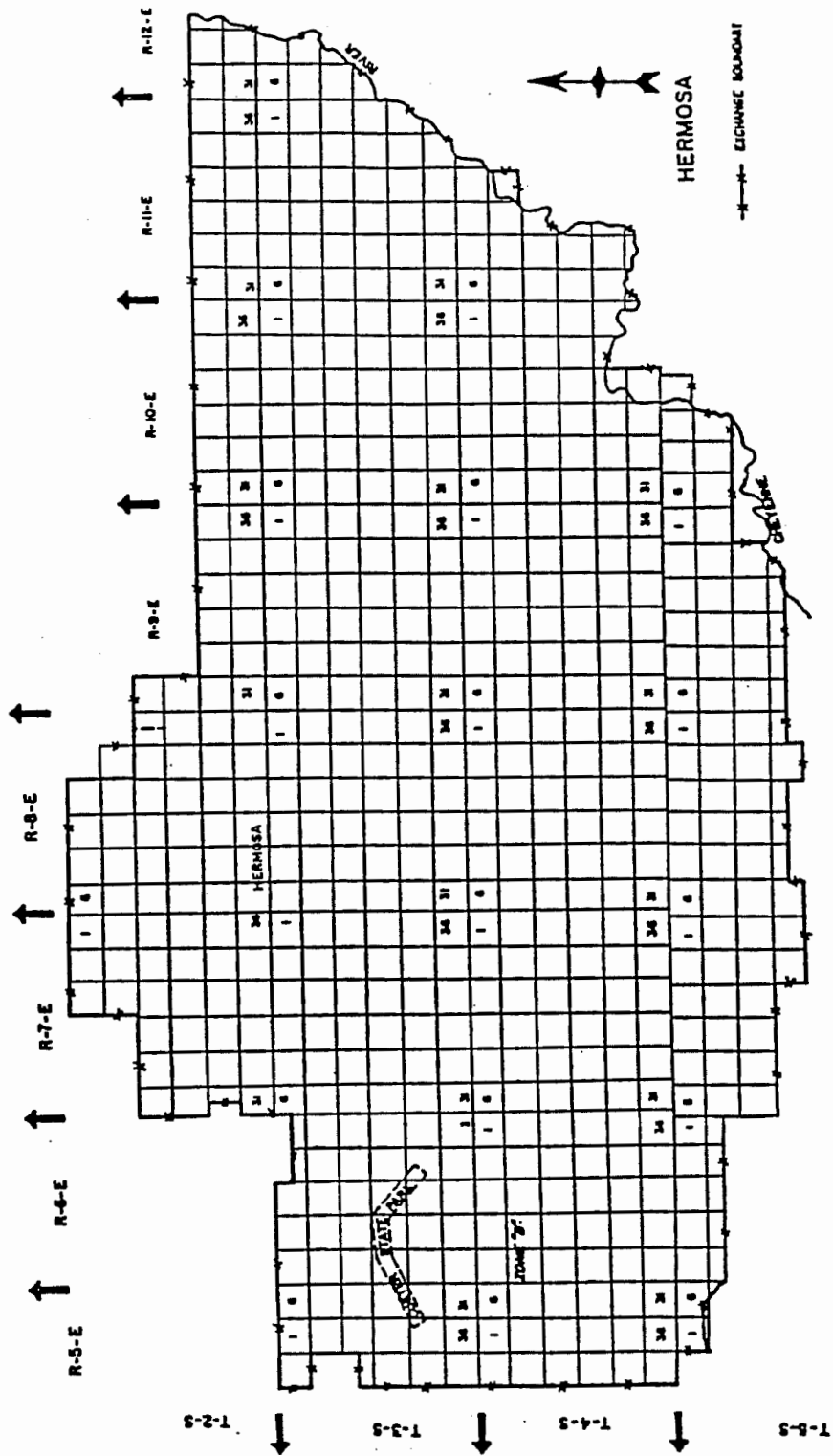
A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bruce Hanson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Bruce Hanson  
Treasurer  
Ft. Randall Telephone Company

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# HERMOSA EXCHANGE



**South Dakota Public Utilities Commission**  
**WEEKLY FILINGS**  
**For the Period of March 4, 2004 through March 10, 2004**

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: 605-773-3201

**CORRECTION**

**TC04-038      In the Matter of the Petition of Santel Communications Cooperative, Inc. for Suspension of Intermodal Local Number Portability Obligations.**

On February 25, 2004, Santel Communications Cooperative (Santel) filed a petition requesting the Commission to grant a suspension to Santel from porting numbers, **wireline-to-wireless**, as may be requested by Commercial Mobile Radio Services (CMRS).

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best  
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer  
Date Filed: 02/25/04  
Intervention Deadline: 03/12/04

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**TC04-041      In the Matter of the Filing by Qwest Corporation for Approval of a Revision to its Rapid City Locality Special Rate Area Map and Fort Randall Telephone Company's Hermosa Exchange.**

Qwest Corporation has filed with the Public Utilities Commission a revision to its Rapid City Locality Special Rate Area Map. The territory being removed from the Qwest Rapid City exchange will now be in the Fort Randall exchange territory and Fort Randall will serve the customers in that area.

Staff Analyst: Michele Farris  
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer  
Date Filed: 03/04/04  
Intervention Date: 03/26/04

**TC04-042      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 March 5, 2004, the Commission received a Filing for Approval of a Special Promotion for Available Inventory Collocation Sites between Qwest Corporation and Sprint Communications Company, LP. According to the filing, the amendment "provides, for a limited time, promotional rates for Available Inventory Collocations on Available Inventory Sites and amends, for a limited time, the parties' existing Interconnection Agreement." Any party wishing to comment on the amendment may do so by filing written comments with the Commission and the parties to the amendment no later than March 25, 2004. Parties to the amendment 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 Filed: 03/05/04  
Initial Comments Due: 03/25/04

**TC04-043 In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of a Reciprocal Interconnection, Transport and Termination Agreement between WWC License, LLC and Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.**

On March 9, 2004, the Commission received a Filing for Approval of a Reciprocal Interconnection, Transport and Termination Agreement between Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. and WWC License, LLC. According to the filing, the agreement "sets forth the terms, conditions and prices under which (a) the Parties agree to directly interconnect the networks of the CMRS Provider and the Telephone Company for the purposes of the exchange of telecommunications traffic between the Parties' networks or (b) the Parties will transport and terminate the telecommunications traffic originated by the other Party and delivered via the network of a Third Party Provider." 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 March 29, 2004. 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 Aiits Wiest  
Date Filed: 03/09/04  
Initial Comments Due: 03/29/04

**TC04-044 In the Matter of the Petition of Sioux Valley Telephone Company for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C. Section 251(b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended.**

On March 9, 2004, Sioux Valley Telephone Company (Sioux Valley) filed a petition seeking suspension or modification of its requirement to implement local number portability (LNP) pursuant to Section 251(b)(2) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. According to Sioux Valley, it has received requests to deploy LNP from Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Midwest Wireless Holdings L.L.C. d/b/a Midwest Wireless and Western Wireless Corporation d/b/a CellularOne. Sioux Valley states that it is a small telephone company that serves less than two percent of the nation's subscriber lines installed in the aggregate nationwide, therefore under Section 251(f)(2) Sioux Valley may petition the Commission for suspension or modification of its obligation to implement LNP within six months of a request to deploy LNP. Sioux Valley "requests the Commission to (1) issue an interim order that suspends any obligation that may exist for Sioux Valley to provide LNP until six months after entry of a final order herein; (2) issue a final order that grants a permanent suspension for Sioux Valley's obligation to implement LNP until conditions are met as described herein; and (3) grant Sioux Valley such other and further relief that may be proper."

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best  
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer  
Date Filed: 03/09/04  
Intervention Deadline: 03/26/04

**TC04-045 In the Matter of the Petition of Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc., Vivian Telephone Company and Kadoka Telephone Company for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C. Section 251(b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended.**

On March 9, 2004, Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc., Vivian Telephone Company, and Kadoka Telephone Company (Petitioner) filed a petition seeking suspension or modification of its requirement to implement local number portability (LNP) pursuant to Section 251(b)(2) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. According to Petitioner, it has received requests to deploy LNP from Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, NE Colorado Cellular, Inc. d/b/a Viaero, and Western Wireless Corporation d/b/a CellularOne. Petitioner states that it is

a small telephone company that serves less than two percent of the nation's subscriber lines installed in the aggregate nationwide, therefore under Section 251(f)(2) Petitioner may petition the Commission for suspension or modification of its obligation to implement LNP within six months of a request to deploy LNP. Petitioner "requests the Commission to (1) issue an interim order that suspends any obligation that may exist for Petitioner to provide LNP until six months after entry of a final order herein; (2) issue a final order that grants a permanent suspension for Petitioner's obligation to implement LNP until conditions are met as described herein; and (3) grant Petitioner such other and further relief that may be proper."

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best  
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer  
Date Filed: 03/09/04  
Intervention Deadline: 03/26/04

**TC04-046      In the Matter of the Petition of Armour Independent Telephone Company, Bridgewater-Canistota Independent Telephone Company and Union Telephone Company for Suspension or Modification of 47 U.S.C. Section 251(b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended.**

On March 9, 2004, Armour Independent Telephone Company, Bridgewater-Canistota Independent Telephone Company, and Union Telephone Company (Petitioner) filed a petition seeking suspension or modification of its requirement to implement local number portability (LNP) pursuant to Section 251(b)(2) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. According to Petitioner, it has received requests to deploy LNP from Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless and Western Wireless Corporation d/b/a CellularOne. Petitioner states that it is a small telephone company that serves less than two percent of the nation's subscriber lines installed in the aggregate nationwide, therefore under Section 251(f)(2) Petitioner may petition the Commission for suspension or modification of its obligation to implement LNP within six months of a request to deploy LNP. Petitioner "requests the Commission to (1) issue an interim order that suspends any obligation that may exist for Petitioner to provide LNP until six months after entry of a final order herein; (2) issue a final order that grants a permanent suspension for Petitioner's obligation to implement LNP until conditions are met as described herein; and (3) grant Petitioner such other and further relief that may be proper."

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best  
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer  
Date Filed: 03/09/04  
Intervention Deadline: 03/26/04

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Sioux Falls, SD 57194

TC04-041



March 29, 2004

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMISSION

Ms. Michele Farris, Analyst  
Public Utilities Commission  
State Capitol Building  
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

Dear Ms. Farris:

On March 2, 2004 Qwest Corporation filed with the Commission to change the Rapid City exchange territory boundary. This filing was made to allow a new development to be served solely by Fort Randall Telephone Company.

Qwest requests an amended certificate of authority pursuant to SDCL 49-31-69, consistent with the revised map, and a waiver of subparagraphs 1-7, 9-21 and 23 of ARSD 20:10:32:03.

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

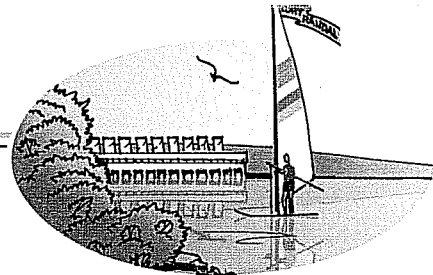
Sincerely,

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Colleen E. Sevold  
Manager-Policy & Law

# FORT RANDALL

TELEPHONE COMPANY



March 25, 2004

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMISSION

Ms. Michele Farris  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
500 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Dear Ms. Farris:

I am writing this letter in response to the information you requested regarding a Joint Filing by QWEST Communications (hereinafter "QWEST") and Fort Randall Telephone Company (hereinafter "Ft. Randall") for Approval of its Revised Service Territory.

First, Ft. Randall is requesting an Amended Certificate of Authority per your recommendation and request regarding this matter. As we discussed, Ft. Randall was never required to have a Certificate of Authority and its service area was considered "grandfathered" as filed. Accordingly, Ft. Randall Telephone Company is asking for a waiver of ARSD 20:10:32:03 1-7, 9-21 and 23.

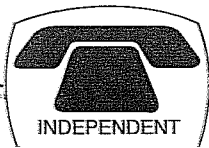
Second, Ft. Randall Telephone Company concurs with the revised franchise service territory map submitted by QWEST Communications that reflects the new telephone service territory.

Sincerely,

Bruce Hanson

Treasurer

Ft. Randall Telephone Company



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227 South Main Street, P.O. Box 800, Clara City, Minnesota 56222

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY QWEST )</b>	<b>ORDER GRANTING )</b>
<b>CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF A )</b>	<b>AMENDED CERTIFICATES )</b>
<b>REVISION TO ITS RAPID CITY LOCALITY )</b>	<b>OF AUTHORITY AND )</b>
<b>SPECIAL RATE AREA MAP AND FORT )</b>	<b>ORDER APPROVING )</b>
<b>RANDALL TELEPHONE COMPANY'S )</b>	<b>REVISION TO QWEST'S )</b>
<b>HERMOSA EXCHANGE )</b>	<b>RAPID CITY LOCALITY )</b>
<b>)</b>	<b>SPECIAL RATE AREA MAP )</b>
<b>)</b>	<b>AND FORT RANDALL )</b>
<b>)</b>	<b>TELEPHONE COMPANY'S )</b>
<b>)</b>	<b>HERMOSA EXCHANGE )</b>
<b>)</b>	<b>TC04-041 )</b>

On March 4, 2004, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Qwest Corporation (Qwest) for approval of a revision to its Rapid City Locality Special Rate Area Map and Fort Randall Telephone Company's Hermosa Exchange (Fort Randall). Fort Randall joined in the request. The territory being removed from the Qwest Rapid City exchange will now be in the Fort Randall exchange territory and Fort Randall will serve the customers in that area. On March 31, 2004, the Commission received a letter from Qwest requesting an Amended Certificate of Authority and on April 15, 2004, the Commission received a letter from Fort Randall requesting an Amended Certificate of Authority, pursuant to SDCL 49-31-69. Qwest and Fort Randall also requested a waiver of subparagraphs 1 through 7, 9 through 21 and 23 of ARSD 20:10:32:03, as the Commission already has the information needed on file.

On March 11, 2004, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 26, 2004, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

On May 11, 2004, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered the parties' request for approval of a revision to Qwest's Rapid City Locality Special Rate Area Map and Fort Randall's Hermosa Exchange, the requests for Amended Certificates of Authority, and a waiver of subparagraphs 1 through 7, 9 through 21 and 23 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 Fort Randall have met the legal requirements established for the granting of amended certificates of authority. Qwest and Fort Randall 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 revision to Qwest's Rapid City Locality Special Rate Area Map and Fort Randall's Hermosa Exchange is in the public interest and the request shall be granted, and ARSD 20:10:32:03, subparagraphs 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 revision to Qwest's Rapid City Locality Special Rate Area Map and Fort Randall's Hermosa Exchange 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2004.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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>    <i>Alaine Kalbo</i>    </u>
Date: <u>    <i>5/18/04</i>    </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