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May 30, 2007

Patricia Van Gerpen
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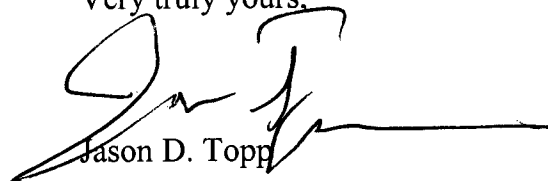
**Re: In the Matter of Qwest Corporation's Request of the South Dakota
Public Utilities Commission for 2007 ETC Certification to the Federal
Communications Commission for 2007 Federal Universal Service
Support Pursuant to § 20:10:32:52
Docket No. TC 07-**

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed for filing are the following regarding the above-referenced matter:

1. Qwest Corporation's 2007 Annual ETC Certification Filing;
2. Affidavit of Larry Toll; and
3. Request for Confidential Treatment of Information.

Very truly yours,


Jason D. Topp

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Enclosures

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE


I hereby certify that on this 30th day of May, 2007, **Qwest Corporation's 2007 Annual ETC Certification Filing, Affidavit of Larry Toll, and Request for Confidential Treatment of Information** was e-Filed upon the following party:

Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

and copies sent electronically or via U.S. mail, addressed to the following:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF QWEST CORPORATION'S)
REQUEST OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC) TC 07-
UTILITIES COMMISSION FOR 2007 ETC)
CERTIFICATION TO THE FEDERAL) QWEST CORPORATION'S 2007
COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION FOR 2007) ANNUAL ETC CERTIFICATION
FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT) FILING
PURSUANT TO § 20:10:32:52)**

Qwest Corporation ("Qwest), as a designated eligible telecommunications carrier, provides the following information in response to the Commission's annual reporting requirement rules in order obtain the certification necessary to continue to receive federal high-cost support.

20:10:32:53 Requirements for previously designated eligible telecommunications carriers and pending applications.

As a designated eligible telecommunications carrier, Qwest submits the information required by §§ 20:10:32:43.01 to 20:10:32:43.06.

20:10:32:43.01 Demonstration of commitment to provide service

See Attachment A

20:10:32:43.02 Submission of two-year plan

See Confidential Attachment B

20:10:32:43.03 Demonstration of ability to remain functional in emergency situations

Regarding power backup during emergencies: Qwest's Central Offices have a number of options during emergency situations that require back-up power sources. Some Central Offices have both diesel powered generators and battery backup, while the others do not have the diesel generator as a back-up source, but have only the battery backup, plus a portable hookup for a mobile generator source. The offices with a diesel generator have a battery backup for a period of not less than four (4) hours. The offices without the diesel generator have a battery backup for not less than eight (8) hours, which is plenty of time for a portable diesel unit to be transported and hooked up to the office's power junction.

Regarding the rerouting of traffic during emergencies, network element redundancy / survivability capabilities are designed into the network where it is feasible to do so. For example SONET based interoffice facility routes may be designed in a ring configuration to insure that if the fiber ring is cut, the traffic being carried on the ring is automatically rerouted bi-directionally to its intended destination. Hence, switches that serve communities across a state may ultimately feed traffic along the state's interoffice facility

ring or rings. If failure occurs along a ring, traffic will be rerouted to reach its intended destination. It is important to note that not every route is survivable.

Regarding the management of traffic spikes during emergencies: Qwest has a Network Management Center (“NMC”) that utilizes a tool called NTMOS. The NTMOS tool is capable of “choking” the network to where only a certain number of calls are permitted, and this depends upon the emergency type. For example, during an emergency like an earthquake or hurricane, when spikes would be at record levels and all traffic is in jeopardy, only the police, the fire departments, hospitals, and other emergency services may get dial tone. Thus the system is “choked” to allow for the successful completion of critical communications.

20:10:32:43.04 Demonstration of ability to satisfy consumer protection and service quality standards

Qwest plans, designs and maintains its network consistent with South Dakota Commission rule 20:10:33 and industry standards such as ANSI/IEEE 820-1984. In addition, a full-time customer service team is devoted to tracking and addressing customer complaints, including Commission complaints and executive complaints.

20:10:32:43.05 Offering of comparable local usage plan

Qwest offers flat rated service that entitles customers unlimited local calling within the local calling area and also offers basic local service on a measured basis. Terms and conditions and pricing for these offerings can be found by accessing Qwest’s website at www.qwest.com and clicking on “Tariffs” at the bottom of this web page. Then select “Effective Tariff Library”, “South Dakota”, “SD QC Exchange and Network Services Catalog 1”. Qwest’s local exchange calling areas are described in Section 5.1. Qwest’s flat rated service offering can be found at Section 5.2.4 and its measured service offering can be found at Section 5.2.1.

20:10:32:43.06 Provisioning of equal access

See Attachment A

20:10:32:54 Certification Requirements

(1) A progress report on its two year service improvement plan.

Qwest submitted its first annual two year service improvement plan information pursuant to rule 20:10:32:43.02 in 2006. See Confidential Attachment B for a progress report.

(2) Detailed information on any outage

See Confidential Attachment C.

(3) Number of requests for service

See Confidential Attachment D.

(4) Number of complaints

See Confidential Attachment D.

(5) Certification of complying with service quality standards and consumer protection rules

See Attachment A.

(6) Certification that ETC is able to function in emergency situations

See Attachment A.

(7) Certification that ETC is offering a local usage plan

See Attachment A.

(8) Certification that ETC acknowledges that it will be able to provide equal access

See Attachment A.

20:10:32:55 Lifeline and Link-up advertising requirements

Existing customer notification

In April, 2006, Qwest included a bill insert in its South Dakota consumer bills which provided customers with information on Lifeline and Link Up Telephone Assistance Programs in South Dakota. Attachment E

Information on Telephone Assistance Plans is available at www.qwest.com/TAP. Attachment F.

A copy of the SD Lifeline application can be printed from this site. The consumer is also provided a link to the USAC web site, where the program is described in greater detail.

New customer notification

Information on Telephone Assistance Plans, and a customer application, is included in the Welcome Packet which is mailed to each new Qwest consumer. Attachment G.

Annual advertisement of availability of Lifeline and Link-up Programs

Information on Telephone Assistance Plans is found in the "Consumer Tips" section of the DEX phone books.

Outreach Efforts

Throughout 2006, Qwest ran 60-second radio spots in Rapid City, promoting the availability of Lifeline. Attachment H.

Information on Telephone Assistance Programs is also included in a Qwest "Disability Solutions" brochure, which is generally available at Qwest kiosks located at various malls. Attachment I.

Monthly ads for Tribal Lifeline were run in Native Voice and Indian Country throughout the year, and radio ads were aired on stations which reach the reservations served by

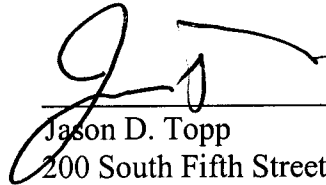
Qwest in April, 2006. Additionally, Network technicians leave Tribal Lifeline application on each repair or installation visit they make on tribal land.

Supplemental Data Requested by the Commission Staff

Attachment J provides the residential rate sheet.

Dated this 30th day of May, 2007.

QWEST CORPORATION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Topp", is written over a horizontal line.

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Affidavit of Larry Toll

Larry Toll, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and states as follows:

1. I am employed by Qwest Services Corporation as the State President for South Dakota.
2. This affidavit will certify, as required in 20:10:32:43:01, that Qwest will provide service through out its designated service area in a reasonable time to requesting customers where facilities already pass the requesting customer's premise. In cases where facilities do not exist and the requesting customer is required to and willing to pay the required construction charges, Qwest certifies that it will provide service in a reasonable time frame.
3. This affidavit will certify, as required in 20:10:32:54 (5) that Qwest complies with all applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules.
4. This affidavit will certify, as required in 20:10:32:54 (6) that Qwest has the ability to function in emergency situations as set forth in 20:10:32:43:03.
5. This affidavit will certify, as required in 20:10:32:54 (7) that Qwest is offering rates comparable to other carriers.
6. This affidavit will certify, as required in 20:10:32:54 (8) that Qwest is able to provide equal access to long distance carriers if no other eligible telecommunications carrier is providing equal access within the service area.

This affidavit will certify that all Federal USF High Cost Fund support provided to Qwest Corporation will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

Further this affiant sayeth not.

Dated the 21 day of May, 2007


Larry Toll

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21 day of May, 2007


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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Telephone Assistance Available For Those That Qualify

Telephone service is vital for connecting people with family, friends, businesses and emergency services. That's why Qwest® offers assistance programs that make telephone service more affordable for eligible customers.

Lifeline provides eligible customers with a **monthly credit** to help offset the cost of their home telephone line. (Telephone service must be billed to the individual applying for assistance.)

Link-Up provides eligible customers with a **one-time credit** to help offset the installation charge for a home telephone line. Customers who qualify for Lifeline assistance automatically receive the Link-Up credit if their application for telephone assistance is received within 60 days of their home phone installation date and if they have not previously received a Link-Up credit at the same address.

Who is Eligible?

Customers are generally eligible for these telephone assistance programs if they already participate in low-income programs such as Medicaid, Food Stamps, Public Housing Assistance, Low-Income Home Energy Assistance, or the National School Lunch Program. In some states, individuals will also qualify if their household income is at or below 135% of the poverty guidelines.

To learn more about the eligibility requirements in your state and how to apply for telephone assistance, visit www.qwest.com/TAP or call Qwest at 1 800-244-1111.



Federal Universal Service Fund Increases

The Federal Universal Service Fund (USF) rate for residential and single-line business customers is increasing from 10.2% to 10.9%, effective April 1, 2006. The USF surcharge is used to keep local telephone service affordable for all customers. Qwest will apply the new rate against all Qwest local line, high-speed Internet, private-line interstate, long-distance interstate and international charges. The rate for Centrex and multi-line business customers varies by state as follows:

State	Centrex (per individual station)		Multi-line (per individual line or trunk)	
	Previous Rate	New Rate	Previous Rate	New Rate
Arizona	1.1740%	1.2487%	10.5664%	11.2383%
Colorado	1.1589%	1.2334%	10.4303%	11.1010%
Idaho	1.2607%	1.3347%	11.3463%	12.0124%
Iowa	1.1596%	1.2354%	10.4368%	11.1190%
Minnesota	1.5180%	1.6005%	13.6621%	14.4044%
Montana	1.1501%	1.2272%	10.3511%	11.0451%
Nebraska	1.3032%	1.3773%	11.7286%	12.3954%
New Mexico	1.1683%	1.2473%	10.5147%	11.2253%
North Dakota	1.2494%	1.3135%	11.2448%	11.8211%
Oregon	1.1999%	1.2796%	10.7988%	11.5161%
South Dakota	1.6487%	1.7836%	14.8384%	16.0522%
Utah	1.3114%	1.3725%	11.8030%	12.3529%
Washington	1.2965%	1.3906%	11.6685%	12.4253%
Wyoming	1.1759%	1.2556%	10.5827%	11.3008%

Telephone **assistance programs** available at **Qwest®** for **South Dakota** customers

In order to make telephone service more affordable for low-income households, Qwest supports the federal government's Lifeline and the Link-Up telephone assistance programs.

What do these programs provide?

- **LIFELINE** provides eligible customers with a **monthly credit** of \$8.17 to help offset the cost of their home telephone line. In order to receive this credit, the telephone service must be billed to the individual applying for telephone assistance.
- **LINK-UP** provides eligible customers with a **one-time credit** of \$12.50 to help offset the installation charge associated with their home telephone line. Customers who qualify for Lifeline assistance will also be given the Link-Up credit, if their application for telephone assistance is received within 60 days following the installation of their phone service and if they have not previously received a Link-Up credit at this address.

Who is eligible for telephone assistance?

Customers qualify for telephone assistance when they participate in one of the following low-income programs:

- Medicaid
- Food Stamps
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program (TANF)
- National School Lunch Program (NSL)

Customers may also qualify for telephone assistance if their household income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (see application form for details).

How do I apply?

If you meet one of the eligibility requirements above, please complete and sign the attached Telephone Assistance Application form and mail it to:

Qwest
PO Box 2738
Omaha, NE 68103-2738

Customers applying for Lifeline based on the size and income level of their household must provide a copy of one of the following:

- Last year's Federal or State Income Tax Return
- Current Income Statement or Paycheck Stubs for three consecutive months
- Social Security Statement of Benefits
- Veteran's Administration Statement of Benefits
- Retirement or Pension Statement of Benefits
- Unemployment or Worker's Compensation Statement of Benefits
- Letter of Participation in Federal or BIA General Assistance
- Divorce Decree
- Child Support Documentation

**Bank statements are not accepted.*

If you do not currently have phone service with Qwest, please call Customer Service at 1 800-244-1111 to place an order for service BEFORE sending in your completed application. Not available in all areas; long distance not included.

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Telephone Assistance Application For South Dakota

(Please Print)

Name _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Home Telephone Number: _____
(The name of the person applying for Telephone Assistance must appear on the telephone account.)

Telephone Number where you can be reached or receive messages: (_____) _____ - _____
area code & 7-digit number

Please fill out Section 1 ~~-OR-~~ Section 2. (You do **NOT** need to fill out both sections)

1. I currently participate in the following program(s): Check all that apply.

- Medicaid (e.g., Title XIX/Medical, State Supplemental Assistance)
- Food Stamps
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program (TANF)
- National School Lunch Program (NSL)

2. If you do not participate in one of the programs listed above, you may qualify for telephone assistance based on the size and income level of your household. (Household refers to the number of people who occupy your housing unit as their place of residence.)

Please check the box below which applies to your household and attach the supporting documentation described on the previous page:

Please check box	Size of Household Unit:	Household Income (at or below:)	Please check box	Size of Household Unit:	Household Income (at or below:)
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	\$13,230	<input type="checkbox"/>	6	\$36,180
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	\$17,820	<input type="checkbox"/>	7	\$40,770
<input type="checkbox"/>	3	\$22,410	<input type="checkbox"/>	8	\$45,360
<input type="checkbox"/>	4	\$27,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	No: _____	*\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	5	\$31,590			

*For each additional person, add \$4,590.

I agree to notify Qwest when I no longer participate in any of the above qualifying public assistance programs or when there has been a change in the size or income level of my household.

I certify under penalty of perjury the above information is true and that I am not receiving Lifeline credits of any kind on any other telephone or wireless telephone account. I have read the information on this application and understand I must meet the above qualifications to receive Telephone Assistance (Lifeline and/or Link-Up) on my primary residential line.

Your Signature

Date

Mail completed form and supporting documentation to:

**Qwest
 PO Box 2738
 Omaha, NE 68103-2738**

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TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS

Qwest® recognizes how important telephone service is to connect people with family, friends, businesses and emergency services. That's why we offer two federal telephone assistance programs — Lifeline and Link-Up — to low-income families that qualify.

LIFELINE provides eligible customers with a monthly credit to help offset the cost of their home telephone line. (Telephone service must be billed to the individual applying for assistance.)

LINK-UP provides eligible customers with a one-time credit equal to 50% of the installation charges for a home telephone line. Customers who qualify for Lifeline assistance automatically receive the Link-Up credit if their application for telephone assistance is received within 60 days of their home phone installation date and if they have not previously received a Link-Up credit at the same address.

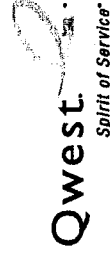
WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Customers are automatically eligible for these telephone assistance programs if they already participate in one of the following low-income programs:

- Medicaid
- Food Stamps
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program (TANF)
- National School Lunch Program (NSL)

Customers may also be eligible for telephone assistance if their household income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (see enclosed application form for details).
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1 800-244-1111 for customer assistance
qwest.com



HOW TO APPLY

If you meet one of the eligibility requirements above, please complete and sign the enclosed Telephone Assistance Application form and mail it to the address which appears on the back of the form.

Customers applying for Lifeline based on their family size and income level must also send in a copy of one of the following:

- Last year's Federal or State Income Tax Return
- Current Income Statement or Paycheck Stubs for three consecutive months
- Social Security Statement of Benefits
- Veteran's Administration Statement of Benefits
- Retirement or Pension Statement of Benefits
- Unemployment or Worker's Compensation Statement of Benefits
- Letter of Participation in Federal or BIA General Assistance
- Divorce Decree
- Child Support Documentation

If you have additional questions about Lifeline or Link-Up, please call Qwest at 1 800-244-1111.

APPLICATION FOR TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE

HOW TO APPLY: First, complete EITHER section A or section B. Then complete the rest of the form on the back of this sheet, sign it where indicated and mail to the address shown. **if you have any questions or need help with this form, please call 1 800-244-1111**

1. FILL OUT EITHER SECTION A -OR- SECTION B:

SECTION A
 I CURRENTLY PARTICIPATE IN THE FOLLOWING PROGRAM(S):
 (Check all that apply)

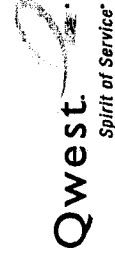
- Medicaid (e.g. Title XIX/Medical, State Supplemental Assistance)
- Food Stamps
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Low-income Home Energy Assistance
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program (TANF)
- National School Lunch program (NSL)

SECTION B
 IF YOU DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN ONE OF THE PROGRAMS LISTED IN SECTION A, you may qualify for telephone assistance based on the size and income level of your household. (Household refers to the number of people who occupy your housing unit as their place of residence.) **Please check the box below which applies to your household and make sure to enclose copies of the supporting documentation requested on the previous sheet under "How to Apply":**

Check One Box	Number of people in your household:	Household income at or below:
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	\$ 13,230
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	\$ 17,820
<input type="checkbox"/>	3	\$ 22,410
<input type="checkbox"/>	4	\$ 27,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	5	\$ 31,590
<input type="checkbox"/>	6	\$ 36,180
<input type="checkbox"/>	7	\$ 40,770
<input type="checkbox"/>	8	\$ 45,360
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:	*\$

*For each additional person, add \$4,590

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qwest.com



2. COMPLETE YOUR INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT):

Name _____ (First) _____ (Middle) _____ (Last)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Telephone Number with area code _____
 (_____) _____

IMPORTANT: the name of the person who is applying for Telephone Assistance must appear on the telephone account for this number.

Telephone Number where you can be reached or receive messages
 (_____) _____

3. VERIFY YOUR ELIGIBILITY AND SIGN THIS FORM:

I agree to notify Qwest when I no longer participate in any of the above qualifying public assistance programs or when there has been a change in the size or income level of my household.

I certify under penalty of perjury the above information is true. I have read the information on this application and understand I must meet the qualifications listed on the front of this form to receive Telephone Assistance (Lifeline and/or Link-Up) on my primary residential line.

Signature _____ Social Security Number _____ Date _____

4. MAIL THIS FORM AND ANY SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION TO:

Qwest Telephone Assistance
 P.O. Box 2738
 Omaha, NE 68103-2738

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2340 Blake Street Denver, Colorado 80205
phone 303 436-9400 fax 303 436-9600

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Revision Date: 11/30/05

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PRFRD AE : Julie

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Hi, I'm (woman) from Qwest. If you currently receive government assistance from programs like Food Stamps, Low Income Home Energy Assistance, or Medicaid, you may qualify for assistance with your home telephone bill. Qualifying low-income households can receive a discount on the installation of a home telephone line and their monthly phone bills. Everyone needs a little help now and then, and at Qwest we're pleased to offer assistance to those in need. Because home phone service is more than a convenience – it can be a lifeline in the event of an emergency . Qwest cares. Call 1 888-353-4816 to see if you qualify for low-income assistance with your telephone bill.. That's 1 888-353-4816.

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Is home phone service a convenience that's just out of reach? The truth is, your family shouldn't ever be without it – because local phone service is more than just a convenience, it can be a lifeline, connecting you to emergency services and responders. I'm (woman) from Qwest, and we're pleased to offer low-income telephone assistance programs for those who qualify. If you currently receive government assistance from programs like Food Stamps, Low Income Home Energy Assistance, or Medicaid, you may also qualify for assistance with home phone installation and your monthly phone bills. Qwest cares. Call 1 888-353-4816 today to see if you qualify for a telephone assistance program from Qwest. That's 1 888-353-4816.

Qwest delivers to blind, vision-impaired and hearing-impaired customers.

No Charge for Directory Assistance and Operator Handling
Qwest customers who are blind or vision- or mobility-impaired — and who cannot use a directory — are eligible for exemption from Directory Assistance charges on their residential and business lines.

A Bill You Can Use

We provide your bill in a variety of formats to meet your specific needs:

- Braille
- Large font
- Audio tape
- E-mail (compatible with screen readers)

Contact the Qwest Center for Customers with Disabilities to arrange to receive your bill in your preferred format.

Telephone Equipment

Qwest offers a 2.4GHz Voice Announce Cordless Multi-Handset Phone System. Includes handset speakerphone. Additional 2.4GHz Voice Announce Cordless Handsets are available for use with base system at an additional charge.

With wireless service, Voice Mail service and more, Qwest keeps your needs in mind.

New Voice Mail Compatibility with Teleewriter (TTY)*

One Voice mailbox for all the users of one phone line

Reduced Long-Distance Charges with TTY Use

Keep connected at reduced rates

TTY Directory Listing for Qwest Customers

No additional charge

- Wireless Handsets and Accessories
- Makes wireless work for you

New Number Referral Works with your TTY to inform callers of your new number

- Bill Format Options A format to fit your needs, including Braille
- Directory Assistance Exemption For residential and individual business lines

- And More!
 - Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS)
 - Telephone Equipment Accessories

*A Teleewriter (TTY) or telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) allows a person to plug a regular telephone into a small keyboard that has a visual terminal. When one TTY user calls another, they can communicate by typing what they want to say to one another. Users can choose to print out the message or read it on a screen.

Telephone Assistance Programs

Qwest supports the following Telephone Assistance Programs designed to reduce the cost of telephone service for qualifying low-income customers who currently receive government assistance from programs such as Food Stamps and Medicaid.

Linkline Service reduces the monthly cost of your residential phone line. The amount of the credit will vary depending on your state.

Tribal Lifeline Service reduces the cost of a residential phone line to as little as \$1 per month (plus applicable taxes and surcharges) for qualifying customers who live on Tribal Lands. For both of these programs, the telephone service must be provided at your primary residence, and the name on the phone bill must match the name of the person who is eligible for the program.

Link Up Assistance reduces the cost of installing your main phone line by 50% and provides a deferred payment schedule for additional installation charges. Link Up benefits are only available on one phone line per household, and Link Up credits cannot be applied towards the cost of jacks and wiring.

To learn more about Telephone Assistance Programs and eligibility in your state, contact the Center for Customers with Disabilities or visit www.lifelinesupport.org.

Qwest Disabilities Solutions

This brochure is available in alternate formats (Braille, large font, e-mail and audiotape). Please contact Qwest to request your preferred format.

Contact a disabilities consultant at the Qwest Center for Customers with Disabilities today.

Let's Talk Connection

1 800-223-3131 (Voice/TTY)

8:00a.m.-5:30p.m. Mountain Time, Monday-Friday

qwest.com

Visit any Qwest store



Qwest Spirit of Service

Some services not available in all areas. Additional fees apply, however, qualifying customers may be exempted from certain charges. Additional equipment and services may be selected and may incur additional charge. Please contact Qwest for complete details. All trademarks are owned by Qwest.

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Qwest delivers to deaf and hard-of-hearing customers.

Qwest* makes it easy.

QWEST DISABILITIES SOLUTIONS ARE BUILT TO BOOST YOUR CONNECTIONS WITH FRIENDS, FAMILY, BUSINESS ASSOCIATES AND THE REST OF YOUR WORLD.



The Convenience of One Voice Mailbox

Now hearing, deaf and hard-of-hearing members of a household can retrieve all their messages from one voice mailbox. Hearing members will experience the same great Qwest Voice Mail Service they've enjoyed in the past. Teletypewriter (TTY) users can retrieve their voice messages from any touch-tone TTY. For detailed instructions, visit www.qwest.com/residential/disabled/voicemailmessage_tty.html or call the Qwest Center for Customers with Disabilities.

Reduced Long-Distance Charges With Teletypewriter Use
As a Qwest customer who relies on a Teletypewriter (TTY), you may qualify for a reduced charge on your long-distance communications. To get more information or to learn if you qualify, contact a disabilities consultant at the Qwest Center for Customers with Disabilities.

Directory Listing at No Additional Charge

Let callers know how to contact you. List your Teletypewriter (TTY), Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) or telecommunications Relay Service information at no additional charge. Choose one of these phrases for your directory listing:

- TTY only
- TDD only
- TTY and Voice
- TDD and Voice
- TTY Only-Voice callers use Telecommunications Relay Service
- TDD Only-Voice callers use Telecommunications Relay Service

Voice callers using Telecommunications Relay Service: Please call the Center for Customers with Disabilities to choose your phrase and add it to your directory listing.

Hearing Aid Compatible Wireless Phones

Qwest offers you wireless handsets that meet the new FCC Hearing Aid Compatibility requirements for radio frequency interference.

We also offer the T-Loop Coil accessory for Qwest Wireless service customers with hearing aids or cochlear implants. For more information, ask Qwest Retail personnel.

Let Callers Know Your New Number

New number referral intercept is an optional Teletypewriter (TTY)-compatible service that ensures other TTY users calling your old, disconnected number will receive your new number message in Baudot tones.

Telecommunications Relay Service

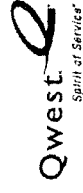
Qwest connects you with the public telecommunications Relay Service (TRS), which means you can communicate with everyone. Telecommunications Relay Service is a free communications service that connects individuals who are deaf, hard-of-hearing or have speech disabilities with others using standard telephone equipment or telephone equipment designed for individuals with disabilities. To use the Relay service, dial the toll-free numbers listed in your directory, or simply dial 7-1-1. A specially trained Communications Assistant (CA) will answer your call and relay the telephone conversation between you and the party you are calling. All call information and conversations are confidential. Either party can call the Telecommunications Relay Service provider to set up the call. Relay Service is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. There are no restrictions on the number or length of calls you can make. Long-distance calls placed for you can be billed collect, charged to a pre-paid calling card or charged through third-party billing.

Making a call is simple:

- Dial 711 or the TRS toll-free number listed in your telephone directory
- You'll be connected with a communications assistant (they're trained to help your conversation flow easily and accurately)
- Give the communications assistant the number you would like to call
- The agent will stay on the line
- All calls are confidential

TRS providers offer Captioned Telephone and Hearing-Carry-Over (HCO), for people with hearing loss to receive word-for-word captions of the conversation while listening to the voice of the other party. Spanish Relay, for Spanish speaking hearing- or speech-disabled individuals; Speech-to-Speech (STS), for individuals with speech difficulties to converse with the help of a specially trained CA; Text Telephone (TTY) relay; Computer (ASCII) relay; and Voice-Carry-Over (VCO), for people who have difficulty hearing on the phone to voice their conversations directly to the hearing person and receive the other party's conversation as text.

Video Relay Service provides American Sign Language users with the ability to communicate via video conferencing using their native language. For more information, visit the Sprint VRS Web site: www.sprintvrs.com.



Let's Talk Connection 1 800-223-3131 (Voice/TTY) qwest.com Visit any Qwest store

Residential Rate Review
South Dakota

	Generally Available Service		Subsidized Services Such as Lifeline	
	(#1) Unlimited or Flat Rate Service [1]	(#2) Measured Service (includes 3 hours usage)	(#3) Unlimited or Flat Rate Service [1]	(#4) Measured Service [1]
I. Access Rates				
Monthly Charges per line	\$18.25	\$11.05	\$16.50	\$9.30
a. Recurring Service charge, incl. touch-tone	\$6.43	\$6.43	\$-	\$-
b. Federal subscriber line charge	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
c. State subscriber line charge	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
d1. Federally tariffed LNP surcharge	\$0.75	\$0.75	\$-	\$-
d2. Federal USF surcharge on SLC and LNP				
d3. Other mandatory surcharges (such as gross receipts tax, reg fees or pass-through charges on the State SLC) accounted for as company revenue				
d4. Tax or surcharge for funding 911 service	\$0.75	\$0.75	\$0.75	\$0.75
d5. Federal Excise tax	\$0.76	\$0.55	\$0.50	\$0.28
d6. Intrastate TRS	\$0.15	\$0.15	\$0.15	\$0.15
d7. Total other taxes (sales, excise, etc.)	\$1.02	\$0.73	\$0.66	\$0.37
e. Total Surcharges and Taxes (sum d1 - d7)	\$3.43	\$2.93	\$2.06	\$1.55
f. Total Monthly Recurring Charge (sum a+b+c+e)	\$28.11	\$20.41	\$18.56	\$10.85
g. Lowest monthly inside wiring plan	\$4.75			
h. Optional extended area plan				
i. Charges for calls in local service area				
Number of voice calls or message units included in monthly rate if message service		180 Minutes		180 Minutes
Dollar calling allowance for voice calls included in monthly rate if measured service		NA		NA
Charge for a 5-minute, business day, same-zone voice call		included in 180 min		included in 180 min
II. Service Connection Charges				
a. Total connection charge for residential service if no premise visit required			Normal Service	Subsidized Service (Link-Up)
b. Minimum additional charge if drop line and terminal block are needed to connect service (do not include inside wire charges)			\$25.00	\$12.50
III. Other Mandatory Charges for Connection				
a. Mandatory surcharge on connection accounted as company revenue (in dollars)			NA	NA
b. State, county, and local taxes and surcharges on connection (total in dollars)			Normal Service	Subsidized Service (Link-Up)
c. Other mandatory connection charges (in dollars)			\$1.00	\$0.50
For Colleen Sevold			NA	NA
Contact Telephone number:			605-335-4596	
Contact E-mail:			Colleen.Sevold@qwest.com	

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

IN THE MATTER OF QWEST)	
CORPORATION'S REQUEST OF THE)	TC 07-
SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES)	
COMMISSION FOR 2007 ETC)	REQUEST FOR
CERTIFICATION TO THE FEDERAL)	CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT
COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION FOR)	OF INFORMATION
2007 FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE)	
SUPPORT PURSUANT TO § 20:10:32:52)	

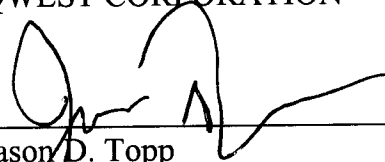
Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:41, Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") requests confidential treatment of information as follows:

1. Qwest requests confidential protection and treatment of Attachments B, C, and D to its 2007 Annual Certification which contain competitively sensitive information. The attachments are marked as "Confidential."
2. The documents must be protected for the life of this docket. When the docket is closed all protected information must be returned to Qwest.
3. The person to be notified is Colleen Sevold, Qwest Corporation, 125 S. Dakota Avenue, 8th Floor, Sioux Falls, SD 57194, telephone (605) 335-4596.
4. The claim for protection is based on ARSD 20:10:01:39 (4) and SDCL 37-29-1 (4).
5. The document contains proprietary business information. Disclosure of this document will provide actual and potential competitors with information which could provide them with a unique and unfair competitive advantage. Accordingly, Qwest

respectfully requests that the Commission grant this request for confidential protection and treatment.

Dated this 30th day of May, 2007.

QWEST CORPORATION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason D. Topp", is written over a horizontal line.

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