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Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC has attached for filing with the Commission the following page(s) from the Access Service Tariff.

South Dakota Access Service Tariff

See Attachment A for a List of Pages and Revisions Being Filed

This filing is the seventh step in implementing the Terminating Switched End Office Access Service reductions mandated in the Federal Communications Commission's November 18, 2011 Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in WC Docket Nos. 10-90, etc. (FCC 11-161) (Transformation Order). When a CenturyLink Price Cap ILEC owns the tandem and a CenturyLink Price Cap ILEC or affiliate owns the terminating End Office Switch, the tandem switched rates will be considered "Tandem-to-End Office" and will transition to bill-and-keep (not to exceed \$0.0000/MOU) as required by 47 C.F.R. §51.907(h), which addresses changes beginning July 1, 2018. All other tandem traffic that traverses a CenturyLink Price Cap ILEC-owned tandem and does not terminate to an end user served by a CenturyLink Price Cap ILEC end office will be considered "Tandem-to-3rd Party" and will continue to be billed at the current Interstate rates, including tandem traffic traversing a CenturyLink Price-Cap ILEC-owned tandem to an affiliated CenturyLink CLEC end office. Tandem-Switched Transport charges associated with traffic traversing a non-CenturyLink Price Cap ILEC-owned tandem, but terminating to a CenturyLink-owned end office will also remain at current Interstate rates.

On April 5, 2018, the FCC released an order (WC Docket No. 18-100 DA 18-355) granting a limited waiver of the July 1 effective date for the 2018 annual access filings specifically including §51.907(h) and setting July 3, 2018 as the effective date for the 2018 rate changes required by its Transformation Order. The intrastate rate changes proposed under this filing mirror the effective date of the interstate rate changes.

Also enclosed is CenturyLink's certification that the company is not seeking duplicative recovery in the state jurisdiction for any Eligible Recovery subject to the recovery mechanism established by the Transformation Order.

CenturyLink QC respectfully requests that this proposed change become effective July 3, 2018.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Brinton".

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Attachments