
BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION
OF FIBER RING REVENUE-POOLING
ASSOCIATION FOR APPROVAL OF
REVISED RATES

DOCKET NUMBER TC21-____

PETITION

COMES NOW Darla Pollman Rogers, of Riter Rogers, LLP, 319 South Coteau Street, Pierre, South Dakota 57501, attorney for the Fiber Ring Revenue-Pooling Association (“FRRPA”), and represents and petitions to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) as follows:

1. Pursuant to SDCL § 49-31-83, FRRPA was organized on March 17, 1999, to provide a pooling mechanism for a collective, cost shared, cost averaged, nondistance sensitive fully-protected transport network for local exchange companies (“LECs”) whose traffic is carried on any of the joint South Dakota LEC and South Dakota Network, LLC (“SDN”) SONET (“Synchronous Optical Network”) ring transport facilities. As a result of this pooling mechanism, the FRRPA users have had the benefit of survivable, distance insensitive, and highly reliable toll, public Internet transport, 911/E911 transport, extended area service transport, Ethernet, and redundant capacity. The fully-integrated SONET ring transport facilities also enables the LECs in South Dakota to more efficiently meet the infrastructure deployment goals described in SDCL §§ 49-31-60 and 49-31-61.

2. FRRPA’s pooling arrangement was first approved by this Commission on July 20, 2000 (Docket TC00-084). Since that time, FRRPA has filed Petitions with this Commission amending the pooling contracts among FRRPA, SDN and member LECS, including amendment of rates and

addition of traffic classes (*see* Docket TC05-173, Docket TC08-137, Docket TC11-070, and Docket TC14-005).

3. FRRPA submits this filing to seek approval of revisions to several of its internet and PNS rates. Confidential Attachment 1 contains the revised rates for which approval is sought herein.

4. The current RUL contracts between FRRPA and its member LECs and between FRRPA and SDN will remain the same at this time. All other traffic classes and rates are not impacted by or changed as a result of the revisions. FRRPA will revise Exhibits to the current RUL contracts to reflect the revisions, once approved.

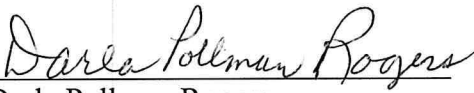
5. The proposed revised rates are effective immediately.

WHEREFORE, FRRPA requests that the Commission:

1. Approve the revised rates to the existing FRRPA RUL contracts as set forth in Confidential Attachment 1; and

2. Grant such other and further relief as the Commission deems necessary to carry out the objectives of FRRPA and this filing.

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