



May 21, 2021

Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director
Public Utilities Commission
Capitol Building, 1st Floor
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Attached for filing are the following revisions to the Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC South Dakota Access Service Tariff, issued May 21, 2021 with a proposed effective date of July 1, 2021:

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This filing proposes the first step in implementing the 8YY Access Service reductions mandated in the Federal Communications Commission's October 9, 2020 Report and Order in WC Docket No. 18-156, (FCC 20-143), (8YY Access Charge Reform). Beginning July 1, 2021 each Price Cap Carrier shall:

1. Establish separate rate elements for interstate and intrastate toll free originating end office access service and non-toll free originating end office access service.
2. Reduce its intrastate toll free originating end office access service rates to its interstate toll free originating end office service rates.
3. Establish separate rate elements for interstate and intrastate non-toll free originating transport services for service between an end office switch and the tandem switch and remove its rate for intrastate and interstate originating toll free transport services consistent with a bill-and-keep methodology.
4. Establish separate rate elements respectively for interstate and intrastate non-toll free originating tandem switching services.
5. Establish transitional interstate and intrastate Joint Tandem Switched Transport Access Service rate elements for Toll Free Calls that are respectively no more than \$0.01 per minute.
6. Reduce its interstate and intrastate rates for Toll Free Database Query Charges to no more than \$0.004248 per query.

For your reference, Attachment A includes the proposed 8YY Access Charge Reform tariff pages for CenturyLink Operating Companies F.C.C. Tariff No. 11.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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