

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

**IN THE MATTER OF A COLLABORATIVE ) ORDER CLOSING DOCKET  
REVIEW OF QWEST'S PERFORMANCE )  
ASSURANCE PLAN ) AA08-003**

On June 25, 2008, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a letter from Commission Staff stating that the Regional Oversight Committee Staff recommended that Liberty Consulting be contracted with in order to conduct a detailed review and analysis of both the Qwest Performance Assurance Plan (PAP) and the performance indicator descriptions. Staff requested authorization to join the PAP review and to assist in paying for the review, with the payment for the review coming from Tier 2 payments paid to the Commission by Qwest.

At its July 8, 2008, meeting, the Commission granted the request. Liberty Consulting's Analysis of Qwest's Performance Assurance Plans Final Report was subsequently filed in this docket. The analysis concluded that the PAPs were still serving a useful purpose in all of the participating states. The Liberty Report also recommended some changes to Qwest's South Dakota PAP.

At its April 20, 2010, meeting, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL chapter 49-31. The Commission voted unanimously to close the docket and to open a docket regarding Liberty Consulting's Final Report. It is therefore

ORDERED, that this docket is closed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2010.

<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, electronically.
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Chairman

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STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

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GARY HANSON, Commissioner