

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY BLACK)
HILLS FIBERCOM, LLC FOR APPROVAL OF)
ITS INTRASTATE SWITCHED ACCESS TARIFF)
AND FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM)
DEVELOPING COMPANY SPECIFIC COST-)
BASED SWITCHED ACCESS RATES)

**ORDER GRANTING
INTERVENTION**

TC00-190

On November 22, 2000, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Black Hills FiberCom, LLC for approval of its intrastate switched access tariff and for an exemption from developing company specific cost-based switched access rates. The tariff filing is a concurrence in the rates, terms and conditions of the current LECA Tariff No. 1, with the exception of the switched access rates which are based on a statewide average. The company is also requesting that the Commission exempt it from the requirement to develop intrastate switched access rates based on company specific costs. The company is requesting an effective date of November 22, 2000.

On November 23, 2000, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of December 8, 2000, to interested individuals and entities. Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed a Petition for Leave to Intervene on December 6, 2000.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.05.

At a regularly scheduled meeting of December 12, 2000, the Commission found that the Petition for Leave to Intervene was timely filed and demonstrated good cause to grant intervention. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Petition for Leave to Intervene of Qwest is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 20th day of December, 2000.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u>Melaine Kalbo</u>
Date: <u>12/21/00</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Laska Schoenfelder
LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner