

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY QWEST)	ORDER FOR AND NOTICE
CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF)	OF HEARING
REVISIONS TO ITS EXCHANGE AND)	
NETWORK SERVICES CATALOG)	TC01-059

On June 11, 2001, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Qwest Corporation (Qwest) for approval of revisions to its Exchange and Network Services Catalog. The purpose of the filing is to introduce N11 services. The specific N11 services being deployed are 211 service, 311 service, 511 service and 711 service. Qwest requests these services be accorded a fully competitive status. Qwest is asking for an effective date as early as possible after June 29, 2001.

On June 14, 2001, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 29, 2001, to interested individuals and entities. A Motion to Intervene was received from Sprint Communications Company L.P. (Sprint) on June 29, 2001, and a late filed Motion to Intervene was received from the South Dakota Department of Human Services (Human Services) on July 3, 2001. On July 10, 2001, the Commission granted intervention to Sprint and Human Services.

At a regularly scheduled meeting of July 24, 2001, Commission Staff requested that the tariff sheets that were filed on June 11, 2001, be suspended pursuant to SDCL 49-31-12.4 (2). Sprint and Human Services also requested that the tariffs be suspended. Qwest stated that it did not object to the suspension, noting that the FCC mandated that 711 service be implemented by October 1, 2001. The Commission unanimously voted to suspend the tariff sheets filed on June 11, 2001, until September 30, 2001.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31, specifically 49-31-1.1, 49-31-3, 49-31-4, 49-31-7, 49-31-7.1, 49-31-11, 49-31-12, 49-31-12.1, 49-31-12.2, and 49-31-12.4.

A hearing shall be held on September 7, 2001, beginning at 8:30 A.M., in Room 412 of the State Capitol Building, 500 E. Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota. All persons testifying will be subject to cross-examination by the parties.

The issue at the hearing is whether Qwest's proposed tariff sheets introducing 211 service, 311 service, 511 service, and 711 service shall be approved, disapproved, or approved with modifications.

The hearing shall be an adversary proceeding conducted pursuant to SDCL Chapter 1-26. All parties have the right to be present and to be represented by an attorney. These rights and other due process rights shall be forfeited if not exercised at the hearing. If you or your representative fail to appear at the time and place set for the

hearing, the Final Decision will be based solely on the testimony and evidence provided, if any, during the hearing or a Final Decision may be issued by default pursuant to SDCL 1-26-20. After the hearing, the Commission will consider all evidence and testimony that was presented at the hearing. The Commission will then enter Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and a Final Decision regarding this matter. As a result of the hearing, the Commission shall determine whether Qwest's proposed tariff sheets introducing 211 service, 311 service, 511 service, and 711 service shall be approved, disapproved, or approved with modifications. The Commission's Final Decision may be appealed by the parties to the state Circuit Court and the state Supreme Court as provided by law. It is therefore

ORDERED, that a hearing shall be held at the time and place specified above on the issue of whether Qwest's proposed tariff sheets introducing 211 service, 311 service, 511 service, and 711 service shall be approved, disapproved, or approved with modifications.

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, this hearing is being held in a physically accessible location. Please contact the Public Utilities Commission at 1-800-332-1782 at least 48 hours prior to the hearing if you have special needs so arrangements can be made to accommodate you.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 7th day of August, 2001.

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 Kelbo</u>
Date: <u>8/7/01</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner