

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

IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING PRICES)	ORDER CONTINUING
FOR UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS)	HEARING
(UNES) IN QWEST CORPORATION'S)	
STATEMENT OF GENERALLY AVAILABLE)	TC01-098
TERMS (SGAT))	

On July 27, 2001, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed a petition for the purpose of determining Qwest's forward looking costs to be used in setting the prices for the elements and services contained in Qwest's Statement of Generally Available Terms (SGAT) and setting a scheduling conference for the purpose of adopting a procedural schedule for the orderly progression of this filing. Qwest filed its most recent South Dakota specific total element long run incremental cost (TELRIC) studies for those Unbundled Network Elements offered in Qwest's SGAT. Qwest is not generally seeking changes to those prices already established by this Commission in the AT&T Arbitration (TC96-184). Qwest recommends that this Commission declare those previously established prices to be Qwest's permanent TELRIC-based wholesale prices. For those services that were not addressed in previous pricing decisions of this Commission, Qwest offers its cost studies and supporting materials in support of the prices depicted in its filing. Qwest will not seek cost recovery for its Operations Support Systems until testing of said systems has been successfully completed.

On August 2, 2001, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of August 17, 2001, to interested individuals and entities. On September 7, 2001, the Commission granted intervention to AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. and Midcontinent communications. On July 2, 2002, Qwest filed updated cost studies in the above-captioned matter. On October 18, 2002, a procedural schedule was issued by the Commission. On December 11, 2002, an amended procedural schedule was issued by the Commission. On February 21, 2003, a second amended order for and notice of procedural schedule and hearing was issued by the Commission.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.05. The Commission may rely upon any or all of these or other laws of this state in making its determination.

Commission Staff, Qwest, and the Intervenor agreed to suspend the second amended procedural schedule in order to work on settling the above captioned matter. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the hearing scheduled for September 16, 2003, through September 26, 2003, is continued and a new hearing shall be rescheduled at a later time.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 22nd day of August, 2003.

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: *Alain Kalbs*

Date: _____

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner