

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF) ORDER GRANTING MOTION
QWEST CORPORATION TO RECLASSIFY) TO REDUCE TIME TO
LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICES AS FULLY) RESPOND TO DISCOVERY
COMPETITIVE) TC03-057**

On March 14, 2003, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received the complaint of Qwest Corporation (Qwest) to reclassify local exchange and other related services as fully competitive in all Qwest exchanges in South Dakota (Complaint).

On March 20, 2003, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of April 4, 2003, to interested individuals and entities. Black Hills FiberCom, L.L.C. (Black Hills) filed a Petition for Leave to Intervene on March 26, 2003, Northern Valley Communications, L.L.C. (NVC) filed a Petition to Intervene on March 28, 2003, Midcontinent Communications, Inc. (Midcontinent) filed a Petition to Intervene on April 2, 2003, PrairieWave Telecommunications, Inc. and PrairieWave Community Telephone, Inc. (PrairieWave) filed a Petition to Intervene on April 3, 2003, and Midstate Telecom, Inc. (Midstate), South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA) and WorldCom (WorldCom) filed Petitions to Intervene on April 4, 2003.

Qwest filed a Motion to Apportion Deposit on May 22, 2003. WorldCom filed a Response to Qwest's Motion to Apportion Deposit on May 28, 2003. Midcontinent, SDTA and Black Hills filed Responses to Qwest's Motion to Apportion Deposit on May 30, 2003, and Midstate filed a Response to Qwest's Motion to Apportion Deposit on June 2, 2003. Qwest filed a Motion to Compel Discovery and Motion to Reduce Time to Respond to Discovery on June 24, 2003. PrairieWave filed a Motion for a Protective Order on June 26, 2003. Black Hills filed a Response to Qwest's Motion to Compel Discovery and Motion for Protective Order on June 30, 2003. Midcontinent filed a Motion for a Protective Order on July 1, 2003.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31, specifically SDCL 49-31-3, 49-31-3.2 and 49-31-44 and ARSD 20:10:24:11 through 20:10:24:19.

On July 1, 2003, at a regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered the Motion to Reduce Time to Respond to Discovery. The Commission voted unanimously to grant the Motion to Reduce Time to Respond to Discovery. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Motion to Reduce Time to Respond to Discovery is hereby granted and that persons having received discovery requests from Qwest shall respond to such requests on or before July 14, 2003, subject to such protective orders as the Commission may issue with respect to such requests.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 14th day of July, 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: _____
Date: _____
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner

