

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY QWEST)	ORDER APPROVING)
CORPORATION OF ITS NOTICE OF)	REVISIONS TO QPAP, AND)
MODIFICATION TO THE STATEMENT OF)	GRANTING TIER)
GENERALLY AVAILABLE TERMS AND)	DESIGNATION, VOLUME-)
CONDITIONS (SGAT) EXHIBIT B, NOTICE OF)	DIFFERENTIATED)
QWEST'S CHANGES TO ITS PERFORMANCE)	BENCHMARK, AND)
ASSURANCE PLAN AND MOTION FOR TIER)	MEASUREMENT)
DESIGNATION, VOLUME DIFFERENTIATED)	STABILIZATION PERIOD)
BENCHMARK AND MEASUREMENT)	RELATED TO THE REVISED)
STABILIZATION PERIOD FOR THE REVISED)	PID, PO-20 (EXPANDED))
PID PO-20)	MANUAL SERVICE ORDER)
)	ENTRY)
)	TC04-110)

On June 24, 2004, Qwest Corporation filed an updated Exhibit B to the Statement of Generally Available Terms and Conditions, which is the Performance Indicator Definitions, and a revised Performance Assurance Plan (QPAP) to reflect changes from the Long Term PID Administration discussions as well as request determination regarding the tier designation, volume-differentiated benchmark, and measurement stabilization period related to the revised PID, PO-20 (Expanded) Manual Service Order Entry. Qwest Corporation requests that the Commission approve the QPAP, as revised and modified, designate a tier for PO-20, establish a low-volume differentiated benchmark for PO-20, and allow PO-20 a measurement stabilization for no more than three months with the implementation of each phase, meaning that Qwest will make any required payments for PO-20 on the prior phase, but under Exhibit B-1 for Phase 1 implementation, until the expiration of the measurement stabilization period. Qwest requests that the Commission permit the amended Exhibit B to go into effect no later than 60 days after submission in accordance with 47 U.S.C. Section 252(f)(3) and, further, upon determination of the issues outlined above and upon a compliance filing by Qwest removing Exhibit B-1, supersede Exhibit B-1. In the interim, Qwest will report on the expanded PO-20 contained in Exhibit B; Qwest will also report and make payments on the existing PO-20 contained in Exhibit B-1 until such time as the Commission determines the appropriate tier designation, measurement stabilization period and whether a low volume differentiated benchmark should apply. Further, Qwest requests that, pursuant to Section 16 of QPAP, the changes shall automatically apply to all existing interconnection agreements that currently contain Exhibit B and the QPAP, Exhibit K as exhibits.

On July 1, 2004, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 16, 2004, to interested individuals and entities. No comments or petitions to intervene were filed.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31.

At its duly noticed October 26, 2004, meeting, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission voted to approve the QPAP, as revised and modified, designate a Tier 1 medium, no Tier 2 designation for PO-20, establish a low-volume differentiated benchmark for PO-20, and allow PO-20 a measurement stabilization for no more than three months with the implementation of each phase. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves the QPAP, as revised and modified, designates a Tier 1 medium, no Tier 2 designation for PO-20, establishes a low-volume differentiated benchmark for PO-20, and allows PO-20 a measurement stabilization for no more than three months.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 4th day of November, 2004.

<p style="text-align: center;">CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</p> <p>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.</p> <p>By: _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner