

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY QWEST)	ORDER GRANTING)
CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL - OF A)	AMENDED CERTIFICATES)
REVISION TO ITS RAPID CITY LOCALITY)	OF AUTHORITY AND)
SPECIAL RATE AREA MAP AND GOLDEN)	ORDER APPROVING)
WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS)	REVISION TO QWEST'S)
COOPERATIVE, INC.'S NEW UNDERWOOD)	RAPID CITY LOCALITY)
EXCHANGE)	SPECIAL RATE AREA MAP)
)	AND GOLDEN WEST)
)	TELECOMMUNICATIONS)
)	COOPERATIVE, INC.'S NEW)
)	UNDERWOOD EXCHANGE)
)	TC05-164)

On August 29, 2005, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Qwest Corporation (Qwest) for approval of a revision to its Rapid City Locality Special Rate Area Map and Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.'s New Underwood Exchange (Golden West). Golden West joined in the request. The territory being removed from the Qwest Rapid City exchange will now be in the Golden West exchange territory and Golden West will serve the customers in that area. Qwest and Golden West requested Amended Certificates of Authority, pursuant to SDCL 49-31-69. Qwest and Golden West also requested a waiver of subparagraphs 1 through 7, 9 through 21 and 23 of ARSD 20:10:32:03, as the Commission already has the information needed on file.

On September 1, 2005, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 16, 2005, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

On September 27, 2005, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered the parties' request for approval of a revision to Qwest's Rapid City Locality Special Rate Area Map and Golden West's New Underwood Exchange, the requests for Amended Certificates of Authority, and a waiver of subparagraphs 1 through 7, 9 through 21 and 23 of ARSD 20:10:32:03.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3 and 49-31-69 and ARSD 20:10:32:03. The Commission finds that Qwest and Golden West have met the legal requirements established for the granting of amended certificates of authority. Qwest and Golden West have, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3 and 49-31-71, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial and managerial capabilities to offer telecommunications services in South Dakota. Further, the Commission finds that there is good cause to waive subparagraphs 1 through 7, 9 through 21 and 23 of ARSD 20:10:32:03. Further, the Commission finds that pursuant to SDCL 49-31-69, the Amended Certificates of Authority shall be granted, that the

proposed revision to Qwest's Rapid City Locality Special Rate Area Map and Golden West's New Underwood Exchange is in the public interest and the request shall be granted, and ARSD 20:10:32:03, subparagraphs 1 through 7, 9 through 21 and 23 shall be waived. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that the requests for Amended Certificates of Authority shall be granted; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the proposed revision to Qwest's Rapid City Locality Special Rate Area Map and Golden West's New Underwood Exchange shall be granted; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that ARSD 20:10:32:03, parts 1 through 7, 9 through 21 and 23 shall be waived.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 4th day of October, 2005.

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:

Helaine Kaabo

Date:

10/4/05

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Chairman

Robert K. Sahr

ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner

Dustin M. Johnson

DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner