

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY QWEST) CORPORATION OF ITS NOTICE OF) MODIFICATIONS TO EXHIBIT B AND MOTION) TO MODIFY THE QWEST PERFORMANCE) ASSURANCE PLAN FOUND IN EXHIBIT K TO) ITS STATEMENT OF GENERALLY AVAILABLE) TERMS AND CONDITIONS)	ORDER APPROVING) AMENDMENTS TO THE) QPAP) TC04-257)
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On November 30, 2004, Qwest Corporation filed to modify Exhibit B of the Statement of Generally Available Terms and Conditions (SGAT) and to modify the Qwest Performance Assurance Plan (QPAP) found in Exhibit K to the SGAT. Qwest states that "This filing is prompted by the Stipulation reached by the parties to the Arizona First Six Month Review of the QPAP that applies to each of the 14 states within Qwest Corporation's local service area....The Arizona Stipulation anticipates changes to the QPAP....The Arizona Stipulation includes resolution on two issues related to OP-5-B, "New Service Quality/New Service Provisioning Quality" that require red-lined changes to Exhibit B and/or Exhibit K: standards and low volume treatment. Qwest intends that the terms of the Arizona Stipulation be available to and benefit CLECs that opt-in to the QPAP in its local service region and, accordingly, makes this filing to effectuate the Arizona Stipulation." Qwest requests that the Commission approve the changes and order them to become effective no later than December 31, 2004. Qwest further requests that pursuant to Section 18 of Exhibit K, the changes shall automatically apply to and modify all existing interconnection agreements that currently contain Exhibit B and Exhibit K as exhibits.

On December 2, 2004, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of December 17, 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 March 8, 2005, meeting, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission voted to approve the amendments to the QPAP. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves the amendments to the QPAP.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 17th day of March, 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:	<u>Melaine Kolbe</u>
Date:	<u>3/18/05</u>
(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