

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST BY) QWEST CORPORATION FOR A WAIVER OF A) REQUIREMENT TO FILE A SWITCHED) ACCESS COST STUDY)	ORDER GRANTING THE WAIVER REQUEST TC05-006
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On January 20, 2005, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a request to waive ARSD 20:10:27:07 which requires a company to submit "cost data in support of its switched access service tariff no less than once every three years." "Qwest requests a waiver of the cost study requirement because (1) producing such a study is costly and consumes a great deal of resources; and (2) Qwest does not intend to raise access rates at this time, although preliminary analysis indicates that a cost study would likely support higher rates than even those from the last study."

On January 27, 2005, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of February 11, 2005, to interested individuals and entities.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 1-26-17.1, 49-1A-9, 49-31-12.6, 49-31-18, 49-31-19 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.02, 20:10:01:15.05, 20:10:27:07 and 20:10:27:08.

On March 8, 2005, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission found good cause to grant the requested waiver. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the requested waiver is hereby granted.

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><i>Delaine Kalbo</i></u>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner

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