

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

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY) MCLEODUSA TELECOMMUNICATIONS) SERVICES, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF ITS) INTRASTATE SWITCHED ACCESS TARIFF) AND FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM) DEVELOPING COMPANY SPECIFIC COST-) BASED SWITCHED ACCESS RATES) | ORDER APPROVING TARIFF AND GRANTING PETITION FOR WAIVER TC06-030 |
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On April 7, 2006, McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. (McLeodUSA) filed switched Access Tariff No. 3 that proposes to replace in its entirety Access Tariff No. 1. McLeodUSA states that it "has recently undertaken an overarching review of its existing access products with an eye toward simplifying those products, as well as developing rates and rate elements more consistent with its underlying network and operations. As a result of that review, McLeodUSA has streamlined its various state-specific tariffs into a regional template upon which all of its intra-state tariffs will now be based. This tariff filing effectuates those revisions."

On May 22, 2007, the Commission considered McLeodUSA's request for approval of its intrastate switched access tariff, an exemption from establishing switched access rates based on company specific costs, a waiver of the use of the formula in ARSD 20:10:27:12 and ARSD 20:10:27:13, so as to mirror the Qwest Corporation tariffed access rates and a waiver of ARSD 20:10:27:07. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-31-18, 49-31-19 and ARSD 20:10:27. The Commission voted to grant the petition for exemption from developing company specific cost-based switched access rates pursuant to ARSD 20:10:27:11, grant a waiver of the use of the formula in ARSD 20:10:27:12 and ARSD 20:10:27:13, so as to mirror the Qwest Corporation tariffed access rates, grant a waiver of ARSD 20:10:27:07, and approve McLeodUSA's intrastate switched access tariff. It is therefore

ORDERED, that McLeodUSA's petition to be exempt from establishing company specific cost-based switched access rates pursuant to ARSD 20:10:27:11 is granted, waivers of ARSD 20:10:27:07, ARSD 20:10:27:12 and ARSD 20:10:27:13 are granted, that McLeodUSA be allowed to mirror Qwest Corporation's switched access rates and file adjustments to its switched access rates so long as those adjustments either mirror Qwest Corporation's rates or are lower or until the Commission shall otherwise order, and that McLeodUSA's intrastate switched access tariff is approved, subject to these conditions.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 19th day of June, 2007.

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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