

**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

TC08-003

On January 14, 2008, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a request to grant it a waiver, under ARSD 20:10:27:02, of the switched access cost study required by ARSD 20:10:27:07. ARSD 20:10:27:07 requires a carrier's carrier to file cost data in support of its switched access service tariff no less than once every three years. ARSD 20:10:27:02 provides that the Commission may, for good cause shown, either by its own motion or by application from a carrier's carrier, temporarily waive or suspend any rule in chapter 20:10:27.

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 24, 2008, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of February 8, 2008, 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, 20:10:27:02, 20:10:27:07 and 20:10:27:08.

On February 12, 2008, 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 27th day of February, 2008.

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, electronically.
By: <u>Amisa Gundacker</u>
Date: <u>2/27/08</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Steve Kolbeck
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

Dustin Johnson
DUSTIN JOHNSON, Commissioner