

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	ORDER GRANTING MOTION
QWEST CORPORATION TO MODIFY THE)	TO EXTEND SUSPENSION
JURISDICTIONAL REPORT REQUIREMENTS)	
IN SECTION 2 BY ESTABLISHING A PERCENT)	TC08-127
INTERSTATE USAGE (PIU) FLOOR FOR)	
UNIDENTIFIED FEATURE GROUP D (FGD))	
TERMINATING TRAFFIC)	

On October 31, 2008, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an Application from Qwest Corporation (Qwest) for approval to modify the Jurisdictional Report Requirements in Section 2, by establishing a Percent Interstate Usage (PIU) floor for unidentified Feature Group D (FGD) terminating traffic. Terminating FGD traffic that does not contain sufficient call detail to identify the jurisdiction (unidentified traffic) will be assigned jurisdiction as follows:

- The first 5% of unidentified terminating traffic will continue to be jurisdictionally assigned based on the carrier's PIU report or, if the carrier has not filed a PIU report, a PIU of 50 (50% interstate – 50% intrastate) will be assigned per the current terms in Section 2.3.10.B.2.c.
- Unidentified traffic in excess of the 5% floor will be designated intrastate traffic and charged at Qwest's current South Dakota rates.

There is no change to currently effective rates. Notification has been sent to customers.

The following tariff sheets were filed with regard to the Access Service Tariff:

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On November 6, 2008, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 21, 2008, to interested individuals and entities. AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. (AT&T) filed a Petition for Intervention and Request to Suspend on Petition of Qwest for Access Tariff Changes on November 21, 2008. MCI Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Business Services (Verizon), Level 3 Communications, LLC (Level 3) and Local Exchange Carriers Association (LECA) filed to intervene on November 21, 2008. South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA) filed to intervene on November 24, 2008.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.05.

At a regularly scheduled meeting of November 25, 2008, the Commission considered the Petitions to Intervene and the Request to Suspend. The Commission granted intervention to AT&T, Verizon, LECA and SDTA. No action was taken on Level 3's Petition to Intervene as Level 3 informed the Commission that it is going to withdraw its Petition to Intervene. Pursuant to SDCL 49-31-12.4, the Commission suspended the tariff revisions for 120 days beyond December 1, 2008.

On December 5, 2008, the Commission received a Notice of Withdrawal (of intervention) from Level 3. At its regularly scheduled meeting of December 30, 2008, the Commission voted unanimously to grant withdrawal. On March 17, 2009, the Commission received a Motion to Extend Suspension from Verizon.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of March 24, 2009, the Commission considered the Motion to Extend Suspension. Commission Staff recommended approval. AT&T, LECA and SDTA did not object to extending the suspension. Commission Staff also recommended that the parties develop a procedural schedule. The Commission voted unanimously to grant the Motion to Extend Suspension and directed the parties to develop a procedural schedule by April 1, 2009. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Motion to Extend Suspension is hereby granted; and it is further

ORDERED, that the parties develop a procedural schedule by April 1, 2009.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 31st day of March, 2009.

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>Rhaine Kalbo</u>
Date:	<u>4/1/09</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Chairman

Steve Kolbeck
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON Commissioner