

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF) ORDER GRANTING WAIVER
QWEST CORPORATION FOR WAIVER OF)
SWITCHED ACCESS COST STUDY) TC11-002**


On January 11, 2011, 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 chapters 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; (2) Qwest does not intend to raise access rates at this time; and (3) preliminary analysis based on past studies indicates that a cost study would likely justify higher rates than even those from the last study. On January 13, 2011, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of January 28, 2011, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were received by the Commission.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of February 22, 2011, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff recommended granting Qwest's waiver. The Commission found good cause to grant the requested waiver.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that Qwest's waiver is hereby granted.

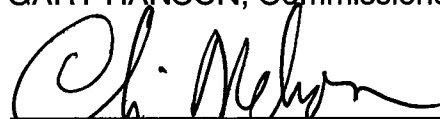
Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 4th day of March, 2011.

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


STEVE KOLBECK, Chairman


GARY HANSON, Commissioner


CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner