

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )  
OF SOUTH DAKOTA NETWORK, LLC )  
(SDN) FOR WAIVER OF SWITCHED )  
ACCESS COST STUDY )**

**ORDER GRANTING  
WAIVER  
TC17-018**

On June 7, 2017, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from South Dakota Network, LLC (SDN) for waiver of the requirement to file a switched access cost study as required by Commission rule ARSD 20:10:27:07. SDN requests the waiver of the cost study requirement because of the costs and resources involved in producing a study and a preliminary analysis indicates that a cost study would support higher rates.

On June 8, 2017, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 23, 2017, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On June 29, 2017, SDN responded to staff's data request.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31 and ARSD 20:10:27:02 and 20:10:27:07.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of August 1, 2017, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff recommended granting SDN's waiver. The Commission found good cause to grant the requested waiver. It is therefore

ORDERED, that SDN's request for a waiver, pursuant to ARSD 20:10:27:02, of the requirement to perform a switched access cost study is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 3rd day of August, 2017.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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 or by mail.
By: <u>Adam A. Havel</u>
Date: <u>8/3/17</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner