

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY )</b>	<b>ORDER APPROVING TARIFF</b>
<b>GRANITE TELECOMMUNICATIONS, LLC FOR )</b>	<b>REVISIONS</b>
<b>APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO ITS ACCESS )</b>	
<b>SERVICES TARIFF NO. 3 )</b>	<b>TC13-041</b>

On May 13, 2013, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Granite Telecommunications, LLC (Granite) for approval of revisions to its intrastate switched access services tariff, South Dakota P.S.C. Tariff No. 3. The purpose of this filing is to implement the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) intercarrier compensation reforms as set forth in its Connect America Fund Order (Order), released November 18, 2011.<sup>1</sup> As part of its Order, the FCC adopted "bill-and-keep as the default methodology" and "end state" for all intercarrier compensation traffic, including intrastate traffic. The FCC further adopted a defined "transition path" for moving to this end state, requiring Competitive Local Exchange Carrier access reciprocal compensation rates for switched exchange access subject to the order to be no higher than the access reciprocal compensation rates charged by the competing Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier beginning July 1, 2013.

On May 16, 2013, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 31, 2013, to interested individuals and entities. No parties sought intervention. On May 20, 2013, Granite filed a Response to Staff's Data Request 1 and revised tariff pages. On June 11, 2013, Granite filed revised tariff pages and a Response to Staff's Data Request 2. The revised tariff sheets are as follows:

South Dakota P.S.C. Tariff No. 3  
Fourth Revised Sheet No. 2  
Third Revised Sheet No 65

Canceling Third Revised Sheet No. 2  
Canceling Second Revised Sheet No. 65

At its regularly scheduled meeting of July 11, 2013, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the requested revisions to Granite's switched access services tariff, South Dakota P.S.C. Tariff No. 3. It is therefore

**ORDERED**, that the Commission approves the above-referenced revisions to Granite's switched access services tariff, South Dakota P.S.C. Tariff No. 3.

**ORDERED**, that the above-mentioned tariff revisions are approved and are effective on and after July 1, 2013.

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<sup>1</sup> *In the Matter of Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, et al., Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 11-161 (rel. November 18, 2011).

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2013.

**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: Tina Douglas

Date: 7/16/13

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner