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In the Matter of

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY
MOUNT RUSHMORE TELEPHONE
COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF
SWITCHED ACCESS RATES

Public Utilities Commission of the State of South Dakota

DATE

MEMORANDA

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1/15/99 Order Approving Switched Access Rates,
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December 15, 1998

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Re: Amended Switched Access Rates for Mount Rushmore Telephone Company

Dear Mr. Bullard:

Enclosed please find revised switched access tariff sheets for Mount Rushmore Telephone Company. The "state-wide average cost" rates reflect the latest cost studies for switched access that were recently approved by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission. As is indicated on the revised sheets, the rates are to be effective on January 1, 1999.

Should you have any questions, please contact Bruce Hanson of Mount Rushmore Telephone Company at 1-320-847-2211.

Very truly yours,

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SCHEDULE OF

GENERAL RULES, REGULATIONS, CHARGES AND CONDITIONS APPLYING TO
INTRASTATE ACCESS SERVICES AND FACILITIES OF
MT. RUSHMORE TELEPHONE COMPANY

ISSUED June 8, 1994

BY Bruce Hansen TITLE: Ircasutel

EFFECTIVE July 1, 1994

ADDRESS: Keystone, SD

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B. OBLIGATION AND LIABILITY OF MT. RUSHMORE

1. Availability of Facilities
 - a. Mt. Rushmore's obligation to furnish access services and facilities, is dependent upon it's ability to furnish them.
2. Allowance of Failure of Service
 - a. Mt. Rushmore does not guarantee uninterrupted service. No liability shall in any case attach to Mt. Rushmore for failure of service.
3. Transmitting Messages
 - a. Mt. Rushmore does not transmit messages, but offers the use of its facilities, where available, for communications between parties, subject to the rules, regulations and conditions specified in this Tariff.
4. Use of Connecting Company Lines
 - a. In establishing connections with the facilities of other companies, Mt. Rushmore does not assume any liability for any action of the connecting company.
5. Liability
 - a. With respect to any claim or suit, by a customer or by any others, for damages associated with the installation, provision, termination, maintenance, repair or restoration of service, Mt. Rushmore's liability, if any, shall not exceed an amount equal to the proportionate charge for the service for the period during which the service was affected.
 - b. Mt. Rushmore shall not be liable for any act or omission for any other carrier or customer providing a portion of a service.
 - c. Mt. Rushmore's failure to provide or maintain services under this tariff shall be excused by labor difficulties, governmental orders, civil commotion, criminal actions taken against Mt. Rushmore, acts of God and other circumstances beyond Mt. Rushmore's reasonable control.

C. USE OF ACCESS SERVICE AND FACILITIES

1. Use for Unlawful Purpose
 - a. Access services and facilities are furnished subject to the conditions that they shall not be used for unlawful purposes.

D. ESTABLISHMENT AND FURNISHING OF ACCESS SERVICES AND FACILITIES

1. Application for Access Services and Facilities
 - a. Usage of Mt. Rushmore's Access Services for Facilities will be deemed to be an application for these services.
 - b. All interexchange carriers (IXC's), shall furnish Mt. Rushmore, their Carrier Identification Code (CIC) as registered with Bellcore. Failure to do so will require the IXC to have a special agreement with Mt. Rushmore for the use of Mt. Rushmore access facilities. This agreement may or may not utilize the access rates in Mt. Rushmore's filed tariff.
 - c. Failure of any interexchange carrier (IXC) to provide Mt. Rushmore with accurate and timely minutes of use reports, for the IXC's use of Mt. Rushmore's facilities, will make the IXC subject to the requirement of ordering special trunks groups for Mt. Rushmore to enable Mt. Rushmore to record the IXC's usage for billing purposes. All minutes of use will be billed as 100% intrastate usage, unless, supporting backup data is provided clearly showing a different percentage.

2. Payment for Access Service and Facilities

- a. Mt. Rushmore shall bill on a current basis all charges incurred by and credits due the customer under this tariff attributable to services established or discontinued during the preceding billing period.
- b. The customer is required to pay all charges for access services and facilities.
- c. All bills provided to the customer by Mt. Rushmore are due 31 days (payment due date) after the bill date or by the next bill date (i.e., same date in the following month as the bill date), whichever is the shortest interval. If such payment date falls on a Sunday or on a Holiday, the payment date shall be the first working day following such Sunday or Holiday.
- d. If any portion of the payment is received by Mt. Rushmore after the payment due date as set forth in (c.) preceding, a late payment charge shall be due Mt. Rushmore.
- e. The late payment charge shall be based on the unpaid balance at a rate of 000493 per day, compounding daily for the number of days from the payment due date, to and including, the date Mt. Rushmore receives payment.
- f. In the event a billing dispute concerning any charges billed to the customer by Mt. Rushmore is resolved in favor of Mt. Rushmore, any payments withheld pending settlement of the dispute will be subject to the late payment charge set forth in (c.) preceding.
- g. In the event a payment for Access Services or Facilities billed under this tariff is due Mt. Rushmore from the customer, and a Purchase of Accounts Receivable is calculated for the customer, a net amount due will be derived by netting the Access Services and Facilities bill with the revenue shown on the Purchase of Accounts Receivable statement. Mt. Rushmore will pay the net amount to the customer on or before the payment due date when such net amount is due the customer. The customer will pay Mt. Rushmore the net amount when such net amount is due Mt. Rushmore on or before the payment due date. If either party is delinquent with their payment, a late payment charge as set forth in (c.) preceding, applies.

A. LOCAL TRANSPORT FACILITY

The Local Transport Facility charge provides the transmission facilities between the end office switch and the access tandem office, and from the access tandem office to the point of interconnection with another company's facilities.

B. LOCAL TRANSPORT TERMINATION

The Local Transport Termination charge provides the End Office Termination of the Local Transport Facilities and tandem switching facilities. The tandem switching facilities provide the toll switching and tandem routing facilities in a central office used in the provision of switched Telecommunications Service traffic. Such facilities do not include and facilities included in exchange access tariff charges.

C. LOCAL SWITCHING

The Local Switching charge provides for the use of the end office switching facilities used to originate or terminate switched Telecommunications Services. Such facilities do not include Recording or Automatic Number Identification (ANI).

D. CARRIER COMMON LINE

The Carrier Common Line charge provides for the use of Mt. Rushmore's facilities from the End User's premise to the normal end office used to originate or terminate switched Intrastate Telecommunications Services traffic.

E. LOCAL TRANSPORT

The Local Transport charge combines A and B into one element.

MT. RUSHMORE TELEPHONE COMPANY

INTRASTATE CARRIER ACCESS BILLING TARIFF CHARGES FOR

FEATURE GROUP A ACCESS SERVICE AND FACILITIES

ACCESS ELEMENT	ORIG RATE	TERM RATE	
Local Transport	.02850	.02850	PER ACCESS MINUTE
Local Switching	.02030	.02030	PER ACCESS MINUTE
Carrier Common Line	.03200	.03200	PER ACCESS MINUTE
Calls Recording Provisioning	ICB	PER MESSAGE	
Message Recording	ICB	PER MESSAGE	
Automatic Number Identification	ICB	PER MESSAGE	
Message Processing	ICB	PER MESSAGE	
CMDS I	ICB	PER MESSAGE	
CMDS II	ICB	PER MESSAGE	
Bill Processing	ICB	PER MESSAGE	
Bill Inquiry	ICB	PER MESSAGE	
Bulk Bill Processing	ICB	PER MESSAGE	
Bulk Bill Inquiry	ICB	PER MESSAGE	
Bill Rendering	ICB	PER MESSAGE	
Program Development	ICB		

ANY ELEMENT NOT COVERED BY THE ABOVE TARIFF CHARGES WILL BE
HANDLED ON AN INDIVIDUAL CASE BASIS (ICB)

NOTE: FEATURE GROUP A SERVICES, BILLED ACCESS MINUTES AND
MESSAGES ARE AS DEFINED BY NECA (EXCEPTIONS, NON-
DISTANCE SENSITIVE LOCAL TRANSPORT FACILITY)

MT. RUSHMORE TELEPHONE COMPANY
INTRASTATE CARRIER ACCESS BILLING TARIFF CHARGES FOR
FEATURE GROUP B ACCESS SERVICES AND FACILITIES

ACCESS ELEMENT	ORIG RATE	TERM RATE	
Local Transport	.02850	.02850	PER ACCESS MINUTE
Local Switching	.02030	.02030	PER ACCESS MINUTE
Carrier Common Line	.03200	.03200	PER ACCESS MINUTE
Calls Recording Provisioning		ICB	PER MESSAGE
Message Recording		ICB	PER MESSAGE
Automatic Number Identification		ICB	PER MESSAGE
Message Processing		ICB	PER MESSAGE
C.M.D.S. I		ICB	PER MESSAGE
C.M.D.S. II		ICB	PER MESSAGE
Bill Processing		ICB	PER MESSAGE
Bill Inquiry		ICB	PER MESSAGE
Bulk Bill Processing		ICB	PER MESSAGE
Bulk Bill Inquiry		ICB	PER MESSAGE
Bill Rendering		ICB	PER MESSAGE
Program Development		ICB	

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NOTE: FEATURE GROUP A SERVICES, BILLED ACCESS MINUTES AND
MESSAGES ARE AS DEFINED BY N.I.C.A. (EXCEPTIONS: NON-
DISTANCE SENSITIVE LOCAL TRANSPORT FACILITY)

MT. RUSHMORE TELEPHONE COMPANY
INTRASTATE CARRIER ACCESS BILLING TARIFF CHARGES FOR
FEATURE GROUP C ACCESS SERVICE AND FACILITIES

ACCESS ELEMENT	ORIG RATE	TERM RATE	
Local Transport	02850	02850	PER ACCESS MINUTE
Local Switching	02030	02030	PER ACCESS MINUTE
Carrier Common Line	03200	03200	PER ACCESS MINUTE
Calls Recording Provisioning	ICB	PER MESSAGE	
Message Recording	ICB	PER MESSAGE	
Automatic Number Identification	ICB	PER MESSAGE	
Message Processing	ICB	PER MESSAGE	
CMDS I	ICB	PER MESSAGE	
CMDS II	ICB	PER MESSAGE	
Bill Processing	ICB	PER MESSAGE	
Bill Inquiry	ICB	PER MESSAGE	
Bulk Bill Processing	ICB	PER MESSAGE	
Bulk Bill Inquiry	ICB	PER MESSAGE	
Bill Rendering	ICB	PER MESSAGE	
Program Development	ICB		

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HANDLED ON AN INDIVIDUAL CASE BASIS (ICB).

NOTE: FEATURE GROUP A SERVICES, BILLED ACCESS MINUTES AND
MESSAGES ARE AS DEFINED BY NECA. (EXCEPTIONS, NON-
DISTANCE SENSITIVE LOCAL TRANSPORT FACILITY)

MT RUSHMORE TELEPHONE COMPANY
INTRASTATE CARRIER ACCESS BILLING TARIFF CHARGES FOR
FEATURE GROUP D ACCESS SERVICE AND FACILITIES

ACCESS ELEMENT	ORIG RATE	TERM RATE	
Local Transport	.02850	.02850	PER ACCESS MINUTE
Local Switching	.02030	.02030	PER ACCESS MINUTE
Carrier Common Line	.03200	.03200	PER ACCESS MINUTE
Calls Recording Provisioning	ICB	PER MESSAGE	
Message Recording	ICB	PER MESSAGE	
Automatic Number Identification	ICB	PER MESSAGE	
Message Processing	ICB	PER MESSAGE	
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DISTANCE SENSITIVE LOCAL TRANSPORT FACILITY)

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
WEEKLY FILINGS

For the Period of December 10, 1998 through December 16, 1998

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NATURAL GAS

NG98-013 In the Matter of the Application of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for approval of Revisions to its Purchased Gas Cost Adjustments, Rates 88 and 89

Application by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. to revise its Purchased Gas Cost Adjustments, Rates 88 and 89 to change the minimum threshold which necessitates the filing of revised PGA rate adjustments. Currently, if the monthly adjustment changes less than \$.001 per dekatherm, a new adjustment is not required. With this filing the minimum threshold would be raised to \$.10 per dekatherm.

Staff Attorney Karen Cremer
Staff Analyst Dave Jacobson
Date Filed 12/14/98
Intervention Deadline NA

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

TC98-208 In the Matter of the Filing by Kadoka Telephone Company for Approval of Switched Access Rates

This filing reflects the switched access rates as determined by dividing the Commission approved revenue requirement by the Commission approved minutes of use for the cost study companies, excluding U S WEST Communications. The rates will become effective on January 1, 1999.

Staff Attorney Karen Cremer
Staff Analyst Harlan Best
Date Filed 12/10/98
Intervention Deadline 12/24/98

TC98-209 In the Matter of the Application of Telecommunications Cooperative Network, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Telecommunications Services in South Dakota

Application by Telecommunications Cooperative Network, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to provide resold interexchange

telecommunications services in the state of South Dakota. Proposed services include both inbound and outbound intralATA toll services.

Staff Attorney Camron Hoseck
Staff Analyst Kylie Tracy
Date Filed 12/16/98
Intervention Deadline 12/31/98

TC98-210 In the Matter of the Request for a Ruling Regarding Toll Limitation

On December 3, 1998, the Commission received a letter from TELECOM Consulting Resources asking for "written confirmation that the ruling regarding toll control and toll limitation as detailed in Amended Order TC97-163, XIV, issued March 10, 1998, applies to all South Dakota eligible telecommunications carriers (ETCs), not just U S WEST." Since this order was only applicable to U S WEST, the Commission is seeking comments on whether it should issue an order in this docket applicable to all currently designated ETCs reflecting the change in the toll limitation requirement made by the FCC in its Fourth Order on Reconsideration. Comments will be accepted until December 29, 1998.

Staff Attorney Karen Cremer
Staff Analyst Harlan Best
Date Filed 12/03/98
Deadline for Comments 12/29/98

TC98-211 In the Matter of the Filing by Mount Rushmore Telephone Company for Approval of Switched Access Rates

This filing reflects the switched access rates as determined by dividing the Commission approved revenue requirement by the Commission approved minutes of use for the cost study companies, excluding U S WEST Communications. The rates will become effective on January 1, 1999.

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Date Filed 12/16/98
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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY MOUNT) ORDER APPROVING
RUSHMORE TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR) SWITCHED ACCESS RATES
APPROVAL OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES)
TC98-211

On December 16, 1998, Mount Rushmore Telephone Company (Mount Rushmore) filed for approval by the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) its revised switched access tariff sheets. This filing reflects the switched access rates as determined by dividing the Commission approved revenue requirement by the Commission approved minutes of use for the cost study companies operating in South Dakota, excluding U S WEST Communications, Inc.

On December 16, 1998, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of December 24, 1998, to interested individuals and entities. The Commission considered this matter at its December 30, 1998, meeting. Commission Staff recommended approval.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 1-26-17.1, 49-31-12.4, 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 07, 20 10 27 08, 20 10 27 11 and 20 10 27 12. Upon review of Mount Rushmore's filing, the Commission found that the revised switched access rates were fair and reasonable and should be approved. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED that Mount Rushmore's revised switched access rates are hereby approved and shall become effective January 1, 1999.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 15th day of January, 1999.

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, by facsimile or by first class mail in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.	
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

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