

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY QWEST)
CORPORATION DBA CENTURYLINK QC)
FOR APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO ITS)
ACCESS SERVICE TARIFF)**

**ORDER APPROVING
TARIFF REVISIONS**

TC13-047

On May 31, 2013, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC (Qwest) for Approval of Revisions to its Access Service Tariff. The purpose of the filing is to implement the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) intercarrier compensation reforms as set forth in its Connect America Fund Order (Order), released November 18, 2011.¹ 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. This filing completes the second step of the "Transitional Intrastate Access Service" reductions mandated by the FCC's Order, bringing Qwest's Transitional Intrastate Access Service rates and structure in parity with the functionally equivalent interstate rates and structure. The changes are required to be effective by July 2, 2013.²

Qwest requested approval of the following tariff page revisions:

Access Service Tariff

Section 3, Page 14, Release 5
Section 6, Page 15, Release 3
Section 6, Page 15.1, Release 1
Section 6, Page 30, Release 3
Section 6, Page 30.1, Release 1
Section 6, Page 118, Release 4
Section 6, Page 137, Release 6
Section 6, Page 138, Release 3
Section 6, Page 139, Release 2
Section 6, Page 140, Release 4
Section 6, Page 145, Release 3
Section 6, Page 148, Release 4
Section 6, Page 149, Release 2
Section 6, Page 157, Release 5
Section 20, Page 20, Release 7

At its regularly scheduled meeting of July 2, 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 above revisions to Qwest's Access Service Tariff. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves the above referenced revisions to Qwest's Access Service Tariff effective as of July 2, 2013.

¹ *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).

² *In the Matter of July 2, 2013 Annual Access Charge Tariff Filings*, WC Docket No. 13-76, Order, FCC DA13-553, (rel. March 26, 2013)

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 8th 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:

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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GARY HANSON, Chairman

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CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

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KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner