

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY FORT)	ORDER APPROVING
RANDALL TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR)	TARIFF REVISIONS
APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO ITS)	
INTRASTATE SWITCHED ACCESS TARIFF)	TC13-051

On June 14, 2013, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Fort Randall Telephone Company (Fort Randall) for approval of its South Dakota Switched Access Services Tariff, with a requested effective date of July 2, 2013. 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, 2011.¹ 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. The FCC further adopted a defined "transition path" for moving to this end state. The second reduction mandated by the FCC's Order requires a carrier to reduce its intrastate terminating access rate, if above the carrier's interstate access rate, to parity with the carrier's interstate access rate.

On June 20, 2013, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 5, 2013, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

On July 1, 2013, Fort Randall filed a response to staff's data request 1. The revised tariff sheets are as follows:

Part IV	
7 th Revised Sheet No. 1	Canceling 6 th Revised Sheet No. 1
Original Sheet No 1.1	

At its regularly scheduled meeting of July 11, 2013, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31. The Commission voted unanimously to approve Fort Randall's South Dakota switched access services tariff revisions. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves the above-referenced revisions to Fort Randall's switched access services tariff.

ORDERED, that the above-mentioned tariff revisions are approved and are effective on and after 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).

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 16th 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

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7/16/13

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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GARY HANSON, Chairman

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