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Patricia Van Gerpen
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Re: Request to consolidate the Colman and Flandreau Rate Centers

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen,

Currently Qwest recognizes two Rate Centers within the Colman and Flandreau local calling area. These two Rate Centers are contained within a single local calling area. Qwest expects a Rate Center consolidation would help conserve telephone numbers and provide important customer benefit. Consolidating the two Rate Centers into one Rate Center will provide customers within a larger area the opportunity to move and retain their wireline telephone number. For example, after the Rate Center consolidation is implemented, customers living in Colman that move to Flandreau would have the option to retain their existing telephone number at their new address in Flandreau.

In order to initiate Rate Center consolidation, Qwest must first obtain approval from the Public Utilities Commission of South Dakota before Telcordia will revise its industry reference tables. The Commission has recently approved a similar Rate Center consolidation in the Black Hills area.

Qwest respectfully requests that the PUC provide its approval for this Rate Center consolidation of the Colman and Flandreau Rate Centers into one Rate Center.

Sincerely,

/s/ Wayne M. Johnson

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Cc: Terri LaBrie Baker, Jon Thurber