

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY QWEST) CORPORATION OF ITS NOTICE OF) DELETION OF EXHIBIT B-1 AND) MODIFICATIONS TO EXHIBIT B OF ITS) STATEMENT OF GENERALLY AVAILABLE) TERMS AND CONDITIONS (SGAT) AND) MOTION TO MODIFY THE QWEST) PERFORMANCE ASSURANCE PLAN FOUND) IN EXHIBIT K OF ITS SGAT)	ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO EXHIBIT B AND THE QPAP TC04-201
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On September 16, 2004, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) submitted an updated Exhibit B to the Statement of Generally Available Terms and Conditions (SGAT) comprising Version 8.0, which is the Performance Indicator Definitions. Qwest requests that Exhibit B-1 be deleted from the SGAT. Qwest also submitted its revised Qwest Performance Assurance Plan (QPAP) found in Exhibit K of the SGAT for modifications to reflect changes from the June 24, 2004, filing of an updated Exhibit B that took effect pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 252(f)(3) sixty days later. Qwest requests that the Commission approve Exhibit B and QPAP, as revised and modified, designate PO-20 as Tier 1 Medium without a Tier 2 assignment, establish a low-volume-differentiated benchmark for PO-20, and allow PO-20 a measurement stabilization for no more than three months with the implementation of each phase. Qwest requests that the Commission approve the modifications and permit the amended Exhibit B to go into effect on October 1, 2004, but in any event pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 252(f)(3) no later than 60 days after submission. Further, Qwest requests, pursuant to Section 16 of the QPAP, that the changes automatically apply to all existing interconnection agreements that contain Exhibit B, Exhibit B-1 and the QPAP, Exhibit K as exhibits.

On September 23, 2004, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of October 8, 2004, to interested individuals and entities. No comments or petitions to intervene were filed.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31.

At its duly noticed October 26, 2004, meeting, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission voted to approve the amendments to Exhibit B and the QPAP. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves amendments to Exhibit B and the QPAP.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 4th day of November, 2004.

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.

By: _____

Date: _____

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner