

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SAGE ) TELECOM, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF ITS ) INTRASTATE SWITCHED ACCESS TARIFF ) AND FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM ) DEVELOPING COMPANY SPECIFIC COST- ) BASED SWITCHED ACCESS RATES )	ORDER APPROVING TARIFF AND GRANTING PETITION FOR WAIVER  TC07-127
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On December 27, 2007 Sage Telecom, Inc. (Sage) filed a petition requesting an exemption from filing company specific cost-based intrastate switched access rates pursuant to ARSD 20:10:27:11, and approval of its switched access tariff. Sage is requesting a waiver of ARSD 20:10:27:07, ARSD 20:10:27:12 and 20:10:27:13 and is requesting to mirror the Qwest Corporation rates.

On February 12, 2008 the Commission considered Sage's request for approval of its intrastate switched access tariff, an exemption from establishing switched access rates based on company specific costs, a waiver of the use of the formula in ARSD 20:10:27:12 and 20:10:27:13 so as to mirror the Qwest Corporation tariffed access rates and a waiver of ARSD 20:10:27:07. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-31-18, 49-31-19 and ARSD 20:10:27. The Commission voted to grant the petition for exemption from developing company specific cost-based switched access rates pursuant to ARSD 20:10:27:11, grant a waiver of the use of the formula in ARSD 20:10:27:12 and 20:10:27:13 so as to mirror the Qwest Corporation tariffed access rates, grant a waiver of ARSD 20:10:27:07 and approve Sage's intrastate switched access tariff. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Sage's petition to be exempt from establishing company specific cost-based switched access rates pursuant to ARSD 20:10:27:11 is granted, that the company's waivers of ARSD 20:10:27:07, ARSD 20:10:27:12 and 20:10:27:13 are granted, that Sage be allowed to mirror Qwest Corporation's switched access rates and file adjustments to its switched access rates so long as those adjustments either mirror Qwest Corporation's rates or are lower or until the Commission shall otherwise order, and that Sage's intrastate switched access tariff is approved, subject to these conditions.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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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Date: <u>2/27/08</u>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Steve Kolbeck  
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

Dustin Johnson  
DUSTIN JOHNSON, Commissioner