

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY FORT RANDALL)
TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF)
REVISIONS TO ITS ACCESS SERVICE TARIFF)
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**ORDER APPROVING TARIFF)
REVISIONS)

TC12-090)**

On June 4, 2012, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Fort Randall Telephone Company (Fort Randall) for approval of revisions to its Intrastate Switched Access Service and Facilities Tariff. The purpose of this 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. The FCC further adopted a defined "transition path" for moving to this end state. The first 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, by 50 percent of the differential between the carrier's intrastate rate and the carrier's interstate access rate. The reduced rates are required to be effective by July 3, 2012.²

Fort Randall requested approval of the following tariff page:

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On June 7, 2012, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 22, 2012, to interested individuals and entities. No parties filed to intervene.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of July 3, 2012, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31. Commission staff recommended approval of all requested tariff revisions. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the requested revisions to Fort Randall's Intrastate Switched Access Service and Facilities Tariff. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves the above referenced revisions to Fort Randall's Intrastate Switched Access Service and Facilities Tariff effective as of July 1, 2012.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 12th day of July, 2012.

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: <u>Joy King</u>
Date: <u>07/13/12</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

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 *See In the Matter of Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, et al., Order, DA 12-870 (rel. June 5, 2012) (allowing effective dates for intrastate filings to be extended from July 1, 2012 to July 3, 2012).