

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SOUTH)
DAKOTA NETWORK, LLC FOR AN)
EXTENSION OF AN EXEMPTION FROM)
DEVELOPING COMPANY SPECIFIC COST-)
BASED SWITCHED ACCESS RATES)
)

**ORDER GRANTING
WAIVER TO PERFORM A
SWITCHED ACCESS COST
STUDY**

TC11-069

On June 7, 2011, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from South Dakota Network, LLC (SDN) for a waiver of the requirement to file a switched access cost study as required by Commission rule ARSD 20:10:27:07. SDN requests the waiver of the cost study requirement because of the costs and resources involved in producing a study and indicated that a preliminary analysis indicates that a cost study would support higher rates.

On June 9, 2011, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 24, 2011, to interested individuals and entities. On July 12, 2011, Sprint Communications Company LP (Sprint), AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc., and MCI Communication Services Inc. dba Verizon Business Services were granted intervention. On September 13, 2013, Sprint filed a Motion to Withdraw, which was granted by the Commission on September 24, 2013. On August 25, 2014, SDN filed a Stipulation stating the remaining Intervenors do not object to granting approval of SDN's application for a waiver of the requirement to file a switched access cost study.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31 and ARSD 20:10:27:02 and 20:10:27:07.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of September 30, 2014, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission found good cause to grant the requested waiver, pursuant to ARSD 20:10:27:02, of the requirement to perform a switched access cost study.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that SDN's request for a waiver, pursuant to ARSD 20:10:27:02, of the requirement to perform a switched access cost study is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 2nd day of October, 2014.

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 J. [Signature]</u>
Date: <u>10.3.14</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

[Signature: Gary Hanson]
GARY HANSON, Chairman

[Signature: Chris Nelson]
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

[Signature: Kristie Fiegen]
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner