

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

In the Matter of the Revisions to QWEST )  
CORPORATIONS's Exchange and Network )  
Services Tariff, Re: Lower Prices for Committed )  
DSS Customers )

DOCKET NO. 01-049-T11  
ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF

ISSUED: May 7, 2001

By The Commission:

For reasons stated in the memorandum from the Division of Public Utilities, Utah Department of Commerce (DPU), attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, we issue the following:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that:

- The proposed changes to Qwest Corporation's Exchange and Network Services Tariff, Section 15, Pages 3, 8, 9, 9.1, 9.2, 9.3, and Releases, respectively, 4, 5, 5, 3, 2, and 1, be, and they are, suspended pending further Order of the Commission, all existing provisions to remain effective in the interim.

Dated at Salt Lake City, Utah, this 7th day of May, 2001.

/s/ Stephen F. Mecham, Chairman

/s/ Constance B. White, Commissioner

/s/ Richard M. Campbell, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Julie Orchard  
Commission Secretary

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April 27, 2001

**TO: PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**FROM: DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**

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**SUBJECT:** Qwest Corp. (Qwest)  
Docket No. 01-049-T11  
Dated March 30, 2001

**1. ISSUE:**

The purpose of this filing is to:

1. Provide an optional payment arrangement to customers who subscribe to Basic Digital Switched Services (DSS). The DSS Rate Stability Plan currently allows a customer to pay a guaranteed monthly fixed rate for the DSS facility and common equipment over a three-year to seven-year period. With this proposal, customers would also receive stabilized monthly rates and discounted nonrecurring charges for their DSS Basic Trunks over a three-year to seven-year period.
2. Modify terms and conditions removing restrictions of PBX trunks, Private Line, Basic Exchange access lines and Joint User services from being allowed to ride on channels of the DSS DS1 facility.
3. Introduce the seven-year Rate Stability Plan option for advanced service arrangements at existing five-year RSP prices for trunks and at existing seven-year prices for the DS1 facility.
4. Extend ICB terms for 241 trunks to include Basic DSS trunks.

There are no price increases associated with this filing.

**2. RECOMMENDATION:**

The Division recommends that the Commission suspend this filing to allow the Division to conduct further investigation to determine if this tariff is anti-competitive.

**3. BACKGROUND:**

In reviewing this tariff, the Division believes that may be anti-competitive since it commits the consumer to Qwest for a three- to seven-year period in order to take advantage of lower rates. Moreover, provisions contained in this tariff may disadvantage a consumer in the future if a lower rate is offered by a competitive provider of a similar telecommunication service.

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