

QWEST CORPORATION

formerly

U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

ACCESS SERVICE

TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 5

SWITCHED ACCESS SYNCHRONOUS SERVICE TRANSPORT (SST)

DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION

1. Introduction and Description

This filing is being made by Qwest Corporation¹ (Qwest) in its Tariff F.C.C. No. 5, Access Service, to introduce Synchronous Service Transport (SST) as a new service in its Switched Access Service tariff. Switched Access SST rate elements will only apply in a shared use scenario with SST bought out of Section 7, Private Line Transport Service (PLTS). Price Cap rules apply. Under the new services rules adopted in the F.C.C.'s Fifth Report and Order, FCC 99-206, released August 27, 1999, no cost support is required for this filing. (See also 47 C.F.R. § 61.49(f)(3).)

1.1 Overview

When a customer wishes to provide switched access service (including CCSAC service) over SST transport, the SST service is initially ordered and provided out of Qwest's Tariff F.C.C. No. 5 Access Service, Section 7.14, Private Line Transport Service SST. Switched Access SST service is provided only on a shared use basis with the rate elements introduced in Section 6 applied on the channels utilized for switched access. Qwest's SST rate elements were approved by the F.C.C.'s Common Carrier Bureau in orders released December 2, 1996 (DA 96-2004) and February 20, 1998 (DA 98-330).

¹ On June 30, 2000, U S WEST, Inc., the parent and sole shareholder of U S WEST Communications, Inc. ("U S WEST") merged with and into Qwest Communications International Inc. Further, on July 6, 2000, U S WEST Communications, Inc. was renamed Qwest Corporation. An adoption notice of the name change was filed on July 7, 2000 in Transmittal No. 1085.

1.2. Description of Service

SST is a high capacity channel for synchronous transmission of bandwidth capacity of 155.52 Mbps (OC3), 622.08 Mbps (OC12), 1.244 Gbps (OC24), 2.488 Gbps (OC48) or 9.952 Gbps (OC192). Switched Access SST will not be offered at the OC192 level in this filing. SST channels are provided via fiber optic facilities between a customer-designated premises and a Central Office (OC) Node, a customer-designated premises and a CO Node and its associated Remote Central Office (RCO) Node, or two RCO Nodes located in different Qwest wire centers. In order to provision switched access service over SST, the SST CO Node must be located in the customer's Serving Wire Center (SWC).

Switched Access SST may consist of a CO Node, RCO Nodes, CO Ports (DS1, DS3, OC3, OC12), SST Remote Nodes, SST Remote Ports (DS1, DS3, OC3, OC12), Transport Channel Mileage, CO Connecting Channels, Port-to-Port Connecting Arrangements, CO Multiplexing (DS1 to Voice Grade, DS3 to DS1, OC3 CO).

The SST transport rate elements are apportioned based on the total number of channels utilized for each service. When switched SST rate elements are assessed for the facilities between the customer's premises and the SWC of that premises, switched access Entrance Facility (EF) rate elements are not assessed. When switched SST transport mileage is assessed for the facilities between the SWC and the Remote CO Node, Direct Trunk Transport (DTT) is not assessed. However, Switched DTT facilities must still be provisioned from the CO Node or Remote Node to an access tandem, Qwest hub or end office dependent on the type of routing requested. DTT and TST rate elements are billed 100% and not apportioned. However, the DTT can be provided over

shared use facilities with PLTS provided out of Section 7 subject to existing shared use regulations.

In states in which switched access pricing plans are allowed, SST rate elements will be assessed based on the same period of time as the PLTS rate elements. Switched access SST pricing plan rates will apply for the same duration of remaining months as remain on the shared use PLTS SST pricing plan fixed period. In states with PLTS pricing plans but no switched pricing plans allowed, the appropriate month to month (non-pricing plan) switched access SST rates will be applied to the switched access portion of the service. Switched access pricing plans are available in Arizona, Colorado, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah and Washington.