

## **PICC (Presubscribed Interexchange Carrier Charge)**

### First Report and Order

Qwest filed a PICC tariff, transmittal 900 effective January 1, 1998 in response to the Access Charge Reform order, CC Docket No. 96-262. As stated in the First Report and Order, paragraph 40, the FCC (Federal Communication Commission) ruled implicit subsidies in access charges were to be phased out, and incumbent LECs (Local Exchange Carriers) were told to recover interstate common line revenues through flat-rated EUCLs (End User Common Line Charges) and PICC. Key points of the First Report and Order:

- PICC categories defined
- Price ceilings established for PICC for customer categories
- “dial around” carriers excluded from PICC
- authority for LECs to collect PICC from end users with no PIC

### Second Order on Reconsideration

The Second Order on Reconsideration and Memorandum Opinion and Order, adopted October 8, 1997, clarified PICC price ceiling for non-primary residential and multi-line business lines. Another key provision of the Second Order, was the 9:1 line-to-trunk equivalency for PICC on Centrex lines.

### CALLS Mandate

On July 1, 2000, as a result of the CALLS Mandate, Qwest eliminated PICC rates for the following categories:

- Primary Residence

- Non-primary Residence
- Singleline Business
- ISDN BRI

### **Qwest PICC Billing**

Qwest issued the first bills for PICC on 1/09/98. A unique BAN (Billing Account Number) was established for PICC billing in the Qwest Carrier billing system. End user customers without a presubscribed Carrier were billed PICC on their telephone number accounts, with their regular monthly charges.