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June 26, 2003

Ms. Deb Eloffson  
Executive Director  
Public Utilities Commission  
State of South Dakota  
500 East Capital  
Pierre, SD 57501

Ref: Access Tariff Filing

Dear Ms. Eloffson:

Per the requirements of ARSD 20:10:27, 20:10:28, and 20:10:29, we are submitting this day on behalf of West River Cooperative Telephone Company, their Intrastate Tariff based on the calendar year ending December 31, 2002. This filing consists of the following:

1. Five (5) copies of the Intrastate Tariff Exhibit.
2. Five (5) copies of the Intrastate revenue requirement, corresponding separations runs, and input sheets.
3. Five (5) copies of the cost study support data which includes the following:
  - A. 12/31/2002 trial balance
  - B. Investment/Reserve Summary including adjustments
  - C. COE Summary
  - D. Cable and Wire Summary
  - E. Loops Summary
  - F. Expense Summary including adjustments
  - G. Depreciation Expense Summary
  - H. 6620 Allocations including Sheet G references
  - I. Development of Traffic Allocation Factors
  - J. 12/31/2002 Intrastate & Interstate Access Minutes of Use

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**CONSUMER COMPLAINTS**

**CT03-081** In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Douglas Root on behalf of Doug's Anchor Marine, Inc., Watertown, South Dakota, against S&S Communications/Alterna-Cell Regarding Loss of Long Distance Services.

Complainant's representative states that a seven-year pre-paid long distance service plan was purchased. Service was terminated without notice after eighteen months of service. Complainant seeks to be reimbursed for the pre-paid service not provided plus the costs associated with establishing alternative service.

Staff Analyst: Jim Mehlhaff  
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier  
Date Docketed: 06/26/03  
Intervention deadline: N/A

**CT03-082** In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Clark Sinclair on behalf of Montgomery's Furniture, Madison, South Dakota, against S&S Communications/Alterna-Cell Regarding Loss of Long Distance Services.

Complainant's representative states that a four-year pre-paid long distance service plan was purchased for two business locations. Service was terminated without notice after several weeks of service. Complainant seeks to be reimbursed the full purchase price of the contract.

Staff Analyst: Jim Mehlhaff  
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier  
Date Docketed: 06/26/03  
Intervention deadline: N/A

**CT03-083** In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Brian Gerstner on behalf of Brookings Auto Mall, LLC, Brookings, South Dakota, against S&S Communications/Alterna-Cell Regarding Loss of Long Distance Services.

Complainant's representative states that a four-year pre-paid long distance service plan was purchased for one South Dakota business location and two out of state business locations. Service was terminated without notice after one day of service at the South Dakota location. Complainant seeks to be reimbursed the full purchase price of the contract using funds from the bond or the letter of credit.

Staff Analyst: Jim Mehlhaff  
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier  
Date Docketed: 06/26/03  
Intervention deadline: N/A

**CT03-084** In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Dale A. Weigel on behalf of Midwest Credits, Inc., Aberdeen, South Dakota, against S&S Communications/Alterna-Cell Regarding Loss of Long Distance Services.

Complainant's representative states that a five-year pre-paid long distance service plan was purchased on September 6, 2001. Service was terminated without notice on June 3, 2003. Complainant seeks to be reimbursed for the pre-paid service not provided.

Staff Analyst: Jim Mehlhaff  
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier  
Date Docketed: 06/26/03  
Intervention deadline: N/A

**CT03-085 In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Kevin Orel on behalf of Harry K. Ford, Winner, South Dakota, against S&S Communications/Alterna-Cell Regarding Loss of Long Distance Services.**

Complainant's representative states that a five-year pre-paid long distance service plan was purchased on March 21, 2002. Service was terminated without notice in early June of 2003. Complainant seeks to be reimbursed for the pre-paid service not provided.

Staff Analyst: Jim Mehlhaff  
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier  
Date Docketed: 06/26/03  
Intervention deadline: N/A

**CT03-086 In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Melissa Maher on behalf of Moreau-Grand Electric Cooperative Inc., Timber Lake, South Dakota, against S&S Communications/Alterna-Cell Regarding Loss of Long Distance Services.**

Complainant's representative states that two three-year pre-paid long distance service plans were purchased on April 12, 2002. Service was terminated without notice on June 2, 2003. Complainant seeks to be reimbursed for the pre-paid service not provided.

Staff Analyst: Jim Mehlhaff  
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier  
Date Docketed: 06/26/03  
Intervention deadline: N/A

**CT03-087 In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Duane L. Mullaney, Miller, South Dakota, against S&S Communications/Alterna-Cell Regarding Loss of Long Distance Services.**

Complainant states that he entered into a promissory note of indebtedness on September 29, 1995, with the respondent and to date has not received any payment on the principal. Complainant seeks to be paid the full amount of the principal from the bond and/or the letter of credit.

Staff Analyst: Jim Mehlhaff  
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier  
Date Docketed: 06/26/03  
Intervention deadline: N/A

**CT03-088 In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Trace Beck on behalf of Beck Motors, Inc., Pierre, South Dakota, against S&S Communications/Alterna-Cell Regarding Loss of Long Distance Services.**

Complainant's representative states that a five-year pre-paid long distance service plan was purchased on April 23, 2002. Service was terminated without notice on June 5, 2003. Complainant seeks to be

reimbursed for the pre-paid service not provided.

Staff Analyst: Jim Mehlhaff  
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier  
Date Docketed: 06/26/03  
Intervention deadline: N/A

**CT03-089 In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Dale Stegenga on behalf of Lake County International, Inc., Madison, South Dakota, against S&S Communications/Alterna-Cell Regarding Loss of Long Distance Services.**

Complainant's representative states that a four-year pre-paid long distance service plan was purchased on October 9, 2002. Service was terminated without notice on June 3, 2003. Complainant seeks to be reimbursed for the pre-paid service not provided or to have service restored for the balance of the contract.

Staff Analyst: Jim Mehlhaff  
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier  
Date Docketed: 06/27/03  
Intervention deadline: N/A

**CT03-090 In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Darren and Heidi Engelhart, Westport, South Dakota, against S&S Communications/Alterna-Cell Regarding Loss of Long Distance Services.**

Complainants state that a five-year pre-paid long distance service plan was purchased. After one and a half years, service was terminated without notice. Complainants seek to be reimbursed for the pre-paid service not provided or to have service restored for the balance of the contract.

Staff Analyst: Jim Mehlhaff  
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier  
Date Docketed: 06/27/03  
Intervention deadline: N/A

**CT03-091 In the Matter of the Complaint filed by James Scheele on behalf of Riverside Motel, Huron, South Dakota, against S&S Communications/Alterna-Cell Regarding Loss of Long Distance Services.**

Complainant's representative states that a seven-year pre-paid long distance service plan was purchased on December 26, 2002. Service was terminated after a short period of time. Complainant seeks to be reimbursed for as much of the original purchase price as possible.

Staff Analyst: Jim Mehlhaff  
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier  
Date Docketed: 06/27/03  
Intervention deadline: N/A

**CT03-092 In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Neal and Janet Johnson, Miller, South Dakota, against S&S Communications/Alterna-Cell Regarding Loss of Long Distance Services.**

Complainants state that a six-year pre-paid long distance service plan was purchased from the respondent. Service was established on October 1, 1999, and was terminated without notice on June 5, 2003. Complainants seek to be reimbursed for the pre-paid service not provided.

Staff Analyst: Jim Mehlhaff  
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier  
Date Docketed: 06/27/03  
Intervention deadline: N/A

**CT03-093** In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Doug Knust on behalf of Harry K Chevrolet, Chamberlain, South Dakota, against S&S Communications/Alterna-Cell Regarding Loss of Long Distance Services.

Complainant's representative states that a five-year pre-paid long distance service plan was purchased on March 14, 2002. Service was terminated without notice in early June of 2003. Complainant seeks to be reimbursed for the pre-paid service not provided or to have service restored for the balance of the contract.

Staff Analyst: Jim Mehlhaff  
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier  
Date Docketed: 06/27/03  
Intervention deadline: N/A

**CT03-094** In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Nicole and Chris Glines, Alcester, South Dakota, against S&S Communications/Alterna-Cell Regarding Loss of Long Distance Services.

Complainants state that a seven-year pre-paid long distance service plan was purchased in December of 1999. Service was terminated without notice in June of 2003. Complainants seek to be included in any bond disbursements made in relation to the failure of the respondent.

Staff Analyst: Jim Mehlhaff  
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier  
Date Docketed: 06/27/03  
Intervention deadline: N/A

**CT03-095** In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Myron Joneson, Dell Rapids, South Dakota, against S&S Communications/Alterna-Cell Regarding Loss of Long Distance Services.

Complainant states that he was told if he purchased a contract and paid monthly for three years he would receive an additional four years of service free of charge. Service was terminated in June of 2003, with 26 months remaining on the complainant's pre-paid contract. Complainant seeks to have the PUC seize the assets of the respondents and use them to repay those who were left without pre-paid service.

Staff Analyst: Jim Mehlhaff  
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier  
Date Docketed: 06/27/03  
Intervention deadline: N/A

**CT03-096** In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Charles and Orpha Bensen, Eureka, South Dakota, against S&S Communications/Alterna-Cell Regarding Loss of Long Distance Services.

Complainants state that in November of 1999, they purchased a seven-year pre-paid long distance service plan. Service was terminated without notice in June of 2003. Complainants seek to be reimbursed for the pre-paid service not provided or to have service restored for the balance of the

contract.

Staff Analyst: Jim Mehlhaff  
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier  
Date Docketed: 07/01/03  
Intervention deadline: N/A

**CT03-097 In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Arnold and Steven Schurr, Roscoe, South Dakota, against S&S Communications/Alterna-Cell Regarding Loss of Long Distance Services.**

Complainants state that in addition to loaning the respondent several thousand dollars they also purchased a ten-year pre-paid long distance phone service contract in July of 1998. On June 5, 2003, service was terminated without notice. Complainants seek to be reimbursed for the pre-paid service not provided or to have service restored for the balance of the contract.

Staff Analyst: Jim Mehlhaff  
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier  
Date Docketed: 07/01/03  
Intervention deadline: N/A

**CT03-098 In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Jenny Wegner on behalf of Wegner Auto Company, Pierre, South Dakota, against S&S Communications/Alterna-Cell Regarding Loss of Long Distance Services.**

Complainant's representative states that a five-year pre-paid long distance service plan was purchased on April 24, 2002. Service was established in mid-June 2002, and was terminated without notice on June 5, 2003. Complainant seeks to be reimbursed for the pre-paid service not provided and other expenses incurred as a result of the contract default.

Staff Analyst: Jim Mehlhaff  
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier  
Date Docketed: 07/02/03  
Intervention deadline: N/A

**CT03-099 In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Tyler Ammann on behalf of Whetstone Ag Supply, Inc., Wilmot, South Dakota, against S&S Communications/Alterna-Cell Regarding Loss of Long Distance Services.**

Complainant's representative states that a four-year pre-paid long distance service plan was purchased on January 14, 2003. Service was terminated without notice on June 2, 2003. Complainant seeks to be reimbursed for the pre-paid service not provided.

Staff Analyst: Jim Mehlhaff  
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier  
Date Docketed: 07/02/03  
Intervention deadline: N/A

**CT03-100 In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Bob and Diane Booth, Ridgeview, South Dakota, against S&S Communications/Alterna-Cell Regarding Loss of Long Distance Services.**

Complainants state that they purchased a seven-year pre-paid long distance service plan. The plan was to be in effect from May 30, 2001 through May 30, 2008. Service was terminated without notice on June

5, 2003. Complainants seek to be reimbursed for the pre-paid service not provided.

Staff Analyst: Jim Mehlhaff  
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier  
Date Docketed: 07/02/03  
Intervention deadline: N/A

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS

### **TC03-100 In the Matter of the Establishment of Switched Access Revenue Requirement for Western Telephone Company.**

On June 26, 2003, Western Telephone Company, Faulkton, South Dakota, filed a switched access cost study developing a revenue requirement and minutes of use that are included in the revenue requirement and minutes of use used to determine the switched access rates for the Local Exchange Carrier Association.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best  
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer  
Date Docketed: 06/26/03  
Intervention Deadline: 07/18/03

### **TC03-101 In the Matter of the Establishment of Switched Access Revenue Requirement for Kennebec Telephone Company.**

On June 26, 2003, Kennebec Telephone Company, Kennebec, South Dakota, filed a switched access cost study developing a revenue requirement and minutes of use that are included in the revenue requirement and minutes of use used to determine the switched access rates for the Local Exchange Carrier Association.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best  
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer  
Date Docketed: 06/26/03  
Intervention Deadline: 07/18/03

### **TC03-102 In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and MCIMetro Access Transmission Services, LLC.**

On June 27, 2003, the Commission received a filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and MCIMetro Access Transmission Services, LLC. The original agreement was approved by the Commission on January 28, 2003, in Docket No. TC02-183. The amendment is made in order to add language regarding intercarrier compensation for Internet Service Provider (ISP) bound traffic. Any party wishing to comment on the agreement may do so by filing written comments with the Commission and the parties to the agreement no later than July 17, 2003. Parties to the agreement may file written responses to the comments no later than twenty days after the service of the initial comments.

Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier  
Date Docketed: 06/27/03  
Initial Comments Due: 07/17/03

### **TC03-103 In the Matter of the Establishment of Switched Access Revenue Requirement for Venture Communications Cooperative, Inc.**

On June 27, 2003, Venture Communications Cooperative, Inc., Highmore, South Dakota, filed a switched access cost study developing a revenue requirement and minutes of use that are included in the revenue requirement and minutes of use used to determine the switched access rates for the Local Exchange Carrier Association.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best  
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer  
Date Docketed: 06/27/03  
Intervention Deadline: 07/18/03

**TC03-104 In the Matter of the Establishment of Switched Access Revenue Requirement for Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Association, Inc.**

On June 27, 2003, Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Association, Herried, South Dakota, filed a switched access cost study developing a revenue requirement and minutes of use that are included in the revenue requirement and minutes of use used to determine the switched access rates for the Local Exchange Carrier Association.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best  
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer  
Date Docketed: 06/27/03  
Intervention Deadline: 07/18/03

**TC03-105 In the Matter of the Establishment of Switched Access Revenue Requirement for Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.**

On June 30, 2003, Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Clear Lake, South Dakota, filed a switched access cost study developing a revenue requirement and minutes of use that are included in the revenue requirement and minutes of use used to determine the switched access rates for the Local Exchange Carrier Association.

Staff Analyst: Keith Senger  
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer  
Date Docketed: 06/30/03  
Intervention Deadline: 07/18/03

**TC03-106 In the Matter of the Establishment of Switched Access Revenue Requirement for West River Cooperative Telephone Company.**

On June 30, 2003, West River Cooperative Telephone Company, Bison, South Dakota, filed a switched access cost study developing a revenue requirement and minutes of use that are included in the revenue requirement and minutes of use used to determine the switched access rates for the Local Exchange Carrier Association.

Staff Analyst: Keith Senger  
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer  
Date Docketed: 06/30/03  
Intervention Deadline: 07/18/03

**TC03-107 In the Matter of the Establishment of Switched Access Revenue Requirement for Santel Communications Cooperative, Inc.**

On June 30, 2003, Santel Communications Cooperative, Inc., Woonsocket, South Dakota, filed a switched access cost study developing a revenue requirement and minutes of use that are included in the revenue requirement and minutes of use used to determine the switched access rates for the Local

Exchange Carrier Association.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best  
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer  
Date Docketed: 06/30/03  
Intervention Deadline: 07/18/03

**TC03-108 In the Matter of the Establishment of Switched Access Rates for the Local Exchange Carriers Association.**

On June 30, 2003, the Local Exchange Carriers Association (LECA) filed revised switched access tariff pages. The purpose of these revisions is to implement changes in rates as necessitated by revisions in member companies' revenue requirements and access minutes of use.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best  
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer  
Date Docketed: 06/30/03  
Intervention Deadline: 07/18/03

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT )	ORDER ASSESSING FILING
OF SWITCHED ACCESS REVENUE )	FEE
REQUIREMENT FOR WEST RIVER )	
COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY )	TC03-106

On June 30, 2003, West River Cooperative Telephone Company (West River) filed for approval by the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) its 2002 Intrastate Switched Access Cost Study.

On July 3, 2003, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 18, 2003, to interested individuals and entities.

SDCL 49-31-12.6 authorizes the Commission to require a deposit of up to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) in the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission's (SDPUC) regulatory assessment fee fund to defray Commission expenses incident to analyzing and ruling upon this type of filing.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 1-26-17.1, 49-1A-9, 49-31-12.6, 49-31-18, 49-31-19 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.02, 20:10:01:15.05, 20:10:27:07 and 20:10:27:08.

On September 16, 2003, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission, pursuant to SDCL 49-31-12.6, unanimously voted to assess West River a \$1,000 filing fee, subject to additional amounts as requested by the Executive Director up to the statutory limit of \$100,000. It is therefore

ORDERED, that West River shall deposit an initial assessment of \$1,000 in the SDPUC regulatory assessment fee fund and shall deposit any additional amounts as requested by the Executive Director up to the statutory limit of \$100,000.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2003.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u><i>William Kolbo</i></u>
Date: <u>9/25/03</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

*Robert K. Sahr*

ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

*Gary Hanson*

GARY HANSON, Commissioner



Bob Sahr, Chair  
Gary Hanson, Vice-Chair  
Jim Burg, Commissioner

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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Commissioners Sahr, Hanson and Burg

**FROM:** Keith Senger 

**RE:** TC03-106 – West River Cooperative Telephone Company, Intrastate Switched Access Revenue Requirement and Minutes of Use

**DATE:** September 20, 2004

On June 30, 2003, West River Cooperative Telephone Company (WR) filed an Intrastate Switched Access Cost Study pursuant to the administrative rules and based on the twelve months ended December 31, 2002. The cost study submitted by WR developed a revenue requirement of \$904,804 and reported 7,230,729 intrastate access minutes of use for 2002. WR is a member of the Local Exchange Carriers Association (LECA). As a member of LECA, WR's revenue requirement and intrastate access minutes of use are part of the total revenue requirement and total intrastate access minutes of use used in the determination of the Carrier Common Line, Local Switching, and Common Transport rate elements for LECA.

On July 3, 2003, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 18, 2003, to interested individuals and entities. On September 23, 2003, the Commission ordered WR to deposit an initial assessment of \$1,000 in the SDPUC regulatory fee fund and to deposit any additional amounts as required by the executive director.

Staff has reviewed the cost study and supporting documentation and sent five data requests. WR has responded to Staff's data requests.

WR's cost study used exchange minutes based on 1997 toll to exchange ratio. Staff requested WR to complete a current traffic study. In compromise, WR pulled current exchange data from the Bison switch and agreed to update the traffic factors accordingly. Staff further requested WR to remove (1) \$8,476 of dues, contributions, flowers, decorations, gift certificates, giveaway items, etc., (2) \$3,216 of unregulated FRRPA expense, (3) \$20,827 of subscriber plant used for unregulated activities (directly assigned to Interstate/Other), (4) \$260,304 of retired subscriber plant (and the associated accumulated depreciation) (5) \$493,514 of interexchange cable and wire facilities and associated electronics (and the associated accumulated depreciation, depreciation expense and other related expenses) used for unregulated services (6) \$1,006,813 of plant under construction (and the associated accumulated depreciation and depreciation expense) to bring the plant under construction adjustment to actual amounts and (7) \$59,026 of plant under construction (and the associated accumulated depreciation and depreciation expense) used for unregulated services. WR has requested to add adjustments to recover (1) \$31,275 of MCI and Global Crossing intrastate access uncollectibles (amortized over three years), (2) \$20,775 of unrecovered cost study expense for previous cost study (TC02-052) and (3) \$42,033 of additional cost study expense for this study not originally requested. For settlement purposes, Staff and WR have agreed to all the above noted adjustments. On August 9, 2004, WR submitted a final revised cost study. Staff reviewed the filing and requested additional information. On September 14, 2004 WR submitted the requested

information. This revised study developed a revenue requirement of \$870,257. This represents a \$18,262 increase from WR's previous cost study (TC02-052).

Staff recommends the Commission approve the adjusted revenue requirement of \$870,257 and intrastate access minutes of use of 7,230,729 for West River Cooperative Telephone Company.

C: Jerry Reisenauer, West River Cooperative Telephone Company.  
Gordon Dauchy, John Staurulakis Incorporated.  
Karen Cremer, staff attorney

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT )  
OF SWITCHED ACCESS REVENUE )  
REQUIREMENT FOR WEST RIVER )  
COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY )

ORDER APPROVING  
REVENUE REQUIREMENT

TC03-106

On June 30, 2003, West River Cooperative Telephone Company (West River) filed for approval by the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) its 2002 Intrastate Switched Access Cost Study.

On July 3, 2003, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 18, 2003, to interested individuals and entities. On September 16, 2003, the Commission voted to assess a filing fee as requested by the Executive Director up to the statutory limit of \$100,000. Staff filed a memorandum on September 20, 2004, with the concurrence of the company, setting forth a recommended revenue requirement and minutes of use. The Commission considered this matter at its November 30, 2004, meeting.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 1-26-17.1, 49-1A-9, 49-31-12.4, 49-31-12.6, 49-31-18, 49-31-19 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.02, 20:10:01:15.05, 20:10:27:07 and 20:10:27:08. Upon review of West River's filing, the Commission found that the revenue requirement and minutes of use as depicted in Staff's memorandum were fair and reasonable and should be approved. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that West River's revenue requirement and minutes of use as reflected in Staff's Memorandum are hereby approved and shall be incorporated in the Local Exchange Carriers Association's determination of switched access rates. (See TC03-108.)

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2004.

**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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By: Delaine Kalles

Date: 12/13/04

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Robert K. Sahr  
ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

James A. Burg  
JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner