

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY THE) ORDER SUSPENDING
LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS ASSOCIATION) ACCESS TARIFF
FOR SWITCHED ACCESS TARIFF REVISIONS) TC97-061

On June 2, 1997, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing by the Local Exchange Carriers Association (LECA) regarding its switched access tariff revisions. The purpose of these revisions is to implement the changes in rates as necessitated by member companies' revenue requirements as set forth in Commission filings. The rates are proposed to be effective July 1, 1997.

On June 5, 1997, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 20, 1997, to interested individuals and entities.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of June 24, 1997, the Commission unanimously voted to suspend the effective date of LECA's switched access rate for no more than 120 days after the proposed effective date of July 1, 1997.

The commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-31, specifically 49-31-12.4, 49-31-18, 49-31-19 and ARSD 20:10:27:07 and 20:10:27:08.

It is therefore

ORDERED that the effective date for LECA's switched access rate be suspended for no more than 120 days from the proposed effective date.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 2nd day of July, 1997.

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.	
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner