

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY THE LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS ASSOCIATION FOR SWITCHED ACCESS TARIFF REVISIONS))))	ORDER APPROVING TARIFF REVISIONS TC97-061
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On June 2, 1997, the Local Exchange Carriers Association (LECA) filed for approval by the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) revised pages of its LECA Tariff No. 1. LECA stated: "The purpose of these revisions is to implement changes in rates as necessitated by revisions in member companies' revenue requirements as set forth in Commission filings. The attached 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. On June 19, 1997, the Commission received a Petition for Leave to Intervene from U S West Communications (U S WEST). The Commission granted U S WEST's Petition to Intervene. The Commission also voted to assess a \$1,000 filing fee. On November 12, 1997, U S WEST filed a letter of withdrawal of its intervention from this docket. The matter was heard by the Commission on January 8, 1998. Commission Staff recommended approval of the tariff revisions that incorporate the revised revenue requirements of some member companies, which resulted in a decrease of the rate.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 1-26-17.1, 49- 1A-9, 49-31-12.2, 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 LECA's filing, the Commission found that the proposed tariff revisions are fair and reasonable and should be approved. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED that LECA's proposed tariff revisions are hereby approved as filed and shall be effective for telecommunications services rendered on and after January 8, 1998.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 21st day of January, 1998.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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.

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

By: _____

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Date: _____

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER,
Commissioner