

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

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT) OF SWITCHED ACCESS REVENUE) REQUIREMENT FOR MIDSTATE TELEPHONE) COMPANY AND HEARTLAND) COMMUNICATIONS, INC.) | ORDER APPROVING REVENUE REQUIREMENT TC98-085 |
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On April 30, 1998, Midstate Telephone Company and Heartland Communications, Inc. (Midstate-Heartland) filed for approval by the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) its 1997 Intrastate Switched Access Cost Study.

On April 30, 1998, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 15, 1998, to interested individuals and entities. On May 28, 1998, the Commission voted to assess a \$3,000 filing fee. Staff filed a memorandum on August 24, 1998, with the concurrence of the company, setting forth a recommended revenue requirement. The Commission considered this matter at its October 15, 1998, meeting.

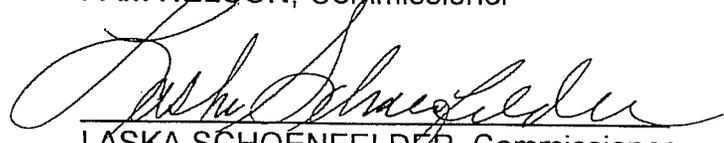
The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 1-26-17.1, 49-1A-9, 49-31-12.4, 49-31-12.6, 49-31-18, 49-31-19 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.02, 20:10:01:15.05, 20:10:27:07 and 20:10:27:08. Upon review of Midstate-Heartland's filing, the Commission found that the revenue requirement as depicted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

ORDERED that Midstate-Heartland's revenue requirement is hereby approved as revised and shall be incorporated in the Local Exchange Carriers Association's determination of switched access rates. (See TC98-090.)

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 26th day of October, 1998.

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| 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: <u><i>Delaine Kolbo</i></u> |
| Date: <u>10/27/98</u> |
| (OFFICIAL SEAL) |

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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|  _____ JAMES A. BURG, Chairman |
|  _____ PAM NELSON, Commissioner |
|  _____ LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner |