

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT) ORDER APPROVING TARIFF
OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR THE) REVISIONS
LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS ASSOCIATION)
(LECA)) TC98-090

On April 30, 1998, 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 include data for exchanges acquired from U S WEST. The attached rates are proposed to be effective upon PUC approval of the corresponding cost studies." LECA filed further revisions to its Tariff No. 1 on May 29, 1998, June 24, 1998, December 1, 1998, and December 7, 1998. LECA further filed on July 24, 1998, a rate revision request due to the decrease in intrastate switched access minutes for McCook Cooperative Telephone Company (McCook) due to the tornado at Spencer, South Dakota, on May 30, 1998, which resulted in the loss of approximately 100 access lines. On December 7, 1998, the Commission approved McCook's request to adjust its minutes of use for loss of minutes associated with the loss of customers due to the Spencer tornado. It further approved the tariff revisions filed on December 1 and December 7, 1998, and rejected the tariffs filed on April 30, 1998, May 29, 1998, and July 24, 1998. On December 22, 1998, the Commission received a revised Tariff No. 1 from LECA. The revised page reflects the removal of exchanges which were inadvertently included in the "Qualifying Company Wire Centers" section of the filing dated November 30, 1998.

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 tariff revision was 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 revision is hereby approved as filed on December 22, 1998. It shall be effective for telecommunications services rendered on and after January 1, 1999.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 6th day of January, 1999.

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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(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner