

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

	ORDER APPROVING STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT AND SWITCHED ACCESS REVENUE REQUIREMENT BY RATE ELEMENT
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT ) OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR ) MIDSTATE TELEPHONE COMPANY )	TC96-091
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT ) OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR SULLY ) BUTTES TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC. )	TC96-094
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT ) OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR ) INTERSTATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ) COOPERATIVE, INC. )	TC96-097
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT ) OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR ) SPLITROCK TELECOM COOPERATIVE, INC. )	TC96-098
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT ) OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR ) BROOKINGS TELEPHONE COMPANY )	TC96-106
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT ) OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR ) SANBORN TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE )	TC96-108
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT ) OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR ) KENNEBEC TELEPHONE COMPANY )	TC96-109
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT ) OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR ) WESTERN TELEPHONE COMPANY )	TC96-110
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT ) OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR UNION ) TELEPHONE COMPANY )	TC96-111
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT ) OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR ) CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX TRIBE TELEPHONE ) AUTHORITY )	TC96-113

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT )	
OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR TRI- )	TC96-114
COUNTY TELCOM, INC. )	
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT )	
OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR JAMES )	TC96-115
VALLEY COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE )	
COMPANY )	
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT )	
OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR SIOUX )	TC96-116
VALLEY TELEPHONE COMPANY )	
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT )	
OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR )	TC96-117
STOCKHOLM-STRANDBURG TELEPHONE )	
COMPANY )	
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT )	
OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR )	TC96-118
ROBERTS COUNTY TELEPHONE )	
COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION )	
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT )	
OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR WEST )	TC96-119
RIVER TELECOMMUNICATIONS )	
COOPERATIVE OF HAZEN, NORTH DAKOTA )	
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT )	
OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR GOLDEN )	TC96-121
WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. )	
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT )	
OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR )	TC96-124
BERESFORD MUNICIPAL TELEPHONE )	
COMPANY )	

The Public Utilities Commission (Commission) opened each of the above-captioned dockets (Dockets) during the period from June 11, 1996, through July 10, 1996. Each Docket represents company filings of revenue requirements that are included in the LECA switched access rate filing, Docket TC96-092.

The Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing of each of the Dockets and their respective intervention deadlines to interested individuals and entities. Intervention in each Docket was granted to U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST). U S WEST subsequently withdrew its intervention in each of the Dockets.

On November 20, 1996, Commission Staff and the parties filed with the Commission a separate Stipulation and Agreement for each Docket.

A hearing regarding these matters was held on December 2, 1996. Commission Staff recommended approval of the Stipulation and Agreement in each docket. Each Stipulation and Agreement contained the revenue requirement by rate element for a specific LECA member company which in total would decrease the switched access rate elements for LECA.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26, 49-1-11, 49-31-18, 49-31-19 and ARSD Chapters 20:10:27 through 20:10:29, inclusive.

The Commission voted to approve each of the Stipulation and Agreements filed in the above captioned matter which contain the revenue requirement for each switched access element. The Commission will review the switched access rates prior to May of 1997 to determine whether the provisions on the February 24, 1994 Settlement Agreement have been followed.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that each of the Stipulation and Agreements filed in the above captioned matter which contain the revenue requirement for each switched access element shall be approved.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1996.

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>William Kelbo</i></u>
Date: <u>12/11/96</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

*Kenneth Stofferahn*  
KENNETH STOFFERAHN, Chairman

*James A. Burg*  
JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner

*Laska Schoenfelder*  
LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner