

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY FORT )            ORDER APPROVING  
RANDALL TELEPHONE COMPANY AND )            REVENUE REQUIREMENT  
MOUNT RUSHMORE TELEPHONE COMPANY )  
TO ESTABLISH SWITCHED ACCESS RATES )            TC99-054**

On May 3, 1999, Fort Randall Telephone Company and Mount Rushmore Telephone Company (Fort Randall/Mount Rushmore) filed for approval by the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) its 1998 Intrastate Switched Access Cost Study. On June 10, 1999, Fort Randall/Mount Rushmore filed its revised Cost Study.

On May 6, 1999, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 21, 1999, to interested individuals and entities. On July 13, 1999, the Commission voted to assess a filing fee as requested by the Executive Director up to the statutory limit of \$100,000. Staff filed a memorandum on December 10, 1999, with the concurrence of the company, setting forth a recommended revenue requirement and minutes of use. The Commission considered this matter at its December 28, 1999, meeting. The matter was deferred so that the company could respond to questions raised by the Commission. The Commission again considered this matter at its January 6, 2000, 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 Fort Randall/Mount Rushmore's filing, the Commission found that the revenue requirement and minutes of use as depicted in Staff's memorandum were fair and reasonable and should be approved. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED that Fort Randall/Mount Rushmore's revenue requirement and minutes of use are hereby approved as revised and shall be used in the determination of its switched access rates.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 14th day of January, 2000.

<p><b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>By: _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p style="text-align:center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

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PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner