

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY KADOKA) ORDER APPROVING
TELEPHONE COMPANY TO ESTABLISH) SWITCHED ACCESS RATES
SWITCHED ACCESS RATES) TC02-075**

On June 25, 2002, Kadoka Telephone Company (Kadoka) filed for approval by the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) its revised switched access tariff sheets. This filing reflects the switched access rates as determined by dividing the Commission approved revenue requirement by the Commission approved minutes of use for the cost study companies operating in South Dakota, excluding Qwest Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2000.

On June 27, 2002, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 12, 2002, to interested individuals and entities. On July 9, 2002, the Commission received a Petition to Intervene from S&S Communications (S&S). On July 23, 2002, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission granted intervention to S&S. The Commission considered this matter at its September 5, 2002, meeting. S&S withdrew its Petition to Intervene. Commission Staff recommended approval.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 1-26-17.1, 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, 20:10:27:08, 20:10:27:11 and 20:10:27:12. Upon review of Kadoka's filing, the Commission found that the revised switched access rates were fair and reasonable and should be approved. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that Kadoka's revised switched access rates are hereby approved.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 18th day of September, 2002.

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>Aldino Kalbo</i></u>
Date: <u>9/20/02</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner