

**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) TC02-090

On July 1, 2002, 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 implement changes in rates as necessitated by revisions in member companies' revenue requirements. The revised rates are proposed to be effective upon PUC approval of the corresponding cost studies."

On July 5, 2002, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 19, 2002, to interested individuals and entities. On July 15, 2002, the Commission received a Petition to Intervene from S&S Communications (S&S). On July 23, 2002, the Commission granted intervention to S&S. The Commission also voted to assess a filing fee as requested by the Executive Director up to the statutory limit of \$100,000. On May 30, 2003, the Commission received revised pages of LECA's Tariff No. 1. The purpose of these revisions is to implement changes in rates as necessitated by revisions in member companies' requirements and also to reflect a few minor textural changes. LECA requested a July 1, 2003, effective date. The Commission considered this matter at its July 1, 2003, meeting. Commission Staff recommended approval of the tariff revisions, subject to refund with interest.

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 proposed tariff revisions were timely noticed for a July 1, 2003, effective date. As the Commission's decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that LECA's tariff revisions are effective as of July 1, 2003, subject to refund with interest.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 14th day of July, 2003.

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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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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