

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT)	ORDER APPROVING
OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR SOUTH)	REVENUE REQUIREMENT
DAKOTA NETWORK, LLC)	AND TARIFF REVISIONS
)	TC02-091

On July 1, 2002, South Dakota Network, LLC (SDN) filed for approval by the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) its 2001 Intrastate Switched Access Cost Study and tariff revisions effective August 1, 2002. On September 8, 2003, SDN filed an amended 2001 Intrastate Switched Access Cost Study.

On July 3, 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). At a regularly scheduled meeting of 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 July 11, 2003, the Commission received a Motion to Dismiss S&S as intervenor in this proceeding from SDN. At its regularly scheduled meeting of August 19, 2003, the Commission granted the Motion to Dismiss. Staff filed a memorandum on September 4, 2003, with the concurrence of the company, setting forth a recommended revenue requirement that would establish a local switching rate of \$0.0080. The Commission considered this matter at its October 16, 2003, 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 SDN's filings, the Commission found that the revenue requirement was fair and reasonable and the associated tariff sheets should be approved. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that SDN's local switching rate of \$0.0080 is hereby approved and shall be effective for telecommunications services rendered on and after the date of this order.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 29th day of October, 2003.

<p>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</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: <u>Hilaine Kalbo</u></p> <p>Date: <u>10/29/03</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner