

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY )</b>	<b>ORDER APPROVING</b>
<b>NORTHERN VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, LLC )</b>	<b>TARIFF</b>
<b>FOR APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO ITS )</b>	
<b>INTRASTATE SWITCHED ACCESS TARIFF )</b>	<b>TC03-113</b>

On July 16, 2003, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a petition from Northern Valley Communications, LLC (Northern Valley) for approval of revisions to its Intrastate Switched Access Tariff No. 1. Northern Valley states that its revised tariff rates are based on a statewide average in accordance with ARSD 20:10:27:12. These rates are based on the revenue requirement for LECA companies that is currently an interim rate.

On July 17, 2003, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of August 1, 2003, to interested individuals and entities. No comments or petitions to intervene were filed.

On August 19, 2003, the Commission voted to approve the revisions to Northern Valley's Intrastate Switched Access Tariff No. 1, subject to refund, with interest, should the final LECA rate be lower than the interim rate.

On May 12, 2006, the Commission received a letter from Northern Valley stating that the filed rate in this docket was the final rate and there is no refund or interest due by Northern Valley to any IXC's. Commission Staff recommended that the Commission open Docket TC03-113 and enter an order that the rates approved by the order dated August 29, 2003, should be the final rates and not subject to refund with interest because the interim rate approved for Northern Valley was less than the final statewide average rate approved in Docket TC02-090, the Local Exchange Carriers Association switched access rates docket.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-31-18, 49-31-19 and ARSD 20:10:27:12.

At a regularly scheduled meeting of August 8, 2006, the Commission voted to reopen Docket TC03-113, approved the revisions to Northern Valley's Intrastate Switched Access Tariff No. 1 as its final rate and not subject to refund with interest and again close the docket. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Docket TC03-113 is hereby reopened, Northern Valley's revised Intrastate Switched Access Tariff No. 1 is approved as its final rate and not subject to refund with interest and Docket TC03-113 is again closed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2006.

**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: Melanie Koelbo

Date: 8/25/06

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Robert K. Sahr

ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

Dustin M. Johnson

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