

Public Utilities Commission
Notice of Public Hearing to Adopt Rules

A public hearing will be held in Room 464, 4th Floor, State Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota, on January 20, 2011, at 1:00 p.m., to consider the adoption and amendment of proposed rules numbered 20:10:27:01, 20:10:27:02, 20:10:27:02.01, 20:10:27:02.02, 20:10:27:04, 20:10:27:07, 20:10:27:11, and 20:10:27:12.

The effect of the rules will be to establish and revise rules to determine switched access rates charged by competitive local exchange carrier charges. Switched access rates are the rates that are charged to other telecommunications carriers to originate and terminate calls. The proposed rules would allow a competitive local exchange carrier to charge a rate as set forth in the rules or file a cost study that would be a factor in determining the rate. See 20:10:27:02.01 and 20:10:27:02.02. In addition, a competitive local exchange carrier would have the opportunity to use generally accepted accounting principles instead of the uniform system of accounts when conducting a cost study. See 20:10:27:04.

The reason for the rules is to revise how switched access rates are set for competitive local exchange carriers.

Persons interested in presenting data, opinions, and arguments for or against the proposed rules may do so by appearing in person at the hearing or by sending them to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, State Capitol, 500 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070. Material sent by mail must reach the Public Utilities Commission by January 31, 2011, to be considered.

After the hearing, the Commission will consider all written and oral comments it receives on the proposed rules. The Commission may modify or amend a proposed rule at that time to include or exclude matters that are described in this notice.

Notice is further given to individuals with disabilities that this hearing is being held in a physically accessible place. Please notify the Public Utilities Commission at least 48 hours before the public hearing if you have special needs for which special arrangements must be made. The telephone number for making special arrangements is (605) 773-3201.

Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained without charge from the

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol
500 East Capitol
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The proposed rules may also be found on the Public Utilities Commission's home page at the following address:

<http://puc.sd.gov/Dockets/Rulemaking/2005/RM05-002.aspx>