

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING OF HILLS )  
TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC. FOR APPROVAL )  
OF REVISIONS TO ITS ACCESS SERVICES )  
TARIFF NO. 1 )**

**ORDER APPROVING TARIFF )  
REVISIONS )  
TC21-099 )**

On July 27, 2021, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Hills Telephone Company, Inc. (nka Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc.) for approval of revisions to its Switched Access Services Tariff No. 1. This filing proposes the first step in implementing the 8YY Access Service reductions mandated in the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) October 9, 2020, Report and Order in WC Docket No. 18-156, FCC Release No. 20-143, regarding 8YY access charge reform. Hills Telephone Company, Inc. requests an effective date of July 1, 2021.

On July 29, 2021, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of August 13, 2021, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were received. On August 2, 2021, from Hills Telephone Company, Inc. filed a corrected letter and tariff pages. On October 12, 2021, Hills Telephone Company, Inc. filed revised tariff pages.

The following revised tariff pages were filed for Commission approval:

Tariff No. 1

3rd Revised Title Page	Cancels 2nd Revised Title Page
3rd Revised Page 17-1	Cancels 2nd Revised Page 17-1
3rd Revised Page 17-4	Cancels 2nd Revised Page 17-4

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on October 28, 2021, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval with an effective date of July 1, 2021. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the above referenced revisions to Hills Telephone Company, Inc.'s Access Service Tariff No. 1 effective as of July 1, 2021. It is therefore

**ORDERED**, that the above-referenced revisions to Hills Telephone Company, Inc.'s Access Service Tariff No. 1 are hereby approved, effective as of July 1, 2021.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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, electronically or by mail.
By: <u>Adam Huelck</u>
Date: <u>10/29/21</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner