

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY THE) ORDER ASSESSING FILING
LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS ASSOCIATION) FEE
FOR SWITCHED ACCESS TARIFF REVISIONS) TC97-054

On May 16, 1997, 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 access rates in compliance with FCC orders on pay phone reclassification."

On May 29, 1997, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 13, 1997, to interested individuals and entities. On June 24, 1997, the Commission found that the petition to intervene filed by AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. (AT&T) was timely filed and demonstrated good cause to grant intervention. The Commission further directed the executive director to set a procedural schedule in this matter.

SDCL 49-31-12.6 authorizes the Commission to require a deposit of up to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) in the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission's (SDPUC) regulatory assessment fee fund to defray Commission expenses incident to analyzing and ruling upon this type of filing. The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26, 49-1A, 49-31 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.02, 20:10:01:15.05, 20:10:27:07, 20:10:27:08, and 20:10:27:14.

On July 15, 1997, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission found that pursuant to SDCL 49-31-12.6, LECA shall be assessed \$1,000 initially, subject to additional amounts as requested by the executive director up to the statutory limit. It is therefore

ORDERED that LECA deposit an initial assessment of \$1,000 in the SDPUC regulatory fee fund and shall deposit any additional amounts as requested by the executive director.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 29th day of July, 1997.

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: <u>Helaine Kalbo</u>
Date: <u>7/29/97</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner