

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT)	ORDER ASSESSING FILING
OF SWITCHED ACCESS REVENUE)	FEE
REQUIREMENT FOR MOBRIDGE)	TC98-094
TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY)	

On May 1, 1998, Mobridge Telecommunications Company (Mobridge) filed for approval by the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) its 1997 Intrastate Switched Access Cost Study. Mobridge also requested, pursuant to ARSD 20:10:27:10, that the Commission allow the use of GVNW's cost study model rather than the Commission's model.

On May 7, 1998, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 22, 1998, to interested individuals and entities.

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 over this matter pursuant to SDCL 1-26-17.1, 49-1A-9, 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.

On May 28, 1998, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission, pursuant to SDCL 49-31-12.6, unanimously voted to assess Mobridge a \$3,000 filing fee, subject to additional amounts as requested by the Executive Director up to the statutory limit of \$100,000, and the Commission further voted to allow Mobridge to use its own cost study model. It is therefore

ORDERED that Mobridge shall deposit an initial assessment of \$3,000 in the SDPUC regulatory assessment fee fund and shall deposit any additional amounts as requested by the Executive Director up to the statutory limit of \$100,000. It is further

ORDERED that Mobridge be allowed to use its own cost study model.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 11th day of June, 1998.

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><i>Melvin Kells</i></u>
Date: <u>6/12/98</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Laska Schöenfelder
LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner