BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS REVENUE REQUIREMENT FOR GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, INC.	))))	ORDER APPROVING REVENUE REQUIREMENT TC98-106

On May 27, 1998, Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. (Golden West) filed for approval by the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) its 1997 Intrastate Switched Access Cost Study.

On May 28, 1998, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 12, 1998, to interested individuals and entities. On August 4, 1998, the Commission voted to assess a $3,000 filing fee. Staff filed a memorandum on November 6, 1998, with the concurrence of the company, setting forth a recommended revenue requirement. The Commission considered this matter at its November 25, 1998, meeting.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 1-26-17.1, 49-1A-9, 49-31-12.4, 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. Upon review of Golden West's filing, the Commission found that the revenue requirement as depicted in Staff's memorandum was fair and reasonable and should be approved. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED that Golden West's revenue requirement is hereby approved as revised and shall be incorporated in the Local Exchange Carriers Association's determination of switched access rates. (See TC98-090.)

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 4th day of December, 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: Delaine Kolbo

Date: 12/8/98

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner