

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY FORT) ORDER ASSESSING FILING
RANDALL TELEPHONE COMPANY AND) FEE
MOUNT RUSHMORE TELEPHONE COMPANY)
TO ESTABLISH SWITCHED ACCESS RATES) TC99-054

On May 3, 1999, Fort Randall Telephone Company and Mount Rushmore Telephone Company (Fort Randall/Mount Rushmore) filed for approval by the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a combined switched access cost study similar to an interstate filing with a combined study area. The switched access rates will be used by both companies.

On May 6, 1999, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 21, 1999, 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 July 13, 1999, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission, pursuant to SDCL 49-31-12.6, unanimously voted to assess Fort Randall/Mount Rushmore a filing fee as requested by the Executive Director up to the statutory limit of \$100,000. It is therefore

ORDERED that Fort Randall/Mount Rushmore shall deposit in the SDPUC regulatory assessment fee fund an amount as requested by the Executive Director up to the statutory limit of \$100,000.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 16th day of July, 1999.

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>Delaine Kalbo</i></u>
Date: <u>7/19/99</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Laska Schoenfelder
LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner