

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT ) OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR THE ) LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS ASSOCIATION ) (LECA) )	ORDER APPROVING TARIFF REVISIONS  TC99-067
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On June 28, 1999, 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 rates as necessitated by revisions in member companies' revenue requirements and to include data for additional exchanges acquired from U S WEST by Vivian Telephone Company and East Plains Telecom, Inc. There also is one minor textual correction included with this filing. The revised rates are proposed to be effective upon PUC approval of the corresponding cost studies."

On July 1, 1999, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 16, 1999, to interested individuals and entities. On July 13, 1999, the Commission voted to assess a filing fee as requested by the Executive Director up to the statutory limit of \$100,000. The Commission considered this matter at its December 28, 1999, meeting. The matter was deferred at that time. The Commission again considered this matter at its January 6, 2000, meeting. Commission Staff recommended approval of the tariff revisions that incorporate the revised revenue requirements of some member companies.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 1-26-17.1, 49-1A-9, 49-31-12.2, 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 LECA's filing, the Commission found that the proposed tariff revisions are fair and reasonable and should be approved. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED that LECA's tariff revisions are hereby approved as filed and shall be effective for telecommunications services rendered on and after January 15, 2000.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2000.

<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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u>    Melaine Kelso    </u>
Date: <u>    1/14/00    </u>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

    James A. Burg      
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

    Pam Nelson      
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

    Laska Schoenfelder      
LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner