

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT) OF SWITCHED ACCESS REVENUE) REQUIREMENT FOR BALTIC TELECOM) COOPERATIVE)	ORDER APPROVING REVENUE REQUIREMENT TC00-081
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On May 15, 2000, Baltic Telecom Cooperative (Baltic) filed for approval by the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) its 1999 Intrastate Switched Access Cost Study.

On May 18, 2000, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 2, 2000, to interested individuals and entities. On June 20, 2000, the Commission voted to assess a filing fee as requested by the Executive Director up to the statutory limit of \$100,000. Staff filed a memorandum on August 31, 2000, with the concurrence of the company, setting forth a recommended revenue requirement and minutes of use. The Commission considered this matter at its November 30, 2000, meeting. The matter was deferred at that time. The Commission again considered this matter at its December 12, 2000, 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 Baltic's filing, the Commission found that the revenue requirement and minutes of use as depicted in Staff's memorandum were fair and reasonable and should be approved. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that Baltic's revenue requirement and minutes of use are hereby approved as revised and shall be incorporated in the Local Exchange Carriers Association's determination of switched access rates. (See TC00-102.)

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 20th day of December, 2000.

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:	<i>Delaine Kelso</i>
Date:	<i>12/21/00</i>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



JAMES A. BURG, Chairman



PAM NELSON, Commissioner



LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner