

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST BY WEST )  
RIVER TELECOMMUNICATIONS )  
COOPERATIVE FOR A WAIVER OF A )  
REQUIREMENT TO FILE A SWITCHED )  
ACCESS COST STUDY )

ORDER GRANTING THE  
WAIVER REQUEST

TC00-096

On June 15, 2000, West River Telecommunications Cooperative (West River) filed with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a request to waive ARSD 20:10:27:07 which requires a company to submit "cost data in support of its switched access service tariff no less than once every three years." West River states that "such a waiver [should be] allowed given that: 1) the estimated impact on access rates of a filing is negligible, 2) the cost of making a filing is significant given the number of customers involved, [and] 3) a similar filing by West River for its South Dakota study area, Mobridge Telecommunication Company, would more than offset the West River reduction." West River Telecommunications Cooperative is a member of the Local Exchange Carriers Association.

On June 22, 2000, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 7, 2000, to interested individuals and entities.

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 20, 2000, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission found good cause to grant the requested waiver for a period of one year. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the requested waiver is hereby granted for a period of one year.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 21st day of July, 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>Delaine Kolbo</u>
Date:	<u>7/24/00</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Pam Nelson  
PAM NELSON, Vice Chair

Laska Schoenfelder  
LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner