

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF FIBER)
RING REVENUE-POOLING ASSOCIATION)
FOR APPROVAL OF REVENUE POOLING)
ARRANGEMENTS)**

**ORDER APPROVING
PETITION**

TC00-084

On May 17, 2000, the Fiber Ring Revenue-Pooling Association (FRRPA) filed a petition requesting the Public Utilities Commissions (Commission) to: 1) find that FRRPA's pooling arrangements are in the public interest; 2) review and approve the pooling arrangements between FRRPA and the Ring User Local (RUL) Exchange Companies as represented in the RUL agreements and between FRRPA and the SONET Ring Providers (SRP) as represented in the SRP Agreements; and 3) issue an Order approving said arrangements, as provided in SDCL 49-31-59.1. According to the petition, FRRPA has been organized to provide a pooling mechanism for a collective, cost shared, cost averaged, non-distance sensitive, fully-protected transport network for local exchange companies whose traffic is carried on any of the joint South Dakota local exchange companies and SDN SONET ring transport facilities.

On May 25, 2000, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of this filing and the intervention deadline of June 9, 2000, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

At its duly noticed July 13, 2000, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the petition. Commission Staff recommended its approval.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-59.1. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the petition. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves the petition.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 20th day of July, 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: <u>Delaine Koelb</u>
Date: <u>7/20/00</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner