

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT) OF SWITCHED ACCESS REVENUE) REQUIREMENT FOR GOLDEN WEST) TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, INC.)	ORDER APPROVING REVENUE REQUIREMENT TC01-076
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On June 26, 2001, Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. (Golden West) filed for approval by the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) its 2000 Intrastate Switched Access Cost Study.

On June 28, 2001, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 13, 2001, to interested individuals and entities. On July 24, 2001, 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 January 10, 2002, with the concurrence of the company, setting forth a recommended revenue requirement and minutes of use. The Commission considered this matter at its January 24, 2002, 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 Golden West'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 Golden West'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 TC01-088.)

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 31st day of January, 2002.

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>Aldine Kalbo</i></u>
Date: <u>2/1/02</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner