

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR) ORDER APPROVING PLAN
APPROVAL OF DISAGGREGATION OF)
FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT) TC02-047
BY KENNEBEC TELEPHONE COMPANY)

On May 14, 2002, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a proposed Universal Service Support Disaggregation plan submitted by Kennebec Telephone Company (Kennebec) in accordance with 47 C.F.R. Section 54.315. Kennebec has selected Path 2 as described in Section 54.315(c).

On May 16, 2002, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 31, 2002, to interested individuals and entities. On May 31, 2002, South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA) filed a Petition to Intervene. On June 11, 2002, SDTA withdrew its petition. At its regularly scheduled June 13, 2002, meeting, the Commission considered Kennebec's filing. Commission Staff recommended approving the disaggregation plan as filed.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31. The Commission finds that the plan filed by Kennebec is consistent with the general requirements stated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.315(e) applicable to the disaggregation and targeting of universal service support. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the plan. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the plan as filed by Kennebec is hereby approved.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 19th day of June, 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>Delaine Kalbo</u>
Date: <u>6/21/02</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