

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT ) ORDER APPROVING RATE  
OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR THE ) REVISIONS  
LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS ASSOCIATION ) TC02-090**

On July 1, 2002, the Local Exchange Carriers Association (LECA) filed for approval by the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) revised pages of its LECA Tariff No. 1. The purpose of these revisions is to implement changes in rates as necessitated by revisions in member companies' revenue requirements and access minutes of use.

On July 3, 2002, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 19, 2002, to interested individuals and entities. On July 15, 2002, the Commission received a Petition to Intervene from S&S Communications (S&S). At a regularly scheduled meeting of July 23, 2002, the Commission granted intervention to S&S. The Commission also voted to assess a filing fee as requested by the Executive Director up to the statutory limit of \$100,000. On July 11, 2003, the Commission received a Motion to Dismiss S&S as intervenor in this proceeding from LECA. At its regularly scheduled meeting of August 19, 2003, the Commission granted the Motion to Dismiss. The Commission considered this matter at its November 4, 2003, meeting. Commission Staff recommended approval of originating and terminating rates filed on November 3, 2003.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 1-26-17.1, 49-1A-9, 49-31-12.2, 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 LECA's revised filing, the Commission found that the originating and terminating rates are fair and reasonable and should be approved. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that LECA's revised originating and terminating rates are hereby approved as filed on November 3, 2003, and shall be effective for telecommunications services rendered on and after December 1, 2003.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2003.

<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><i>Neldaine Kalbo</i></u>
Date: <u>11/14/03</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

*Robert K. Sahr*  
ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

*Gary Hanson*  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

*James A. Burg*  
JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner