

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT)	ORDER PERMITTING
OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR THE)	TARIFF REVISIONS TO
LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS ASSOCIATION)	TAKE EFFECT, SUBJECT
)	TO REFUND WITH
)	INTEREST
)	TC04-119

On June 30, 2004, the Local Exchange Carriers Association (LECA) filed for approval by the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) revised pages of its LECA Tariff No. 1. LECA stated: 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. LECA requested that the revised rates be effective August 1, 2004.

On July 1, 2004, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 16, 2004, to interested individuals and entities. The Commission considered this matter at its July 20, 2004, meeting. Commission Staff recommended approval of the tariff revisions, subject to refund with interest.

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 filing, the Commission found that the proposed tariff revisions were timely noticed for an August 1, 2004, effective date. As the Commission's decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that LECA's tariff revisions are not suspended and shall be effective as of August 1, 2004, subject to refund with interest to the extent required in the Commission's final decision issued in this docket pursuant to SDCL 49-31-7.4 after notice and opportunity for hearing

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 5th day of August, 2004.

<p>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</p> <p>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.</p> <p>By: <u>Helaine Kolbo</u></p> <p>Date: <u>8/5/04</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner