

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF</b>	)	<b>ORDER GRANTING</b>
<b>SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR THE LOCAL</b>	)	<b>INTERVENTION AND</b>
<b>EXCHANGE CARRIERS ASSOCIATION</b>	)	<b>ORDER SUSPENDING</b>
	)	<b>ACCESS TARIFF</b>
	)	
	)	<b>TC05-096</b>

On June 29, 2005, the Local Exchange Carriers Association (LECA) filed for approval by the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) its 2004 Intrastate Switched Access Cost Study. 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 1, 2005 and August 31, 2005, LECA filed amended 2004 Intrastate Switched Access Cost Studies.

On June 30, 2005, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 15, 2005, to interested individuals and entities. On August 30, 2005, the Commission received Petitions to Intervene from MCI (MCI) and Midcontinent Communications (Midcontinent). On September 2, 2005, the Commission received an Amended Petition to Intervene from MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC (MCImetro). On September 14, 2005, the Commission received a Petition to Intervene from AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. (AT&T). On September 15, 2005, the Commission received Answers of LECA to MCImetro and Midcontinent's Petitions to Intervene. On September 23, 2005, the Commission received an Answer of LECA to AT&T's Petition to Intervene. On September 23, 2005, the Commission received a Request for Suspension of Tariff from Midcontinent. On September 26, 2005, the Commission received Staff's Response to MCI, Midcontinent and AT&T's Petitions to Intervene and Midcontinent's Request for Suspension of Tariff.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 1-26-17.1, 49-1A-9, 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.

At a regularly scheduled meeting of September 27, 2005, the Commission found that the Petitions to Intervene demonstrated good cause to grant intervention. Also, the Commission unanimously voted to suspend the effective date of LECA's switched access rate for 120 days after the proposed effective date of October 1, 2005. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Petitions to Intervene of MCImetro, Midcontinent and AT&T are hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED, that the effective date for LECA's switched access rate be suspended for 120 days from the proposed effective date of October 1, 2005.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2005.

**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: *Aldine Kalbo*

Date: 10/5/05

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

*Gary Hanson*  
GARY HANSON, Chairman

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

*Dustin M. Johnson*  
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner