

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT)	ORDER ASSESSING FILING
OF SWITCHED ACCESS REVENUE)	FEE AND ORDER
REQUIREMENT FOR WEST RIVER)	GRANTING USE OF OWN
TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE)	COST STUDY PROGRAM
)	TC05-109

On July 21, 2005, West River Telecommunications Cooperative (West River) filed for approval by the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) its 2004 Intrastate Switched Access Cost Study.

On July 27, 2005, the Commission received a letter from West River requesting that the Commission allow West River to use GVNW's cost study model.

On July 28, 2005, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of August 5, 2005, to interested individuals and entities.

SDCL 49-31-12.6 authorizes the Commission to require a deposit of up to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) in the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission's (SDPUC) regulatory assessment fee fund to defray Commission expenses incident to analyzing and ruling upon this type of filing.

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, 20:10:27:08 and 20:10:27:14.

On August 9, 2005, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission, pursuant to SDCL 49-31-12.6, unanimously voted to assess West River a \$1,000 filing fee, subject to additional amounts as requested by the Executive Director up to the statutory limit of \$100,000. Commission Staff recommended that West River be allowed to use the GVNW cost study program as its cost study. The Commission unanimously voted to approve West River's request for use of GVNW's cost study model. It is therefore

ORDERED, that West River shall deposit an initial assessment of \$1,000 in the SDPUC regulatory assessment fee fund and shall deposit any additional amounts as requested by the Executive Director up to the statutory limit of \$100,000. It is further

ORDERED, that West River be allowed to use the GVNW cost study program as its cost study.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 18th day of August, 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: Melaine Kolbo

Date: 8/18/05

(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