

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SSTELECOM, INC.
FOR APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO ITS INTRASTATE
SWITCHED ACCESS TARIFF NO. 1**

) **ORDER APPROVING TARIFF**
) **REVISIONS**
)
) **TC12-032**

On April 6, 2012, SSTELECOM, Inc. (SSTELECOM) filed an application with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for approval of revisions to its Intrastate Switched Access Tariff No. 1. In this filing, SSTELECOM is including exceptions to the approved revisions to Local Exchange Carriers Association's (LECA) South Dakota Access Tariff No. 1 (LECA Tariff). The LECA Tariff was recently revised to be in compliance with the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) Report and Order in WC Docket Nos. 10-90, FCC Release No. 11-161 (Nov. 18, 2011). These approved revisions have an effective date of December 29, 2011. Further, this filing was made pursuant to the FCC Clarification Order issued February 3, 2012 (DA 12-147). In this Order, at the end of paragraph 24, the FCC clarified "when a carrier's intrastate access rate is lower than its corresponding interstate access rate, that carrier may not, in its intrastate tariff, include a rate for toll VoIP-PSTN traffic that is higher than its intrastate access rate." SSTELECOM has a lower intrastate switched access rate per minute on the intrastate jurisdiction versus the interstate jurisdiction.

The following tariff pages were filed with regard to this revision:

Second Revised Title Page, Cancels First Revised Title Page
Original Page 6-1
Original Page 17-5

On April 12, 2012, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of April 27, 2012, to interested individuals and entities. No parties sought intervention.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of May 8, 2012, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the requested revisions to SSTELECOM's Intrastate Access Services Tariff No. 1. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves the above referenced revisions to SSTELECOM's Intrastate Access Services Tariff No. 1 effective as of December 29, 2011.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 14th day of May, 2012.

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, electronically.	
By:	<u>Joy King</u>
Date:	<u>5-11-12</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner