

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO ITS ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF NO. 1))))	ORDER APPROVING TARIFF REVISIONS TC12-040
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On May 18, 2012, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Local Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. (LECA) for approval of revisions to its Access Services Tariff No. 1. The purpose of this filing is to implement the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) intercarrier compensation reforms as set forth in its Connect America Fund Order (Order), released November 18, 2011.¹ As part of its Order, the FCC adopted "bill-and-keep as the default methodology" and "end state" for all intercarrier compensation traffic, including intrastate traffic. The FCC further adopted a defined "transition path" for moving to this end state. The first reduction mandated by the FCC's Order requires a carrier to reduce its intrastate terminating access rate, if above the carrier's interstate access rate, by 50 percent of the differential between the carrier's intrastate rate and the carrier's interstate access rate. The reduced rates are required to be effective by July 3, 2012.²

LECA requested approval of the following tariff pages:

6 th Revised Checklist Page 1	1 st Revised Page 17-2
5 th Revised Checklist Page 2	2 nd Revised Page 17-3
27 th Revised Checklist Page 3	24 th Revised Page 17-4
Original Checklist Page 4	Original Page 17-4.1 through Original Page 17-4.27
1 st Revised Page 1	6 th Revised Page 18-1
1 st Revised Page 4	4 th Revised Page 18-1.1
2 nd Revised Index Page 34	3 rd Revised Page 18-2
1 st Revised Index Page 36	3 rd Revised Page 18-2.1
1 st Revised Page 3-1	4 th Revised Page 18-3
1 st Revised Page 3-3	2 nd Revised Page 18-4
1 st Revised Page 3-13	7 th Revised Page 18-5
1 st Revised Page 3-14	2 nd Revised Page 18-5.1
1 st Revised Page 3-15	6 th Revised Page 18-6
2 nd Revised Page 6-8	4 th Revised Page 18-6.1
2 nd Revised Page 6-15	6 th Revised Page 18-7
1 st Revised Page 8-1	4 th Revised Page 18-7.1
1 st Revised Page 8-2	7 th Revised Page 18-8
1 st Revised Page 8-3	6 th Revised Page 18-9
1 st Revised Page 8-4	
24 th Revised Page 17-1	

¹ *In the Matter of Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, et al., Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 11-161 (rel. November 18, 2011).

² *See In the Matter of Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, et al., Order, DA 12-870 (rel. June 5, 2012) (allowing effective dates for intrastate filings to be extended from July 1, 2012 to July 3, 2012).

On May 24, 2012, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 8, 2012, to interested individuals and entities. On May 30, 2012, AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. (AT&T) filed a Petition to Intervene. On June 5, 2012, the Commission granted AT&T's Petition to Intervene.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of July 3, 2012, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31. Commission staff recommended approval of all requested tariff revisions except sheet 17-4.5 pertaining to the Brookings Municipal Telephone Department. Staff further recommended that the Commission consider sheet 17-4.5 at a later date. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the requested revisions to LECA's Access Services Tariff No. 1, as recommended by staff. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves the above referenced revisions to LECA's Intrastate Access Services Tariff No. 1 effective as of July 1, 2012, except for sheet 17-4.5.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 12th day of July, 2012.

<p align="center">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, electronically.</p> <p>By: <u>[Signature]</u></p> <p>Date: <u>7-13-12</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

[Signature: Chris Nelson]

CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

[Signature: Kristie Fiegen]

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

[Signature: Gary Hanson]

GARY HANSON, Commissioner