

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY MOUNT RUSHMORE TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES))))	ORDER APPROVING SWITCHED ACCESS RATES TC98-211
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On December 16, 1998, Mount Rushmore Telephone Company (Mount Rushmore) filed for approval by the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) its revised switched access tariff sheets. This filing reflects the switched access rates as determined by dividing the Commission approved revenue requirement by the Commission approved minutes of use for the cost study companies operating in South Dakota, excluding U S WEST Communications, Inc.

On December 16, 1998, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of December 24, 1998, to interested individuals and entities. The Commission considered this matter at its December 30, 1998, meeting. Commission Staff recommended approval.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 1-26-17.1, 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, 20:10:27:08, 20:10:27:11 and 20:10:27:12. Upon review of Mount Rushmore's filing, the Commission found that the revised switched access rates were fair and reasonable and should be approved. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED that Mount Rushmore's revised switched access rates are hereby approved and shall become effective January 1, 1999.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 15th day of January, 1999.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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: _____

Date: _____

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

**LASKA SCHOENFELDER,
Commissioner**