

**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  
REQUIREMENT FOR WESTERN TELEPHONE )  
COMPANY ) TC01-066

On June 20, 2001, Western Telephone Company (Western) filed for approval by the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) its 2000 Intrastate Switched Access Cost Study.

On June 21, 2001, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 6, 2001, 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 and 20:10:27:08.

On July 24, 2001, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission, pursuant to SDCL 49-31-12.6, unanimously voted to assess Western a filing fee as requested by the Executive Director up to the statutory limit of \$100,000. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Western shall deposit in the SDPUC regulatory assessment fee fund an amount as requested by the Executive Director up to the statutory limit of \$100,000, with an initial deposit of \$750.00.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2001.

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: <u>Melaine Kelle</u>
Date: <u>8/3/01</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg  
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson  
PAM NELSON, Commissioner