

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT ) OF SWITCHED ACCESS REVENUE ) REQUIREMENT FOR WEST RIVER ) TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE )	ORDER APPROVING REVENUE REQUIREMENT  TC01-084
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On June 29, 2001, West River Telecommunications Cooperative (West River) filed for approval by the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) its 2000 Intrastate Switched Access Cost Study. On October 29, 2001, West River filed an amended 2000 Intrastate Switched Access Cost Study.

On July 5, 2001, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing, and the request to use GVNW's cost model, and the intervention deadline of July 20, 2001, to interested individuals and entities. On July 24, 2001, the Commission voted to assess a filing fee as requested by the Executive Director up to the statutory limit of \$100,000. The Commission granted West River's request to use the GVNW cost model on August 21, 2001. Staff filed a memorandum on October 30, 2001, with the concurrence of the company, setting forth a recommended revenue requirement and minutes of use. The Commission considered this matter at its November 27, 2001, meeting.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 1-26-17.1, 49-1A-9, 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 and 20:10:27:08. Upon review of West River's filing, the Commission found that the revenue requirement and minutes of use as depicted in Staff's memorandum were fair and reasonable and should be approved. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that West River's revenue requirement and minutes of use are hereby approved as revised and shall be incorporated in the Local Exchange Carriers Association's determination of switched access rates. (See TC01-088.)

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2001.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>	
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><i>Wendine Kalls</i></u>
Date:	<u>12/6/01</u>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

*James A. Burg*  
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

*Pam Nelson*  
PAM NELSON, Commissioner