

**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 GRANTING USE OF OWN COST STUDY PROGRAM 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. As a part of its filing West River also requested that the Commission allow West River to use GVNW's cost study model as opposed to the Commission model for revenue requirement and rate development.

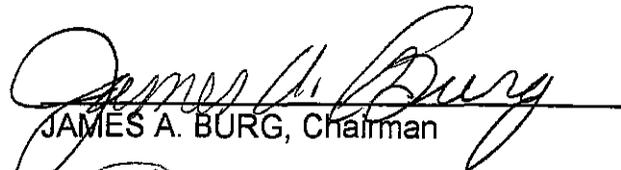
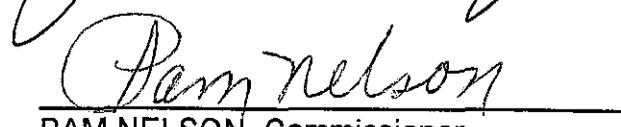
On August 16, 2001, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended that West River be allowed to use the GVNW cost study program as its cost study. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-31-12.6, 49-31-18, 49-31-19 and ARSD 20:10:27:07 and 20:10:27:14. The Commission unanimously voted to approve West River's request for use of GVNW's cost study model. It is therefore

ORDERED that West River be allowed to use the GVNW cost study program as its cost study.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 21st day of August, 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>Delaine Kalbo</u>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

 _____ JAMES A. BURG, Chairman
 _____ PAM NELSON, Commissioner