

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR ) ORDER APPROVING PLAN  
APPROVAL OF DISAGGREGATION OF )  
FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT ) TC02-048  
BY ROBERTS COUNTY TELEPHONE )  
COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION )

On May 14, 2002, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a proposed Universal Service Support Disaggregation plan submitted by Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association (Roberts County) in accordance with 47 C.F.R. Section 54.315. Roberts County has selected Path 2 as described in Section 54.315(c).

On May 16, 2002, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 31, 2002, to interested individuals and entities. On May 31, 2002, South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA) filed a Petition to Intervene. On June 11, 2002, SDTA withdrew its petition. At its regularly scheduled June 13, 2002, meeting, the Commission considered Roberts County's filing. Commission Staff recommended approving the disaggregation plan as filed.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31. The Commission finds that the plan filed by Roberts County is consistent with the general requirements stated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.315(e) applicable to the disaggregation and targeting of universal service support. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the plan. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the plan as filed by Roberts County is hereby approved.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2002.

<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>Helaine Kachro</i></u>
Date: <u>6/21/02</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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

*Pam Nelson*  
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

*Robert K. Sahr*  
ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner