

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT) ORDER ASSESSING FILING
OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR TRI-) FEE
COUNTY TELCOM, INC.) TC96-114

On June 28, 1996, Tri-County Telcom, Inc. (Tri-County) filed for approval by the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) its 1995 Intrastate Switched Access Rate Study.

On July 3, 1996, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 19, 1996, to interested individuals and entities.

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 9, 1996, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission, pursuant to SDCL 49-31-12.6, unanimously voted to assess Tri-County a \$1,000 filing fee, subject to additional amounts as requested by the Executive Director. It is therefore

ORDERED that Tri-County shall deposit an initial assessment of \$1,000 in the SDPUC regulatory assessment fee fund and shall deposit any additional amounts as requested by the Executive Director.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 16th day of July, 1996.

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><i>Delaine Kees</i></u>
Date: <u>7/17/96</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kenneth Stofferahn
KENNETH STOFFERAHN, Chairman

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner