

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT) OF SWITCHED ACCESS REVENUE) REQUIREMENT FOR KENNEBEC TELEPHONE) COMPANY)	ORDER APPROVING REVENUE REQUIREMENT TC98-082
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On April 29, 1998, Kennebec Telephone Company (Kennebec) filed for approval by the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) its 1997 Intrastate Switched Access Cost Study. On May 27, 1998, Kennebec filed its revised Cost Study.

On April 30, 1998, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 15, 1998, to interested individuals and entities. On May 28, 1998, the Commission voted to assess a \$3,000 filing fee. Staff filed a memorandum on August 31, 1998, with the concurrence of the company, setting forth a recommended revenue requirement and minutes of use. The Commission considered this matter at its October 15, 1998, 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 Kennebec's filing, the Commission found that the revenue requirement and minutes of use as depicted in Staff's memorandum was fair and reasonable and should be approved. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED that Kennebec'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 TC98-090.)

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 26th day of October, 1998.

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>Aldine Kalbo</i></u>
Date: <u>10/27/98</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner