

## Telecommunications Orders - Issued 1996

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DAKOTA ) ORDER GRANTING  
 TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ) INTERVENTION  
 AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN )  
 SOUTH DAKOTA ) TC95-087  
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On August 30, 1995, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Dakota Telecommunications Systems, Inc. (DTS) asking the Commission to grant a certificate of authority to operate as a telecommunications company within the State of South Dakota. DTS filed its original application to offer services based upon the anticipated purchase of assets by DTS from U S WEST Communications (USWC) in the exchanges of Centerville, Viborg, Hudson, Gregory, Clearfield and Witten. It was further anticipated that the parent of DTS, Dakota Cooperative Telecommunications, would purchase the assets from USWC to provide telecommunications services to the Lesterville and Tabor exchanges. DTS now files to amend its application to "provide telecommunications services for Centerville, Viborg, Lesterville, Tabor, Vermillion and Yankton. DTS does not contemplate providing services in non-USWC areas. On May 2, 1996, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 17, 1996, to interested individuals and entities.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 1-26 and 49-31, specifically 1-26-17.1, 49-31-2, 49-31-3, 49-31-4, 49-31-5, 49-31-5.1, 49-31-7, 49-31-7.1, 49-31-11, 49-31-12, 49-31-15, 49-31-17, 49-31-18, and 49-31-21.

Petitions to Intervene have been received from parties on the respective dates as follows: South Dakota Independent Telephone Coalition (SDITC), May 16, 1996; Ft. Randall Telephone Company (Ft. Randall), May 17, 1996; and U S WEST Communications, Inc., May 9, 1996. At a regularly scheduled meeting of May 28, 1996, the Commission found that the Petitions to Intervene were timely filed and demonstrated good cause to grant intervention. It is therefore

ORDERED that the Petitions to Intervene of SDITC, Ft. Randall, and U S West Communications, Inc. are hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 10th day of June, 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 ORDER OF THE  
 COMMISSION:

KENNETH  
 STOFFERAHN,  
 Chairman

By: Delaine Kolbo

Date: June 10, 1996

JAMES A. BURG,  
Commissioner

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SCHOENFELDER,  
Commissioner

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