

**Telecommunications Orders - Issued 1996**

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DAKOTA TELECOM, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA</b>	) ) ) )	ORDER GRANTING LATE FILED INTERVENTION  TC96-050
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On March 15, 1996, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Petition from Dakota Telecom, Inc. (DTI) seeking a Certificate of Authority to operate as a telecommunications company within the State of South Dakota, specifically including but not limited to, local exchange services.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 1-26, 49-13 and 49-31, specifically 1-26-17.1, 49-31-1(1), 49-31-2, 49-31-3, 49-31-4, 49-31-5.1, 49-31-7, 49-31-7.1 and 49-31-21.

On March 21, 1996, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of this filing and of an intervention deadline of April 5, 1996. Petitions to intervene have been received from parties on the respective dates as follows: South Dakota Independent Telephone Coalition (SDITC), April 4, 1996; and U S WEST Communications, Inc., April 3, 1996. At a regularly scheduled meeting of April 23, 1996, the Commission found that the Petitions to Intervene were timely filed and demonstrated good cause to grant intervention. On April 29, 1996, the Commission received a Petition for Late Filed Intervention from MCI Telecommunications Corporation (MCI). The Commission, a regularly scheduled May 14, 1996, meeting, pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:15.02, found that denial of MCI's petition would be detrimental to the public interest and that MCI should be allowed to intervene. It is therefore

ORDERED that the Petition for Late Filed Intervention of MCI is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 17th day of May, 1996.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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.

KENNETH STOFFERAHN, Chairman

JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner

LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner

By: Delaine Kolbo

Date: May 17, 1996

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