

Telecommunications Orders - Issued 1996

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.)))	ORDER GRANTING PERMISSION FOR DISCOVERY TC96-107
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On June 24, 1996, U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST) filed for approval by the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) its 1995 switched access cost study. According to the application, the study develops an overall average calculated rate of \$.066 cents per minute required to recover the costs. The following companies were granted intervention on July 30, 1996: Sprint Communications Company (Sprint); MCI Telecommunications Corporation (MCI); Express Communications, Inc. (Express); AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. (AT&T); Telecommunications Action Group (TAG)(1); and Dakota Cooperative Telecommunications, Inc. (DCT).

On August 21, 1996, the Commission received a motion from AT&T seeking permission to serve its first set of data requests and requests for production of documents upon U S WEST and to expedite discovery.

At an ad hoc August 28, 1996, meeting, the Commission considered the positions of the parties and staff.

The Commission, having jurisdiction in this matter, hereby

ORDERS that U S WEST shall respond to the interrogatories and document requests of AT&T which were attached to its motion for same and which have been filed in this docket and further

ORDERS that answers and requested documents shall be furnished 30 days from the date of this order.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 30th day of August, 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: _____

LASKA SCHOENFELDER,
Commissioner

Date: _____

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

(1)TAG members include Midco Communications, TCIC Communications, TeleTech, FirsTel, and Tel Serv.

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