

## Telecommunications Orders - Issued 1996

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.</b>	)	<b>ORDER REOPENING RECORD</b>
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	)	<b>TC96-107</b>

On June 24, 1996, U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST) filed for approval by the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) its Intrastate Switched Access Rate Study. Intervention has been granted to Sprint Communications Company, MCI Telecommunications Corporation, Express Communications, Inc., AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc., Telecommunications Action Group (which includes Midco Communications, TCIC Communications, TeleTech, FirsTel, and Tel Serv) and Dakota Cooperative Telecommunications, Inc.

A duly noticed hearing in this docket was held on October 9 and 10, 1996, before the Commission and the respective parties submitted written briefs for the Commission's consideration. This matter was placed on the Commission agenda for a decision on December 9, 1996, at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission. At that meeting, a motion was made by Commissioner Schoenfelder that the record be reopened for purposes of taking additional evidence; Commissioner Burg seconded this motion. Commission Chairman Stofferahn dissented.

The Commission, having reviewed the record in this docket and having considered the briefs and arguments of the respective parties and their counsel, hereby

ORDERS that the record be reopened for purposes of taking additional evidence and that the Commission's Executive Director work with the parties and establish a procedural schedule for further hearing in this docket.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 19th day of December, 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.

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

LASKA SCHOENFELDER,  
Commissioner

KENNETH STOFFERAHN, Chairman

Dissenting

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