

Telecommunications Orders - Issued 1996

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION BY U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR ADOPTION OF SERVICE RESALE RULES) **ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION, DENYING RULEMAKING REQUEST AND CLOSING DOCKET**

) **TC96-161**

On September 9, 1996, U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST) filed with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a request for rulemaking pursuant to SDCL Chapter 1-26 for rules to regulate the provisioning of local exchange services by resale.

Intervention was sought by Dakota Cooperative Telecommunications, Inc. (DCT),

Dakota Telecom, Inc. (DTI), Dakota Telecommunications Systems, Inc. (DTS), Sprint, South Dakota Independent Telephone Coalition (SDITC), McLeod Telemanagement, Inc. (McLeod), MCI, FirsTel, Inc., and AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. (AT&T).

At an ad hoc meeting of the Commission on October 3, 1996, this matter was considered. The Commission granted intervention to those parties seeking it and denied the request of U S WEST for rulemaking after considering the stated positions of the interested parties. It appeared to the Commission that the proposed rules were in conflict with the proposed rules of the Federal Communications Commission and that issues raised in the rules could be considered in a pending and more comprehensive docket which the Commission has opened.

The Commission having jurisdiction in this matter,

ORDERS that intervention shall be granted to DCT, DTI, DTS, Sprint, SDITC, McLeod, MCI, FirsTel, Inc., and AT&T; and it is further

ORDERED that the rulemaking request of U S WEST is denied and that this docket shall be closed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 10th day of October, 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: _____

JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner

Date: _____

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER,
Commissioner

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