

Telecommunications Orders - Issued 1996

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

IN THE MATTER OF SECTION 271 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996 REGARDING U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S PROVISIONING OF IN-REGION INTERLATA SERVICES)))	ORDER REQUIRING FILING TC96-165
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Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 prescribes the conditions which Bell Operating Companies, such as U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST) must meet in order to provide certain in-region interLATA telecommunications services. Pursuant to Section 271(d)(2)(B), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) must consult with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) to verify compliance by U S WEST with the requirements of Section 271(c).

On September 19, 1996, at an ad hoc meeting, the Commission opened a docket in this matter. All comments as to what procedures should be used by the Commission to comply with its duties under Section 271(d)(2)(B) were to be filed on October 25, 1996. AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc., MCI Telecommunications Corporation, and U S WEST all filed comments in this matter.

On December 9, 1996, a regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission received an update on this matter from Commission Staff. Staff recommended that U S WEST file its Section 271 application with the Commission 90 days prior to filing with the FCC. It was also recommended that U S WEST provide all supporting documentation at the time of their filing. The Commission unanimously voted to adopt Staff's recommendation.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that 90 days prior to applying to the FCC for authorization to provide in-region interLATA telecommunications services that U S WEST file its Section 271 application with the Commission. It is further

ORDERED that U S WEST provide all supporting documentation at the time of its filing.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 16th day of December, 1996.

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

By: _____

JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner

Date: _____

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER,
Commissioner

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