

Telecommunications Orders - Issued 1996

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DAKOTA)	ORDER GRANTING
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE)	LATE FILED
OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)	INTERVENTION
SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA)	
)	TC95-087

On August 30, 1995, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Dakota Telecommunications Systems, Inc. (DTS) asking the Commission to grant a certificate of authority to operate as a telecommunications company within the State of South Dakota. DTS filed its original application to offer services based upon the anticipated purchase of assets by DTS from U S WEST Communications (USWC) in the exchanges of Centerville, Viborg, Hudson, Gregory, Clearfield and Witten. It was further anticipated that the parent of DTS, Dakota Cooperative Telecommunications would purchase the assets from USWC to provide telecommunications services to the Lesterville and Tabor exchanges. DTS now files to amend its application to provide telecommunications services for Centerville, Viborg, Lesterville, Tabor, Vermillion and Yankton. DTS does not contemplate providing services in non-USWC areas. On May 2, 1996, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 17, 1996, to interested individuals and entities.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 1-26 and 49-31, specifically 1-26-17.1, 49-31-2, 49-31-3, 49-31-4, 49-31-5, 49-31-5.1, 49-31-7, 49-31-7.1, 49-31-11, 49-31-12, 49-31-15, 49-31-17, 49-31-18, and 49-31-21.

Petitions to Intervene have been received from parties on the respective dates as follows: South Dakota Independent Telephone Coalition (SDITC), May 16, 1996; Ft. Randall Telephone Company (Ft. Randall), May 17, 1996; and U S WEST Communications, Inc., May 9, 1996. At a regularly scheduled meeting of May 28, 1996, the Commission found that the Petitions to Intervene were timely filed and demonstrated good cause to grant intervention. On May 28, 1996, the Commission received a Petition for Late Filed Intervention from MCI Telecommunications Corporation (MCI). The Commission, at a regularly scheduled May 28, 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 10th day of June, 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,

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STOFFERAHN,
Chairman

By: Delaine Kolbo

JAMES A. BURG,
Commissioner

Date: June 10, 1996

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Commissioner

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