

## Telecommunications Orders - Issued 1996

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF FIRSTEL, INC. ) FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE ) LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE )</b>	<b>ORDER GRANTING ) PERMISSION FOR ) DISCOVERY )  TC96-083</b>
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On May 16, 1996, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an Application from FIRSTEL, Inc. (FIRSTEL) for a Certificate of Authority to provide local exchange service. Intervention has been granted to Dakota Cooperative Telecommunications, Inc., U S WEST Communications, Inc. and South Dakota Independent Telephone Coalition.

On July 3, 1996, U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST) filed a motion for permission to serve its first set of interrogatories and document requests on FIRSTEL and to expedite discovery. The Commission received Firstel's objection to discovery on July 12, 1996.

A regularly scheduled July 9, 1996, meeting, the Commission considered the positions of the parties and staff.

The Commission, having jurisdiction in this matter, hereby

ORDERS that FIRSTEL shall respond to the interrogatories and document requests of U S WEST 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 by July 25, 1996.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 16th day of July, 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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BY ORDER OF THE  
COMMISSION:

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STOFFERAHN,  
Chairman

JAMES A. BURG,  
Commissioner

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

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SCHOENFELDER,  
Commissioner

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