

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE INVESTIGATION OF ) ORDER CLOSING DOCKET  
SWITCHED ACCESS RULES )  
)  
) **TC96-032**

At its regularly scheduled January 23, 1996, meeting, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) opened a docket to inquire into the switched access rules found at ARSD Chapters 20:10:27 to 20:10:29, inclusive. To facilitate the investigation of this issue, the Commission requested that all interested persons and entities answer the following questions:

1. Do any of the above referenced switched access rules need to be modified?
2. If yes, which rules and what changes should be made? Submit all proposed rule changes with insertions into existing rules indicated by underscores and deletions from existing rules indicated by overstrikes.
3. How do these changes enhance the telecommunications industry?
4. Should there be any modifications to the Commission's cost study program? If so, what?

To be considered, all comments were to be received no later than the close of business on April 22, 1996. The Commission received timely filed comments and rebuttal comments from AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc., Local Exchange Carriers Association, U S WEST Communications, Inc., and Sprint Communications Company L.P. The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31.

At its regularly scheduled April 13, 2000, meeting, the Commission unanimously voted to close the docket due to the age of the comments. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the docket is hereby closed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2000.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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: <u>Debra Kalkb</u>
Date: <u>4/20/00</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg  
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson  
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Laska Schoenfelder  
LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner