

Telecommunications Orders - Issued 1997

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

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT APPLICATION OF U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, HANSON COMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND BALTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE REGARDING THE SALE OF EIGHT TELEPHONE EXCHANGES BY U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. |) | ORDER APPROVING WITHDRAWAL OF PETITION FOR REHEARING |
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On July 15, 1996, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a joint application from U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST), Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative (Golden West) and its subsidiary Vivian Telephone Company, Hanson Communications, Inc. (Hanson) and its subsidiary Fort Randall Telephone Company, and Baltic Telecommunications Cooperative (Baltic) and its subsidiary East Plains Telecommunications, Inc. The Applicants jointly applied to the Commission for approval of the sale of U S WEST's Gregory, Clearfield, Witten and Lesterville exchanges to Golden West; U S WEST'S Centerville, Viborg and Tabor exchanges to Hanson; and U S WEST'S Hudson exchange to Baltic. The Commission approved this application on October 24, 1996, and further ordered the docket closed. On November 25, 1996, Dakota Cooperative Telecommunications, Inc. (DCT) petitioned the Commission for a rehearing and subsequently withdrew its petition for a rehearing on March 5, 1997.

The Commission finding good cause for granting withdrawal of DCT's petition, hereby

ORDERS that DCT's withdrawal of its petition for a rehearing in this docket is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 14th day of April, 1997.

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.

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

LASKA SCHOENFELDER,
Commissioner

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