

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. TO REVISE ITS EXCHANGE AND NETWORK SERVICES TARIFF SECTION 5)	ORDER APPROVING TARIFF REVISIONS
)	TC96-196
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On December 5, 1996, U S WEST Communications, Inc. (USWC) filed an application with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) seeking approval for the revision of the following pages of its Exchange and Network Services Tariff:

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The application stated: "This filing introduces an option for In Only DID Trunks that allows Reverse Battery Signaling. A reverse battery signaling option will allow customers with Customer Provided Equipment (CPE) which is not compatible with E&M signaling to use the DID Call Transfer feature." These services are classified noncompetitive.

On December 12, 1996, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of December 27, 1996, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and a regularly scheduled January 14, 1997, meeting, the Commission considered USWC's request for approval of its revised tariff. Commission Staff recommended approval.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, specifically under SDCL 49-31-1.1, 49-31-4, 49-31-12, 49-31-12.2 and 49-31-12.4. Upon review of USWC's filing, the Commission concludes that the proposed tariff revisions are fair and reasonable and should be approved. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that USWC's proposed tariff revisions are hereby approved as filed and shall be effective for telecommunications services rendered on and after January 14, 1997.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 15th day of January, 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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(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

LASKA SCHOENFELDER,
Commissioner

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