

Telecommunications Orders - Issued 1997

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY U S WEST) ORDER GRANTING
INTERPRISE AMERICA, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF) INTERVENTION
AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES)
IN SOUTH DAKOTA) TC96-199
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On December 12, 1996, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application by U S West Interprise America, Inc. (Interprise) for a Certificate of Authority to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services within the state of South Dakota. Applicant proposes to offer high speed data communications services such as Private Line Data and fast packet services for the purpose of Network Integration for Local and Wide Area Networks (LANs/WANs).

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. Petitions to intervene have been received from parties on the respective dates as follows: Dakota Cooperative Telecommunications, Inc. (DCT), on December 23, 1996; Dakota Telecom, Inc. (DTI), on December 23, 1996; Dakota Telecommunications Systems, Inc. (DTS), on December 23, 1996; AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. (AT&T), on December 27, 1996; and the South Dakota Independent Telephone Coalition, Inc. (SDITC), on December 27, 1996. The Interprise filed a response to each of the above-mentioned petitions to intervene on January 6, 1997, stating that it did not object to the granting of intervention.

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, and 49-31-18.

At a regularly scheduled meeting of January 14, 1997, the Commission found that the Petitions to Intervene were timely filed and demonstrated good cause to grant intervention. It is therefore

ORDERED that the Petitions to Intervene of DCT, DTI, DTS, AT&T and SDITC are hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 23rd day of January, 1997.

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, by facsimile or by first

class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

By: _____

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Date: _____

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Commissioner

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