

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST) COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR REVISIONS TO) ITS ACCESS SERVICE TARIFF))	ORDER APPROVING) TARIFF REVISIONS) TC97-020
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On February 26, 1997, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing by U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST) for approval to remove the Service Date Change Charge for Switched Access. Currently a non-recurring charge of \$15.00 is assessed for each Switched Access installation service date change. U S WEST requests an effective date of April 1, 1997. No interventions have been filed.

Specific approval is sought for the following pages of U S WEST's Access Service Tariff:

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At its regularly scheduled December 18, 1997, meeting, the Commission considered U S WEST's application. Commission Staff recommended approval with an effective date upon entry of this Order.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-31-1.1, 49-31-3, 49-31-4, 49-31-12, 49-31-12.2, and 49-31-12.4. Upon review of U S WEST's filing to remove the Service Date Change Charge for Switched Access, the Commission concludes that the proposed tariff revisions as filed are fair and reasonable and should be approved. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED that U S WEST's proposal to remove its Service Date Change Charge for Switched Access shall be approved.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 7th day of January, 1998.

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: Allaine Kalko

Date: 1/9/98

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

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