

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO ITS EXCHANGE AND NETWORK SERVICES TARIFF AND EXCHANGE AND NETWORK SERVICES CATALOG)	ORDER APPROVING TARIFF REVISIONS
)	TC97-194

On December 17, 1997, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing by U S WEST Communications, Inc. to eliminate "the South Dakota Telephone Assistance and Link-Up programs, effective January 1, 1998, consistent with the Commission Order in Docket TC97-150. This filing also includes the FCC Lifeline program which will begin January 1, 1998. Changes have been made to the eligibility criteria for both the Telephone Assistance Plan and Link-Up Plans, as well as a change in the credit the customer receives. Also attached to the filing is a page from our Exchange and Network Services Catalog which adds language regarding Toll Restriction for Lifeline customers."

The following tariff sheets were filed with regard to the Exchange and Network Services Tariff:

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1	12	3
1	14	5
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5	Index 1	3
5	Index 2	4
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Also filed was a page from the Exchange and Network Services Catalog:

Section -----	Page -----	Release -----
10	4	2

At its duly noticed meeting on February 3, 1998, the Commission considered this matter.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31 and ARSD Article 20:10. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the above revisions to U S WEST's Exchange and Network Services Tariff and its Exchange and Network Services Catalog. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves U S WEST's revisions to its Exchange and Network Services Tariff and its Exchange and Network Services Catalog.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 13th day of February, 1998.

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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LASKA SCHOENFELDER,
Commissioner