

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST )</b>	<b>ORDER GRANTING</b>
<b>COMMUNICATIONS, INC. OF A NOTICE OF )</b>	<b>MOTIONS; ORDER</b>
<b>INTENT TO FILE A SECTION 271 )</b>	<b>GRANTING INTERVENTION</b>
<b>APPLICATION )</b>	<b>TC00-011</b>

On February 8, 2000, U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST) filed with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) its Notice of Intent to File a Section 271 Application and Motion for Alternative Procedure to Manage the Section 271 Process.

On February 10, 2000, the Commission gave notice of the filing and on March 7, 2000, entered an Order setting an intervention deadline of March 17, 2000, and a procedural schedule for filing of comments.

By order dated March 31, 2000, the Commission granted petitions to intervene filed by Telecommunications Resellers Association (TRA), McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services Incorporated (McLeod), Midco Communications, Inc. d/b/a Midcontinent Communications (Midcontinent), AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. (AT&T), Black Hills FiberCom, L.L.C. (Black Hills), and Sprint Communications Company L.P (Sprint).

On April 10, 2000, the Commission received a motion from Midcontinent to late-file comments. On April 14, 2000, U S WEST filed a response to Midcontinent's motion. U S WEST did not object to Midcontinent's motion but filed a motion to file reply comments to Midcontinent's comments. On April 17, 2000, the Commission received a petition for late intervention from New Edge Network, Inc. d/b/a New Edge Networks (New Edge).

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, 47 U.S.C. Section 271. At its April 27, 2000, meeting, the Commission considered the motions and petition. The Commission granted Midcontinent's motion to late-file comments and U S WEST's motion to file reply comments. The Commission also granted New Edge's petition to intervene.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that Midcontinent's motion to late-file comments and U S WEST's motion to file reply comments are granted; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that New Edge's late-filed petition to intervene is granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 4th day of May, 2000.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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: _____
Date: _____
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

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PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner

