

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )</b>	<b>ORDER GRANTING</b>
<b>TELEDISTANCE, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE )</b>	<b>INTERVENTION</b>
<b>OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE )</b>	
<b>TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN )</b>	<b>TC00-016</b>
<b>SOUTH DAKOTA )</b>	

On February 14, 2000, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an Application for a certificate of authority from TeleDistance, Inc. to provide resold and facilities-based interexchange telecommunications services within South Dakota.

On February 17, 2000, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 3, 2000, to interested individuals and entities. AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. (AT&T) filed a Petition to Intervene on March 3, 2000.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.05.

At a regularly scheduled meeting of March 28, 2000, the Commission, Commissioner Schoenfelder dissenting, found that the Petition to Intervene was timely filed and demonstrated good cause to grant intervention. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Petition to Intervene of AT&T is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 31st day of March, 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.
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

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PAM NELSON, Commissioner

LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner,  
dissenting