

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR ) APPROVAL OF AN INTERCONNECTION ) AGREEMENT BETWEEN U S WEST ) COMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND INTEGRA ) TELECOM OF SOUTH DAKOTA, INC. )	ORDER APPROVING AGREEMENT  TC00-058
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On March 17, 2000, U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST) filed for approval by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) an interconnection agreement between Integra Telecom of South Dakota, Inc. (Integra Telecom) and U S WEST.

On March 23, 2000, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of this filing to interested individuals and entities. The notice stated that any person wishing to intervene had until April 7, 2000, to do so. No intervention petitions were filed nor were any comments received.

At its duly noticed August 22, 2000, meeting, the Commission approved Integra Telecom's application for a certificate of authority, and also considered whether to approve the agreement between U S WEST and Integra Telecom. Commission Staff recommended its approval.

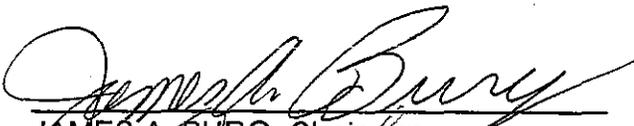
The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, and the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. In accordance with 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2), the Commission found that the agreement does not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the agreement and the agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the agreement. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves the agreement.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2000.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>	
<small>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.</small>	
By:	<u><i>Delmar Kalbo</i></u>
Date:	<u>8/29/00</u>
<small>(OFFICIAL SEAL)</small>	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

 _____ JAMES A. BURG, Chairman	 _____ LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner
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