

1998 Annual Report

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South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

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Mission Statement

- ◆ To ensure the provision of safe, reliable, and high quality utility service at rates that reflect either a competitive market or fair regulation.
- ◆ To actively protect the public interest in the transition to competition and where competition does not exist.
- ◆ To provide information to the public so they can make wise choices regarding utility alternatives.
- ◆ To advocate the public's utility-related interests and to promote their interests through state and national policies.
- ◆ To resolve disputes between the public and their utility companies and between competing utility companies.

Background

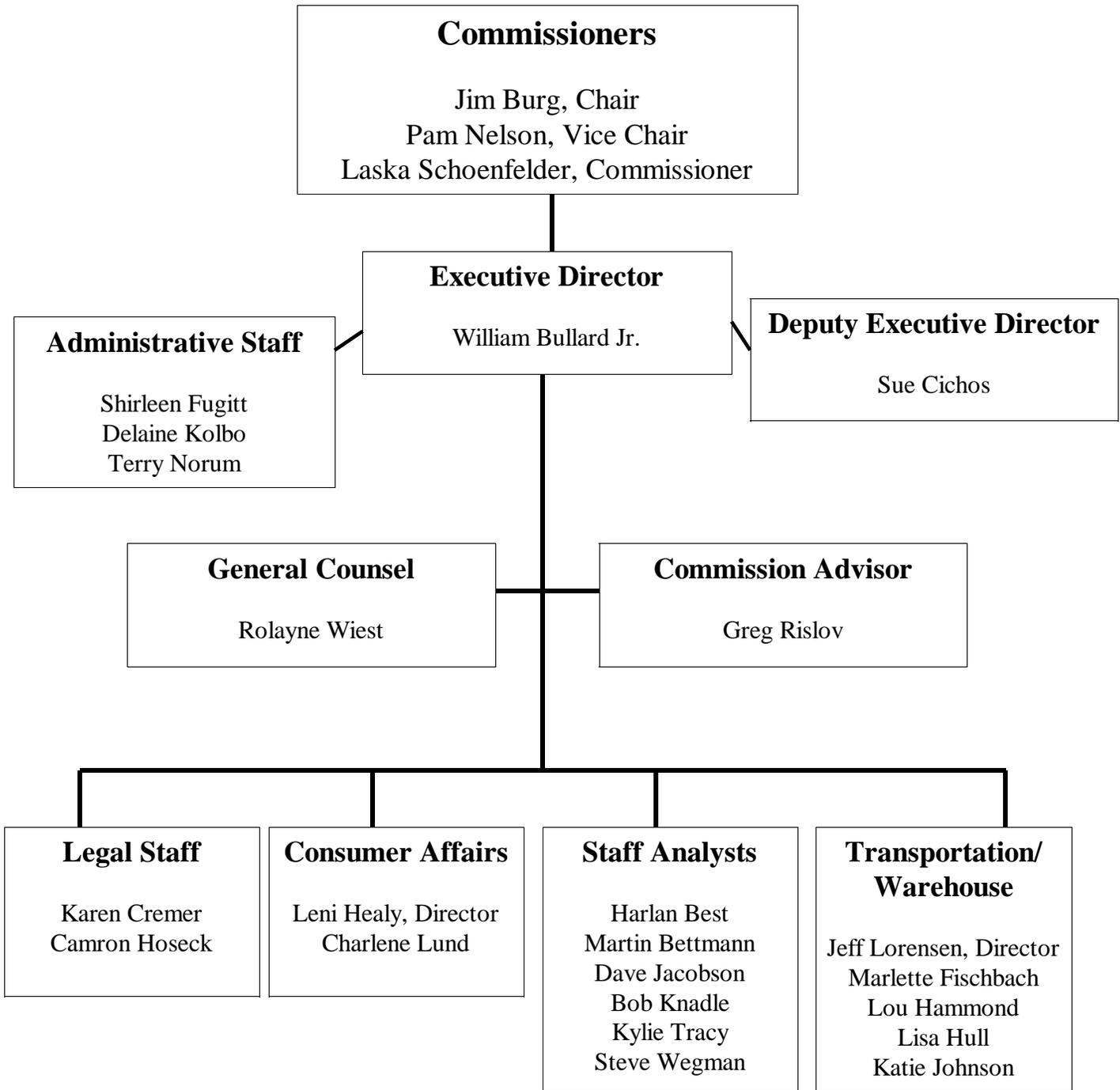
The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission consists of three elected at-large Commissioners each serving staggered, 6-year terms. The Commission has 24 staff members. The Commission is authorized by statute and regulates the rates and service quality of investor-owned electric, natural gas, and telephone utilities and has territorial jurisdiction over all retail electric companies, including cooperatives, independents, and municipals. In addition, the Commission

- registers Interstate motor carriers
- licenses and inspects grain elevators and grain dealers
- operates the natural gas pipeline safety program
- maintains the state's one-call notification center which regulates excavation activities.

The Commission also handles consumer complaints involving the service quality of all referenced industries.

Vision Statement:

To become the premier expert, information source, educator and problem solver for all utility matters falling within the public domain.



**1998
Organization Chart
of the
PUC**

**1998
Headlines**

Administrative

- ◆ ***April 17: “South Dakota Commission Chair Jim Burg appointed to NARUC Electricity Committee.”***

NARUC President Jolynn Barry Butler announced her appointment of PUC Chair Jim Burg to the NARUC Electricity Committee. “Jim’s twelve years experience as a commissioner and his continued leadership in NARUC will be valuable to South Dakota and all U S consumers as we proceed with electric restructuring,” Butler said.

- ◆ ***July 2: “South Dakota PUC Chairman Jim Burg elected President of Mid America Regulatory Commissioners.”***

PUC Chairman Jim Burg was handed the reins to the Mid-America Regulatory Conference (MARC) held in Overland Park, Kansas. Burg will preside as President of MARC succeeding Susan Seltsam, Commissioner of the Kansas Corporation Commission.

- ◆ ***July 24: “PUC Reorganizes to Better Meet Public Needs”***

Reponding to rapid industry changes, the PUC implemented a new strategic plan that calls for a new organizational structure. The plan went into effect July 7, 1998 and is designed to keep the PUC better informed and make it more responsive and flexible as it continues to serve and protect the public.

- ◆ ***December 18: “PUC Commissioner working to harness wind.”***

PUC Commissioner Pam Nelson has been appointed to the National Wind Coordinating Committee (NWCC) by Wyoming Public Service Commission Chairman Steve Ellenbecker. The NWCC is the U S Department of Energy’s national multi-stakeholder wind commercialization and collaborative council. It was formed in 1994 to promote sustainable domestic US markets for wind technologies.

Fiscal Report for Year Ended June 30, 1998

	BUDGET	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES		EnCUMBRANCE ENCUM- BRANCE	BALANCE
		by fund group			
		GENERAL FUNDS	OTHER FUNDS		
ADMINISTRATION					
Personal Services	\$ 236,192	228,469	0	0	7,723
Operating Expenses	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL PROGRAM	\$ 236,192	228,469	0	0	7,723
TRANSPORTATION/WAREHOUSE					
Personal Services	\$ 206,970	128,037	69,806	0	9,127
Operating Expenses	58,805	54,924	799	7,552	(4,470)
TOTAL PROGRAM	\$ 265,475	182,961	70,605	7,552	4,357
FIXED UTILITY (Informational Budget)					
Personal Services	\$ 812,375	0	757,877	0	54,498
Operating Expenses	352,641	0	222,841	1,905	127,895
TOTAL PROGRAM	\$ 1,165,016	0	980,718	1,905	182,393
FILING FEES (Informational Budget)					
Personal Services	\$ 109	0	65,909	0	(65,800)
Operating Expenses	475,000	0	8,680	0	466,320
TOTAL PROGRAM	\$ 475,109	0	74,589	0	400,520
PIPELINE SAFETY (Informational Budget)					
Personal Services	\$ 90,216	0	26,511	0	63,705
Operating Expenses	40,890	0	60,846	0	(19,956)
TOTAL PROGRAM	\$ 131,106	0	87,357	0	43,749

Statement of Transportation/ Warehouse

ICC Registration	\$ 4,000
Identification Stamps	1,410
SSRS Registrations	987,382
Bus Permits	1,395
Grain and Warehouse Licenses	59,136
Checkoff Audits	602
Interest Earned	4066
Total Revenue	\$ 1,057,991

Gross Receipts Tax Fund Revenues

Gross Receipts Tax	\$ 1,048,000
Application Fees	18,500
Williston Basin Reimbursement	136,105
Interest Earned	78,019
TOTAL REVENUE	1,280,624

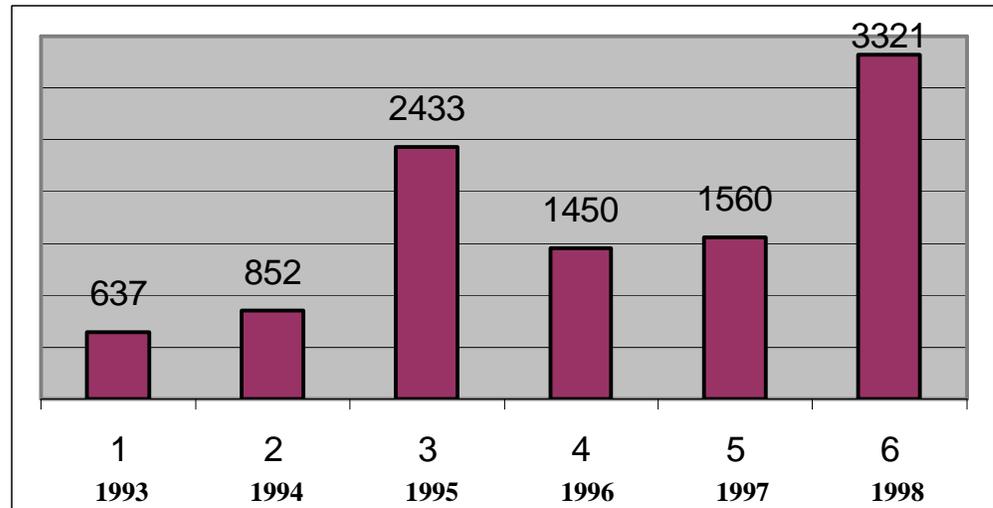
The Gross Receipts Tax Fund Revenues are used exclusively to fund the Commission's Fixed Utility Division.

**Responsibilities
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Division**

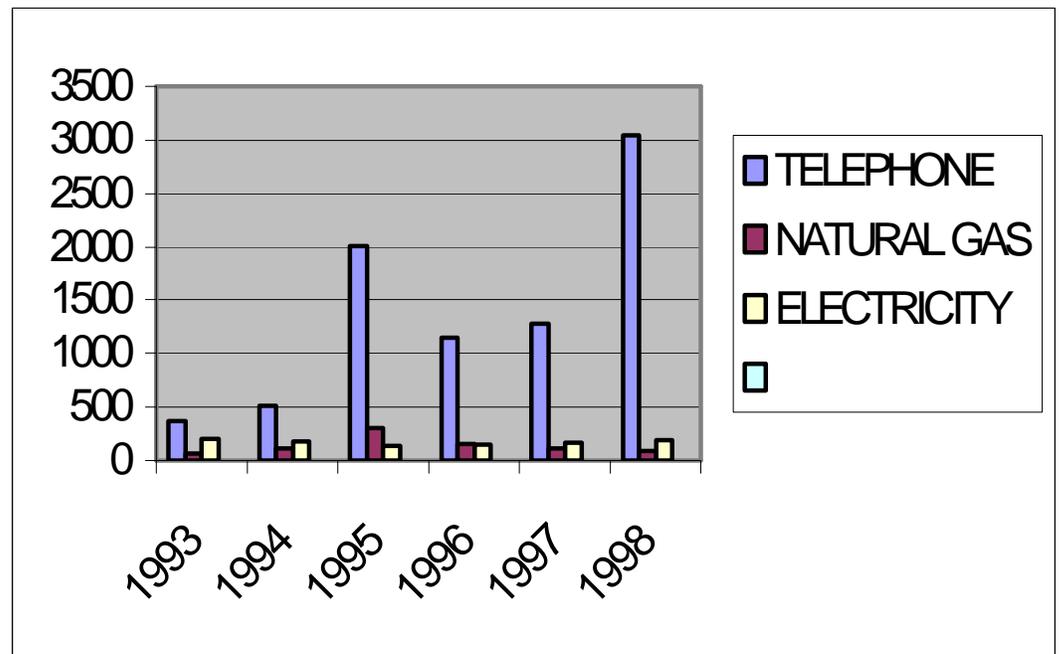
- ◆ Investigate consumer complaints
- ◆ Negotiate settlements between consumers and utility companies
- ◆ Consumer outreach & education
- ◆ Monitor trends in consumer activity
- ◆ Advise Commission on consumer issues
- ◆ Develop recommendations for changing rules

Consumer Affairs

of Consumer Contacts: 1993-1998



Consumer Contacts by Industry: 1993-1998



Top Telecommunications Issues

Slamming: 1623
Cramming: 367
Billing: 365
Fluffing: 134
Poor Service: 106
Want Service: 101
Telemarketing: 94
Psychic, sex lines, & 900#s: 68

Repair: 52
Disconnection: 45
Won't Switch: 35
Fees: 34
Wants Upgrades: 31
Double Billing: 21
Directory: 20

**Total number of
consumer
contacts
during 1998:
3321**

- ◆ Telecommunications:
3038
- ◆ Natural Gas:
87
- ◆ Electricity:
191
- ◆ General:
5

Top Natural Gas Issues

Disconnections: 25
High Bill: 17
Billing Error: 12

Rates: 4
Poor Service: 3

Top Electricity Issues

Disconnection: 74
High Bill: 16
Billing: 14
Poor Service: 12
Outages: 10
Payment Plan: 7

Deposit: 6
Account Transfer: 4
Meter Error: 4
Rates: 4
Repair: 4

**1998
Headlines
&
Activities**

Electricity

- ◆ *December 10: “South Dakota PUC and Other Low Cost Electric States Voice Deregulation Concerns to Congress.”*

Today, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, along with 22 other State Public Utility Commissions of low cost energy states joined together to inform Congress of various concerns regarding electric restructuring.

- ◆ The City of Pierre filed for a declaratory ruling with the assumption that no siting permit would be required for construction of a transmission line looping the city. The Commission ruled that a permit would be required.
- ◆ The City of Vermillion annexed property and later notified Clay-Union Electric Cooperative that the city intended to provide electric service on the annexed property. Clay-Union would not consent to the relinquishment of service rights, based in part on federal constitution grounds, and the matter was brought before the Commission. The Commission’s ruling, based on South Dakota law, was for the City of Vermillion.
- ◆ Electric restructuring has been a matter of discussion both within the Commission and around the state, but there has been no consequent legislative or rule-making activity. the South Dakota Commission has not supported any change, either federal or state.

Natural Gas

- ◆ Northern States Power Company (NSP) began its first full year of South Dakota retail natural gas operations. The new entity is using a natural gas pipeline owned by NSP's South Dakota electric operation.
- ◆ MidAmerican Energy filed in November to increase South Dakota jurisdictional natural gas rates by \$3.2 million. The Commission suspended the rates pending further review.
- ◆ Ottetail Power Company, an investor-owned electric company, purchased PAM Natural Gas, a retail natural gas marketer which had been operating in South Dakota for several years.

1998 Activities

One-Call Notification

In its fourth year of operation, the South Dakota One-Call Notification Board has contracted with One Call Systems, Inc. of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as its systems operator. The One-Call Notification Board continues to function as an eleven-member board whose members are appointed by the Governor and, by statute, represent various utility and contracting industries.

Pipeline Safety Program

The transmission and distribution system continues to expand at a steady pace. Approximately 300 miles of pipe and 5,000 new customers were added to the systems in South Dakota during the year. These increases bring the number of miles of pipe to 3,500 and the number of customers to 155,000.

There was one reported incident during the year. On May 30, 1998, the town of Spencer was severely damaged by a tornado. Approximately two-thirds of the town, including the business area, was destroyed or damaged by the storm. One hundred and eleven gas services were either destroyed or lost because of damage. Six people died and over 150 were injured by the storm but none of the damage, deaths, or injuries could be attributed to damage done to the gas system. Damages to the gas system were estimated to be \$74,193.

Telecommunications

1998

Headlines

◆ ***February 4: “Judge Upholds PUC Denial of U S WEST Rate Increase”***

South Dakota Circuit Court affirms the Commission’s decision to deny U S WEST’s rate increase on the basis of unsatisfactory service quality.

◆ ***April 6: “PUC Changes Procedures in Anticipation of New Law”***

The Commission dismissed its show cause proceeding against U S WEST in favor of opening a more expansive investigation to identify areas within the entire state where adequate phone service is lacking. The investigation will be followed by a rulemaking proceeding that sets service quality standards for phone service throughout the state.

◆ ***May 27: “Public Utilities Commission Seeks Input on Present and Future Telecommunications Needs”***

The PUC will hold public input meetings to determine the present and future needs of South Dakota telecommunications users. Information gathered at the meetings will be used to establish new service quality standards for telecommunications services.

◆ ***June 19: “PUC Orders U S WEST to Upgrade Services in the Carpenter, South Dakota, Area”***

The PUC issued an order today directing U S WEST to replace its outdated telecommunications system in the Carpenter, South Dakota, area with three NEC digital line carriers prior to the end of this year’s construction season. According to the order, the PUC found that U S WEST had failed to provide customers in the Carpenter area with adequate, reliable telecommunications service. This, the PUC wrote, was detrimental to the public interest.

◆ ***September 11: “PUC to Impose Penalty If U S WEST Delays Construction”***

In a unanimous decision, PUC Commissioners voted to impose a \$1,000 per day penalty against U S WEST if the company fails to meet a September 30, 1998, completion deadline for upgrading its telephone network in Carpenter, South Dakota.

◆ ***December 11: “PUC Telecommunications Rules to be Considered by Legislature”***

The PUC’s proposed telecommunications rules establish service quality standards and provide “slamming” and “cramming” prohibitions and consumer remedies. They also address local exchange service competition, interexchange carrier classification, and general rules of practice.

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Telecommunications

- ◆ The 1998 Legislature did not establish a universal service fund but it did make significant changes to the state's telecommunications laws. Some the changes include: All Commission regulations pertaining to telecommunications companies shall apply to all telecommunications carriers; the Commission may not order dialing parity for intraLATA long distance until all providers are allowed into the interLATA market; the definition of Local Exchange Service is no longer limited to "two-way switched voice." It is now expanded to two-way switched telecommunication service," which would include voice, data, and video; the threshold size of independent telephone companies subject to Commission rate regulation is raised from 10,000 access lines to 50,000 access lines; Commission approval is no longer required for consolidations or mergers. Companies are now only required to notify the Commission of consolidations or mergers; telecommunications companies may jointly provide facilities and enter into revenue pooling arrangements. They may also form associations and pool resources consistent with state's infrastructure policies. Such activities receive statutory protection from unfair trade practices, antitrust, and restraint of trade laws.
- ◆ In addition, the new law states that customers in rural and high cost areas shall have access to services and rates that are reasonably comparable to services and rates in urban areas; any telecommunications company may grant any discounts, incentives, services or other business practice necessary to meet competition; prices for U S WEST's residential and business local exchange service (many now include switched voice, data and video service) are capped by the legislature as of January 1, 1998. If such rates are lowered by the company, they cannot be raised without legislative approval.
- ◆ The Commission promulgated new telecommunications rules for local exchange service competition, service quality standards, interexchange carrier and classification, and prohibitions against slamming and cramming. The new rules became effective on December 27, 1998.
- ◆ Due to excessive consumer complaints of slamming against Utility Analysts, doing business as Basic Long Distance, the Commission ordered the company to appear in a hearing to determine wrongdoing. As a result, all of the company's South Dakota customers were contacted to determine if the services of the company had been requested. The company was ordered to refund, in full, all charges assessed to South Dakotans who did not request their services. The company is no longer doing business in South Dakota and cannot unless tele-marketing scripts are submitted for approval.

Telecommunications

- ◆ The Commission does not require CLECs (competitive local exchange carriers) to file reports indicating market share. However, the Commission did receive a total of 78 consumer complaints from three separate CLECs, an indication that the CLECs are attracting customers from the incumbents.
- ◆ During the year, the Commission received 54 applications for certificates of authority from interexchange carriers, 1 application from a competitive local exchange carrier, and 4 applications for carriers wanting to do both long distance and local service. At year-end 1998, South Dakota had 246 certified long distance providers, 27 certified competitive local exchange providers and 61 certified local exchange companies. Thirteen long distance companies had their certificates of authority revoked for nonpayment of the gross receipts tax.
- ◆ Eleven formal interconnection agreements are in effect between U S WEST and new, competitive local exchange companies, including six wireless carriers. Only one interconnection agreement exists between two rural telecommunications companies. The Commission has arbitrated one interconnection agreement filed by AT&T Communications of the Midwest on November 20, 1996. This agreement is pending before the Commission.
- ◆ The Commission approved 17 switched access cost studies submitted by the Local Exchange and Carriers Association (LECA), some of its small independent, cooperative and municipal telephone company members and the South Dakota Network.

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Transportation/Warehouse Division

- ◆ The transportation/warehouse division licensed and monitored 382 grain dealers and warehouses consisting of 251 grain storage facilities, 50 nonstorage facilities, 47 truck grain dealers and 34 grain brokers. It also approved licenses and required bonding or insurance coverage for 25 general storage facilities. The division registered insurance and issued permits to 1016 single state (SSRS) Federal Highway Authority (previously known as ICC) truckers and 2731 exempt commodity haulers.
- ◆ The division has one part-time and two full-time inspectors who perform 200-400 annual and special inspections per year on grain warehouses and grain dealers. Along with these inspections, the inspectors perform several grain checkoff inspections for the SD Wheat Commission, SD Soybean Council and SD Corn Utilization Council. These inspectors also work with the Motor Carrier Division of the South Dakota Highway Patrol in monitoring truckers passing through the ports and weigh stations by checking for proper authority and grain license truck decals.
- ◆ In an effort to develop cooperative agreements in which companies with multi-state locations would have a single inspector perform grain inventory measurements, visual identification of contracts, scale tickets, and other functions, the warehouse division has been working with colleagues in Nebraska, North Dakota, and Minnesota.
- ◆ 4 facilities changed ownership in 1998.
- ◆ 1998 saw the introduction of variable storage and handling charges for state-licensed storage facilities. The industry requested the Commission grant authority to adjust storage and handling charges to become more competitive. The Commission adopted a variable rate structure with a 38¢/bushel/year maximum storage rate and a 12¢/bushel maximum charge for loading in and loading out with a 7¢ maximum for each component of the in/out charge. Each facility will now file a rate request annually during license renewal. The Commission will then either approve or disapprove the filing. The facilities will be able to adjust their rates up to 4 times a year if needed.
- ◆ The warehouse division began developing a grain measuring component for its inspections. The grain measuring component is extremely valuable as it will help in verifying grain inventory records and in making sure the grain recorded in the books is accurate. The division has made huge strides in implementing this program and feels the industry will be well served by it.

Transportation/Warehouse Division

- ◆ There appears to be a trend developing that involves moving away from stored grain toward Voluntary Credit Sales (VCS) contracts. By doing this the elevator facilities are able to free up grain for shipping, allowing the facilities to handle larger quantities of grain. This poses a risk for producers as the VCS contracts are not covered by the grain dealer or grain warehouse bonds. Therefore, it is imperative that the Commission focus closely on the financial health of all grain dealers within the state, making sure producers are doing business with strong companies that will not default on these contracts. The Commission has a strong financial analysis program in place; however, VCS contracts heighten the importance of financial monitoring. In light of this, the Commission will only accept financial statements prepared at the audit, review or compilation level. Plan and equipment assets must be stated at cost less depreciation. Market valuations will only be accepted if they are performed by an independent consultant.
- ◆ Another trend concerning Voluntary Credit Sales contracts is the move from basic VCS contracts (Delayed Price, Deferred Payment) to more elaborate hybrid contracts. These hybrid contracts are becoming more complex. There may be a need to educate producers on these contracts. The Commission is determined to keep up-to-date on the new styles of contracts so it will be ready to educate producers if the need arises.

1998 Activities (continued)

Year 2000 Preparation

- ◆ The Commission opened Docket MS98-001, to survey utility service providers about Year 2000 readiness. The initial survey was due October 1, 1998. To monitor the progress of the utilities' Y2K efforts, each local service provider has been asked to submit three "Critical Checkpoint Cards." The first was due December 31, 1998, the second March 31, 1999, and the last one is due July 31, 1999.

1998 Court Action

**CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX TRIBE TELEPHONE AUTHORITY AND
U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS v. PUBLIC UTILITIES
COMMISSION, CIV. 95-288**

U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST) filed an appeal in Circuit Court of the Commission's decision that disapproved of the sale of the U S WEST exchanges of Timber Lake, McIntosh, and Morristown to the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority (CRSTTA). CRSTTA was granted intervention in the appeal. The issues in the appeal are as follows: (1) whether the Commission has jurisdiction over the sale of the three exchanges to CRSTTA; (2) whether the application of SDCL 49-31-59 to the proposed sales violates equal protection rights; (3) whether the application of SDCL 49-31-59 to the proposed sales is an unconstitutional impairment of contract; (4) whether the proposed sales would result in an improper delegation of authority under SDCL 49-1-17; and (5) whether the Commission's findings that the sales would result in the loss of significant tax revenue for the cities, counties, and school districts are clearly erroneous. The parties have filed their briefs in this matter. Oral arguments were heard on February 2, 1996. The Circuit Court remanded the matter to the Commission which then entered a decision on remand. The matter was appealed a second time to the Circuit Court. The Commission's decisions were affirmed. The case has been appealed to the Supreme Court.

**CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX TRIBE TELEPHONE AUTHORITY v.
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, ET AL., CIV. 95-3035**

On October 27, 1995, the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority (CRSTTA) filed a civil action in the United States District Court seeking declaratory, injunctive, and 1983 relief against the Public Utilities Commission and the Commissioners concerning their decision to deny the sale of the U S WEST exchanges of McIntosh, Timber Lake, and Morristown to CRSTTA. The Commission's answer to the complaintant was served on December 12, 1995. The action was dismissed without prejudice on January 23, 1999.

1998 Court Action

STATE OF MICHIGAN v. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, CIV. 95-1321

The Commission joined in a Petition for Declaratory Judgment and Review of Final Decision of the Department of Energy (DOE). The issue is whether DOE's decision that it is not required to begin acceptance of radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel by January 31, 1998, is contrary to law. The case was briefed by the parties and oral argument was heard before the U S District Court of Appeals, D.C. Circuit on January 17, 1996. On July 23, 1996, the Court ruled that DOE has a statutory obligation to start disposing of the radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel no later than January 31, 1998. The decision was then remanded back to DOE for further proceedings consistent with the Court's decision. The parties then filed a writ of mandamus requesting declaratory and injunctive relief. The Court granted the writ only in part, finding there were contractual remedies the parties could pursue. The Court's decision was appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court but the writ for certiorari was denied.

1998 Court Action

IOWA UTILITIES BOARD, ET AL. v. FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, No. 96-3321 and Consolidated Cases

The Commission, along with numerous other state commissions and telecommunications companies, filed an appeal with the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) rules interpreting the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (federal Act). The Commission, along with three other state commissions, also filed for a stay of the FCC's pricing rules. The Eighth Circuit granted the stay on October 15, 1996. The state commissions' issue was whether the FCC exceeded its jurisdictional authority when it promulgated rules regarding the methodologies to be used in the pricing of network elements and services necessary to provide competitive local exchange service. The state commissions contend that the federal Act left the pricing of network elements and services to the state commissions, not the FCC. Briefs on the merits were filed and oral argument was held before the Eighth Circuit on January 17, 1997. On July 18, 1997, the Eighth Circuit ruled that the FCC exceeded its jurisdictional authority when it promulgated the pricing rules. The decision was appealed to the U. S. Supreme Court. The Supreme Court reversed the Eighth Circuit on a number of issues including the issue of whether the FCC exceeded its jurisdictional authority by issuing rules regarding pricing methodologies. The case is on remand back to the Eighth Circuit.

U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. v. PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA, CIV. 97-349

On September 9, 1997, U S WEST appealed the Commission's decision which denied U S WEST's request for a second rate increase to its local exchange services rate. The denial was based upon the evidence of U S WEST's service quality performance as presented at the hearings. U S WEST's issues were as follows: (1) whether the Commission's decision denying U S WEST an increase violated SDCL 49-31-7 and the Due Process Clause of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments and Article VI, of the South Dakota Constitution; (2) whether the Commission's decision denying U S WEST an increase to its residential rates other than the touch tone increase should be reversed under SDCL 1-26-36; (3) whether Finding of Fact 19 and Conclusion of Law 3 of the Commission's decision should be reversed under SDCL 1-26-36; (4) whether the Commission's denial of U S WEST's request for an increase to its residential rates constitutes a taking under the United States and South Dakota Constitutions. The Circuit Court affirmed the Commissions decision.

1998 Court Action

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., CIV. 97-462

On June 24, 1996 U S WEST filed for approval by the Commission of its 1995 switched access cost study and the resulting switched access rates. The matter was the subject of two administrative hearings, one in October 1996 and another in September 1997. It has been appealed to the Sixth Judicial Circuit Court twice and remanded twice. Upon the last remand, the Commission entered its decision and that was appealed by U S WEST. The parties stipulated to submitting the matter for a third time to the Court upon written briefs. The matter is pending a decision from the Circuit Court.

TED MATHEWS v. ST. PAUL MERCURY INSURANCE COMPANY, SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, INTERVENOR, CIV. 98-0857

On December 23, 1998, the Commission sought intervention in this action for purposes of being appointed a receiver of certain grain dealer bond proceeds and to determine claims to those proceeds. The grain dealer is Britton Durum Corporation, Britton, SD. On December 31, 1998, the Circuit Court appointed the Commission as a receiver. A hearing on the claims was held on February 18, 1999 in Aberdeen, SD and a second hearing was held on May 4, 1999, in Pierre, SD. The Commission has taken the matter under advisement. Commission action is subject to Circuit Court approval.

CLAY-UNION ELECTRIC CORPORATION v. THE CITY OF VERMILLION AND S.D. PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, CIV. 98-47

On October 20, 1997, the city of Vermillion filed an Application for Determination of Purchase Price of Electric Facilities in Annexed Areas. The Commission issued an Order to Show Cause on February 24, 1998. Clay-Union sought an Order to Stay Proceedings and an Action for Declaratory Judgment in the First Judicial Circuit. The stay was denied and the parties agreed to an indefinite continuance to allow them to proceed with an orderly exchange of service territory and property. The parties filed a Stipulation and Agreement with the Commission on June 30, 1998. On August 5, 1998, the Commission enter its Order Approving Stipulation and Closing Docket. Clay-Union alleges in its Action for Declaratory Judgment that the statutory provisions of SDCL 49-34A are unconstitutional. Briefing is set for October 1, 1999. Oral arguments are set for October 22, 1999.

1998 Court Action

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF DAVID GLADER FOR
EXTENDED AREA SERVICE BETWEEN COLTON, SOUTH DAKOTA
AND SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA; IN THE MATTER OF THE
PETITION OF EXTENDED AREA SERVICE BETWEEN DELL RAPIDS,
SOUTH DAKOTA AND SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA;
U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. V. PUBLIC UTILITIES
COMMISSION OF SOUTH DAKOTA, CIV. 98-228, CIV. 98-229**

On June 3, 1998, the Commission ordered extended area service (EAS) between Colton and Sioux Falls and between Dell Rapids and Sioux Falls. Docket TC95-120, In the Matter of the Petition of David Glader for Extended Area Service Between Colton, South Dakota, and Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Docket TC95-122, In the Matter of the Petition for Extended Area Service between Dell Rapids, South Dakota, and Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Extended area service means that calls are essentially treated as local calls instead of toll calls. On June 17, 1998, these decisions were appealed by U S WEST. In its appeals, U S WEST raised a number of issues, including whether the decisions resulted in an unconstitutional taking of U S WEST's property. The Commission's decisions were affirmed by the Circuit Court, Sixth Judicial Circuit on October 28, 1998. U S WEST did not appeal to the Supreme Court.

**U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. V. PUBLIC UTILITIES
COMMISSION OF SOUTH DAKOTA, CIV. 98-73**

On February 27, 1998, the Commission received a Notice of Appeal filed by U S WEST concerning the Commission's Order to Show Cause issued in Docket TC97-192, In the Matter of U S WEST Communications, Inc. and its Ability to Serve South Dakota Customers. U S WEST also filed a motion to stay the Commission's show cause proceedings pending the appeal. The motion to stay proceedings was denied by the Circuit Court. The Commission subsequently withdrew its Order to Show Cause and the appeal was dismissed.

1998 Legislative Action

SB 153 This legislation was designed to allow a municipality to operate a telephone system outside of the municipality. The bill was tabled in the Senate Local Government committee.

SB 164 This bill would have allowed a municipality operating an electric utility system to sell electric energy at retail beyond its corporate limits. The bill was deferred to the 36th day by the Senate Local Government committee.

SB 234 This bill would have extensively rewritten how the Commission regulates telecommunications companies. The bill was deferred to the 36th legislative day by the Senate State Affairs committee although some sections were later added to HB 1160.

HB 1097 This bill amended HB 1160 and put in a timeline for Commission rulings on interconnection requests and made other minor changes to HB 1160. The legislation was signed by the Governor.

HB 1142 This legislation was designed to allow joint ventures and other arrangements among telecommunications companies to assist in the provisioning of the South Dakota Public Communications Network Infrastructure. It was tabled by the House State Affairs committee but similar language was added into HB 1160.

HB 1160 This legislation was designed, in part, to comply with the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. The bill addresses local competition issues, dialing parity, a cap on local rates, and pricing flexibility. The legislation was signed into law.

HB 1173 This bill addressed slamming and required that a company could change a subscriber's designated telecommunications company only if the subscriber confirmed the change in writing or the change was confirmed by a third-party verification company. The legislation was signed into law.

HB 1215 This legislation would have set up an universal service fund for the provisioning of telecommunications services in high-cost, rural areas. The bill was tabled by the House State Affairs committee.

1998 Docket Status Register

EL98-001 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF BLACK HILLS CORPORATION FOR AUTHORITY TO ISSUE A 3-FOR-2 STOCK SPLIT IN THE FORM OF A 1-FOR-2 STOCK DIVIDEND Filed 02/02/98; Closed 02/13/98.

EL98-002 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY PAUL MUTH, MITCHELL, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST NORTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY REGARDING AN ACCOUNTING Filed 02/03/98; Closed 08/25/98.

EL98-003 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY KEVIN J. MCKEE, DEADWOOD, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST BLACK HILLS POWER & LIGHT COMPANY REGARDING RECEIVING ELECTRICAL SERVICE Filed 02/27/98; Closed 08/05/98.

EL98-004 IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR DECLARATORY RULING FILED BY THE CITY OF PIERRE REGARDING A TRANSMISSION LINE Filed 03/19/98; Closed 06/30/98.

EL98-005 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY DOUGLAS L. KUPER, LENNOX, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST LINCOLN-UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY REGARDING STRAY VOLTAGE Filed 04/01/98; Closed 05/18/99.

EL98-006 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY BLACK HILLS POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF ITS 1998 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND 1997 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL REPORT Filed 04/01/98; Closed 08/05/98.

EL98-007 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY BASIN ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE FOR APPROVAL OF A WAIVER OF TEMPORARY REBUILDING OF A PORTION OF A LINE Filed 04/02/98; Closed 04/17/98.

EL98-008 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN Filed 04/09/98; Closed 06/11/98.

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EL98-009 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SIOUX VALLEY - SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE FOR APPROVAL OF JOINT REQUEST FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE TERRITORY EXCEPTION BETWEEN SIOUX VALLEY - SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE AND NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY Filed 05/19/98; Closed 08/05/98.

EL98-010 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY MARION AND L. R. STALLINGS, LEAD, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST BLACK HILLS POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY REGARDING INSTALLATION FEES Filed 05/22/98; Closed 07/09/98.

EL98-011 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY TURNER-HUTCHINSON ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC., FOR APPROVAL OF EXCEPTION TO SERVICE ON ASSIGNED AREAS BETWEEN TURNER-HUTCHINSON ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC., AND LINCOLN-UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY Filed 05/26/98; Closed 08/05/98.

EL98-012 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO., A DIVISION OF MDU RESOURCES GROUP, INC., FOR APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO ITS OCCASIONAL POWER PURCHASE NON-TIME DIFFERENTIATED RATE 95, SHORT-TERM POWER PURCHASE TIME DIFFERENTIATED RATE 96 AND LONG-TERM POWER PURCHASE TIME DIFFERENTIATED RATE 97 Filed 06/01/98; Closed 07/09/98.

EL98-013 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF ITS REVISED RATE SHEETS FOR ITS OCCASIONAL DELIVERY ENERGY SERVICE AND TIME OF DELIVERY ENERGY SERVICE Filed 06/08/98; Closed 07/09/98.

EL98-014 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY MOREAU-GRAND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC., AND THE CITY OF MCLAUGHLIN FOR APPROVAL OF CONSENT AND AGREEMENT FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE IN ASSIGNED TERRITORY OF ANOTHER ELECTRIC SUPPLIER Filed 06/09/98; Closed 08/14/98.

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EL98-015 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY DAVE OVERLAND, SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY REGARDING EXCESSIVE REPAIR CHARGES Filed 06/12/98; Closed 07/09/98.

EL98-016 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY LINCOLN-UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY AND MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF EXCEPTION TO SERVICE ON ASSIGNED AREAS Filed 06/22/98; Closed 07/09/98.

EL98-017 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY CODINGTON-CLARK ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC., AND THE CITY OF WATERTOWN, SOUTH DAKOTA, FOR APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT TO MODIFY ASSIGNED SERVICE AREA Filed 06/29/98; Closed 08/05/98.

EL98-018 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY JUDY MATHISON, SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA AGAINST NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY REGARDING DISCONNECTION Filed 07/06/98; Closed 08/05/98.

EL98-019 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY ROB THORSON, BRANDON, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST NORTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY REGARDING REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES INCURRED Filed 07/14/98; Closed 08/25/98.

EL98-020 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY LORI BULT, CROOKS, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY REGARDING POOR CUSTOMER SERVICE Filed 10/02/98; Closed 10/26/98.

EL98-021 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY ELLEN MEDICINE HORN, SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY REGARDING CROSS WIRED METER Filed 10/02/98; Closed 10/26/98.

EL98-022 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY BLACK HILLS POWER & LIGHT COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO INDUSTRIAL CONTRACT SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH HOME-STAKE MINING COMPANY Filed 11/17/98; Closed 12/11/98.

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EL98-023 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY BONNIE SLADE, FULTON, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY REGARDING OUTAGES Filed 11/19/98; Closed 05/05/99.

GE98-001 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY NORTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO ITS GAS AND ELECTRIC TARIFFS Filed 02/17/98; Closed 07/09/98.

GE98-002 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY FOR A STATEMENT TO THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION REGARDING INVESTMENT IN A FOREIGN UTILITY Filed 09/17/98; Closed 10/21/98.

GE98-003 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NORTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO ITS NATURAL GAS AND ELECTRIC TARIFF CONCERNING MODIFICATION OF ITS CUSTOMER BILL Filed 10/22/98; Closed 11/09/98.

GW97-001 IN THE MATTER OF ESTABLISHING WAREHOUSE RATES FOR THE STORAGE, RECEIVING, HANDLING AND REDELIVERY OF TRAIN Filed 12/18/97; Closed 06/29/98.

MS98-001 IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST FOR A SURVEY ON UTILITIES' YEAR 2000 READINESS Filed 08/26/98; Pending.

NG98-001 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THE RAPID CITY GAS TRANSPORTATION COMPANY, LLC FOR A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT A 6.625 INCH O.D. TRANSMISSION PIPELINE FACILITY IN PENNINGTON COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 02/24/98; Closed 04/20/98.

NG98-002 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO., A DIVISION OF MDU RESOURCES GROUP, INC., FOR APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH DEVIATION WITH MERILLAT CORPORATION Filed 05/07/98; Closed 07/24/98.

NG98-003 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY DUANE MUXEN, DOLAND, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST PEOPLES NATURAL GAS REGARDING SALES TAX EXEMPTION Filed 05/11/98; Closed 08/14/98.

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NG98-004 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY NORTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF REFUND PLAN RELATING TO KANSAS AD VALOREM TAX REFUNDS RECEIVED FROM NORTHERN NATURAL GAS COMPANY Filed 05/19/98; Closed 07/09/98.

NG98-005 IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF UTILICORP UNITED INC., FOR A STATEMENT TO THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION REGARDING INVESTMENT IN A FOREIGN UTILITY Filed 05/22/98; Closed 06/11/98.

NG98-006 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF WAIVER OF REFUND PLAN RELATING TO KANSAS AD VALOREM TAX REFUNDS RECEIVED FROM NORTHERN NATURAL GAS COMPANY Filed 06/18/98; Closed 08/26/99.

NG98-007 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TEST PERIOD Filed 08/25/98; Closed 09/21/98.

NG98-008 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY NORTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF TARIFF REVISIONS Filed 09/01/98; Closed 09/21/98.

NG98-009 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF TARIFF EXTENSION FOR RECOVERY OF IGSP PROGRAM Filed 10/15/98; Closed 11/04/98.

NG98-010 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF CONTINUATION OF THE IGSP FOR AN ADDITIONAL THREE-YEAR PERIOD, OR UNTIL SUCH TIME AS ITS PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT MAY BE ELIMINATED, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST Filed 10/30/98; Closed 08/26/99.

NG98-011 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY TO INCREASE RATES FOR NATURAL GAS SERVICE Filed 11/23/98; Closed 04/23/99.

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NG98-012 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO., A DIVISION OF MDU RESOURCES GROUP, INC., FOR APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO ELLSWORTH AIR FORCE BASE, RATE 64 Filed 12/07/98; Closed 05/05/99.

NG98-013 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO., A DIVISION OF MDU RESOURCES GROUP, INC., FOR APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO ITS PURCHASED GAS COST ADJUSTMENT, RATES 88 AND 89 Filed 12/14/98; Closed 01/06/99.

NG98-014 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF ITS 1998 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT AND 1999 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN Filed 12/31/98; Closed 05/05/99.

RM98-001 TELECOMMUNICATIONS RULEMAKING Filed 09/28/98; Closed 01/20/99.

TC98-001 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF A C S TEL COM INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 01/02/98; Closed 09/21/98.

TC98-002 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF BUSINESS CALLING PLAN, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 01/08/98; Closed 03/16/98.

TC98-003 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF TELEPHONE COMPANY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 01/08/98; Closed 02/27/98.

TC98-004 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ACS SYSTEMS, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 01/14/98; Closed 03/16/98.

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TC98-005 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NORCOM ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 01/20/98; Closed 02/27/98.

TC98-006 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PRIDE AMERICA, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 01/21/98; Closed 04/06/98.

TC98-007 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY WILLOW LAKE ELEVATOR, WILLOW LAKE, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., REGARDING UPDATING LINES Filed 01/26/98; Closed 06/19/98.

TC98-008 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY GALEN WALDNER, CARPENTER, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., REGARDING UPDATING LINES Filed 01/26/98; Closed 06/19/98.

TC98-009 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY DICK GLANZER, CARPENTER, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., REGARDING UPDATING LINES Filed 01/26/98; Closed 06/19/98.

TC98-010 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY REGAN GLANZER, CARPENTER, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., REGARDING UPDATING LINES Filed 01/26/98; Closed 06/19/98.

TC98-011 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY MIKE MADSEN, CARPENTER, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., REGARDING UPDATING LINES Filed 01/26/98; Closed 06/19/98.

TC98-012 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY CLAUDE GLANZER, CARPENTER, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., REGARDING UPDATING LINES Filed 01/26/98; Closed 06/19/98.

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TC98-013 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF AMERICATEL CORPORATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 01/28/98; Closed 02/27/98.

TC98-014 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO ITS EXCHANGE AND NETWORK SERVICES CATALOG Filed 01/28/98; Closed 02/27/98.

TC98-015 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF FACILICOM INTERNATIONAL, L.L.C., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 02/02/98; Closed 06/19/98.

TC98-016 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY KEITH GLANZER, CARPENTER, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., REGARDING UPDATING LINES Filed 02/03/98; Closed 06/19/98.

TC98-017 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SOUTH DAKOTA INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COALITION FOR APPROVAL OF RECIPROCAL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMMNET CELLULAR, INC., AND ACCENT COMMUNICATIONS INC. Filed 02/06/98; Closed 05/04/98.

TC98-018 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SOUTH DAKOTA INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COALITION FOR APPROVAL OF RECIPROCAL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMMNET CELLULAR, INC., AND ARMOUR INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COMPANY Filed 02/06/98; Closed 05/04/98.

TC98-019 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SOUTH DAKOTA INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COALITION FOR APPROVAL OF RECIPROCAL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMMNET CELLULAR, INC., AND BALTIC TELECOM COOPERATIVE Filed 02/06/98; Closed 05/04/98.

TC98-020 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SOUTH DAKOTA INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COALITION FOR APPROVAL OF RECIPROCAL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMMNET CELLULAR, INC., AND BERESFORD MUNICIPAL TELEPHONE COMPANY Filed 02/06/98; Closed 05/04/98.

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TC98-021 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SOUTH DAKOTA INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COALITION FOR APPROVAL OF RECIPROCAL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMMNET CELLULAR, INC., AND BRIDGEWATER-CANISTOTA INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COMPANY Filed 02/06/98; Closed 05/04/98.

TC98-022 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SOUTH DAKOTA INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COALITION FOR APPROVAL OF RECIPROCAL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMMNET CELLULAR, INC., AND EAST PLAINS TELECOM, INC. Filed 02/06/98; Closed 05/04/98.

TC98-023 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SOUTH DAKOTA INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COALITION FOR APPROVAL OF RECIPROCAL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMMNET CELLULAR, INC., AND FAITH MUNICIPAL TELEPHONE COMPANY Filed 02/06/98; Closed 05/04/98.

TC98-024 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SOUTH DAKOTA INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COALITION FOR APPROVAL OF RECIPROCAL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMMNET CELLULAR, INC., AND GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, INC. Filed 02/06/98; Closed 05/04/98.

TC98-025 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SOUTH DAKOTA INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COALITION FOR APPROVAL OF RECIPROCAL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMMNET CELLULAR, INC., AND HANSON COMMUNICATIONS, INC. DBA MCCOOK TELECOM Filed 02/06/98; Closed 05/04/98.

TC98-026 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SOUTH DAKOTA INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COALITION FOR APPROVAL OF RECIPROCAL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMMNET CELLULAR, INC., AND HANSON COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY Filed 02/06/98; Closed 05/04/98.

TC98-027 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SOUTH DAKOTA INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COALITION FOR APPROVAL OF RECIPROCAL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMMNET CELLULAR, INC., AND HEARTLAND COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Filed 02/06/98; Closed 05/04/98.

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TC98-028 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SOUTH DAKOTA INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COALITION FOR APPROVAL OF RECIPROCAL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMMNET CELLULAR, INC., AND INTERSTATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, INC. Filed 02/06/98; Closed 05/04/98.

TC98-029 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SOUTH DAKOTA INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COALITION FOR APPROVAL OF RECIPROCAL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMMNET CELLULAR, INC., AND INTRASTATE TELEPHONE COMPANY Filed 02/06/98; Closed 05/04/98.

TC98-030 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SOUTH DAKOTA INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COALITION FOR APPROVAL OF RECIPROCAL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMMNET CELLULAR, INC., AND JAMES VALLEY COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY Filed 02/06/98; Closed 05/04/98.

TC98-031 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SOUTH DAKOTA INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COALITION FOR APPROVAL OF RECIPROCAL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMMNET CELLULAR, INC., AND KENNEBEC TELEPHONE COMPANY INC. Filed 02/06/98; Closed 05/04/98.

TC98-032 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SOUTH DAKOTA INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COALITION FOR APPROVAL OF RECIPROCAL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMMNET CELLULAR, INC., AND MCCOOK COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY Filed 02/06/98; Closed 05/04/98.

TC98-033 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SOUTH DAKOTA INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COALITION FOR APPROVAL OF RECIPROCAL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMMNET CELLULAR, INC., AND MIDSTATE TELEPHONE COMPANY Filed 02/06/98; Closed 05/04/98.

TC98-034 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SOUTH DAKOTA INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COALITION FOR APPROVAL OF RECIPROCAL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMMNET CELLULAR, INC., AND MOBRIDGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY Filed 02/06/98; Closed 05/04/98.

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TC98-035 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SOUTH DAKOTA INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COALITION FOR APPROVAL OF RECIPROCAL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMMNET CELLULAR, INC., AND RC COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Filed 02/06/98; Closed 05/04/98.

TC98-036 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SOUTH DAKOTA INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COALITION FOR APPROVAL OF RECIPROCAL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMMNET CELLULAR, INC., AND ROBERTS COUNTY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION Filed 02/06/98; Closed 05/04/98.

TC98-037 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SOUTH DAKOTA INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COALITION FOR APPROVAL OF RECIPROCAL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMMNET CELLULAR, INC., AND SANBORN TELEPHONE COMPANY Filed 02/06/98; Closed 05/04/98.

TC98-038 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SOUTH DAKOTA INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COALITION FOR APPROVAL OF RECIPROCAL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMMNET CELLULAR, INC., AND SANCOM INC. Filed 02/06/98; Closed 05/04/98.

TC98-039 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SOUTH DAKOTA INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COALITION FOR APPROVAL OF RECIPROCAL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMMNET CELLULAR, INC., AND SIOUX VALLEY TELEPHONE COMPANY Filed 02/06/98; Closed 05/04/98.

TC98-040 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SOUTH DAKOTA INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COALITION FOR APPROVAL OF RECIPROCAL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMMNET CELLULAR, INC., AND SPLITROCK PROPERTIES, INC. Filed 02/06/98; Closed 05/04/98.

TC98-041 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SOUTH DAKOTA INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COALITION FOR APPROVAL OF RECIPROCAL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMMNET CELLULAR, INC., AND SPLITROCK TELECOM COOPERATIVE, INC. Filed 02/06/98; Closed 05/04/98.

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TC98-042 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SOUTH DAKOTA INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COALITION FOR APPROVAL OF RECIPROCAL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMMNET CELLULAR, INC., AND STATELINE TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. Filed 02/06/98; Closed 05/04/98.

TC98-043 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SOUTH DAKOTA INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COALITION FOR APPROVAL OF RECIPROCAL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMMNET CELLULAR, INC., AND STOCKHOLM/STRANDBURG TELEPHONE COMPANY Filed 02/06/98; Closed 05/04/98.

TC98-044 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SOUTH DAKOTA INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COALITION FOR APPROVAL OF RECIPROCAL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMMNET CELLULAR, INC., AND SULLY BUTTES TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC. Filed 02/06/98; Closed 05/04/98.

TC98-045 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SOUTH DAKOTA INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COALITION FOR APPROVAL OF RECIPROCAL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMMNET CELLULAR, INC., AND UNION TELEPHONE COMPANY Filed 02/06/98; Closed 05/04/98.

TC98-046 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SOUTH DAKOTA INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COALITION FOR APPROVAL OF RECIPROCAL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMMNET CELLULAR, INC., AND VALLEY CABLE & SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS INC. Filed 02/06/98; Closed 05/04/98.

TC98-047 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SOUTH DAKOTA INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COALITION FOR APPROVAL OF RECIPROCAL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMMNET CELLULAR, INC., AND VALLEY TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, INC. Filed 02/06/98; Closed 05/04/98.

TC98-048 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SOUTH DAKOTA INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COALITION FOR APPROVAL OF RECIPROCAL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMMNET CELLULAR, INC., AND VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

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TC98-049 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SOUTH DAKOTA INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COALITION FOR APPROVAL OF RECIPROCAL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMMNET CELLULAR, INC., AND VIVIAN TELEPHONE COMPANY DBA GOLDEN WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Filed 02/06/98; Closed 05/04/98.

TC98-050 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SOUTH DAKOTA INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COALITION FOR APPROVAL OF RECIPROCAL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMMNET CELLULAR, INC., AND WEST RIVER COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY Filed 02/06/98; Closed 05/04/98.

TC98-051 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SOUTH DAKOTA INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COALITION FOR APPROVAL OF RECIPROCAL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMMNET CELLULAR, INC., AND WEST RIVER TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE Filed 02/06/98; Closed 05/04/98.

TC98-052 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SOUTH DAKOTA INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COALITION FOR APPROVAL OF RECIPROCAL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMMNET CELLULAR, INC., AND WESTERN TELEPHONE COMPANY Filed 02/06/98; Closed 05/04/98.

TC98-053 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SATELLINK PAGING, LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 02/09/98; Closed 04/06/98.

TC98-054 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MVX COMMUNICATIONS, LLC, FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 02/13/98; Closed 03/16/98.

TC98-055 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF INC./RETAIL SALES GROUP D/B/A PEOPLE LINK BY TCI FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 02/20/98; Closed 05/26/98.

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TC98-056 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NORTH DAKOTA LONG DISTANCE FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 02/23/98; Closed 06/19/98.

TC98-057 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SMARTSTOP, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 02/23/98; Closed 06/04/98.

TC98-058 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NOVA TELECOM, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 02/23/98; Closed 04/28/98.

TC98-059 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CSI CORP FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 02/23/98; Closed 04/06/98.

TC98-060 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF U.S. TELCO, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INCLUDING LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 02/25/98; Closed 04/06/98.

TC98-061 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DAKOTA TELECOM, INC. AND DAKOTA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, INC., SEEKING AUTHORITY TO INVOKE SECTION 252(I) OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996 TO UTILIZE THE NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT BETWEEN SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, L.P., AND U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Filed 02/25/98; Closed 11/17/98.

TC98-062 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF WINSTAR WIRELESS, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA AND FOR APPROVAL NUNC PRO TUNC OF A TRANSFER OF ASSETS FROM MIDCOM COMMUNICATIONS, INC., TO WINSTAR WIRELESS, INC. Filed 03/04/98; Closed 09/21/98.

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TC98-063 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NORTHERN VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, L.L.C. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INCLUDING LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICES, IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 03/18/98;
Closed 06/05/98.

TC98-064 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF IDT AMERICA, CORP., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 03/26/98;
Closed 12/18/98.

TC98-065 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF TELECOM RESOURCES, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 03/30/98;
Closed 05/18/98.

TC98-066 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CABLE & WIRELESS GLOBAL CARD SERVICES, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 03/30/98; Closed 03/09/99.

TC98-067 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO ITS EXCHANGE AND NETWORK SERVICES TARIFF, ACCESS SERVICE TARIFF, EXCHANGE AND NETWORK SERVICES CATALOG AND PRIVATE LINE TRANSPORT SERVICES CATALOG Filed 04/01/98; Closed 05/04/98.

TC98-068 IN THE MATTER OF THE REVOCATION OF THE CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY OF UTILITY ANALYSTS, INC. D/B/A BASIC LONG DISTANCE Filed 04/03/98; Closed 06/11/98.

TC98-069 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PARK 'N VIEW, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 04/15/98;
Closed 05/26/98.

TC98-070 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PRIMECALL, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 04/16/98; Closed 08/14/98.

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TC98-071 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY ELIZABETH M. LIPP, ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST UTILITY ANALYSTS, INC., D/B/A BASIC LONG DISTANCE REGARDING SLAMMING Filed 04/20/98; Closed 05/26/98.

TC98-072 IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF FORT RANDALL TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF EXTENSION OF WAIVER OF SWITCHED ACCESS RULES Filed 04/21/98; Closed 06/04/98.

TC98-073 IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF VIVIAN TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF EXTENSION OF WAIVER OF SWITCHED ACCESS RULES Filed 04/21/98; Closed 06/04/98.

TC98-074 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO ITS ACCESS SERVICE TARIFF Filed 04/23/98; Closed 05/26/98.

TC98-075 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR APPROVAL OF AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMMCHOICE, LLC AND U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Filed 04/23/98; Closed 06/19/98.

TC98-076 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NXLD COMPANY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 04/27/98; Closed 07/09/98.

TC98-077 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ELIAS VENTURES, INC., D/B/A AMERICAN FREEWAY100 FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 04/27/98; Closed 08/14/98.

TC98-078 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS REVENUE REQUIREMENT FOR INTRASTATE TELEPHONE COMPANY Filed 04/27/98; Closed 10/26/98.

TC98-079 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS REVENUE REQUIREMENT FOR STATELINE TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. Filed 04/27/98; Closed 10/26/98.

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TC98-080 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY DON HERTZ, CUSTER, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MIDWEST, INC., REGARDING LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE RATES Filed 04/29/98; Closed 06/11/98.

TC98-081 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS REVENUE REQUIREMENT FOR BRIDGEWATER-CANISTOTA INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COMPANY Filed 04/29/98; Closed 12/04/98.

TC98-082 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS REVENUE REQUIREMENT FOR KENNEBEC TELEPHONE COMPANY Filed 04/29/98; Closed 10/26/98.

TC98-083 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS REVENUE REQUIREMENT FOR WESTERN TELEPHONE COMPANY Filed 04/29/98; Closed 11/09/98.

TC98-084 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS REVENUE REQUIREMENT FOR VALLEY TELECOM COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION AND VALLEY CABLE AND SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS Filed 04/30/98; Closed 12/04/98.

TC98-085 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS REVENUE REQUIREMENT FOR MIDSTATE TELEPHONE COMPANY AND HEARTLAND COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Filed 04/30/98; Closed 10/26/98.

TC98-086 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS REVENUE REQUIREMENT FOR SANBORN TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE AND SANCOM, INC. Filed 04/30/98; Closed 10/26/98.

TC98-087 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS REVENUE REQUIREMENT FOR VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Filed 04/30/98; Closed 12/04/98.

TC98-088 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS REVENUE REQUIREMENT FOR HANSON COMMUNICATIONS, INC. D/B/A MCCOOK TELECOM Filed 04/30/98; Closed 10/26/98.

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TC98-089 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS REVENUE REQUIREMENT FOR SPLITROCK PROPERTIES, INC. Filed 04/30/98; Closed 10/26/98.

TC98-090 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR THE LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS ASSOCIATION Filed 04/30/98; Closed 01/06/99.

TC98-091 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS REVENUE REQUIREMENT FOR JAMES VALLEY COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY AND ACCENT COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Filed 04/30/98; Closed 12/04/98.

TC98-092 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS REVENUE REQUIREMENT FOR STOCKHOLM-STANDBURG TELEPHONE CO. Filed 04/30/98; Closed 10/26/98.

TC98-093 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS REVENUE REQUIREMENT FOR ROBERTS COUNTY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION AND RC COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Filed 04/30/98; Closed 10/26/98.

TC98-094 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS REVENUE REQUIREMENT FOR MOBRIDGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY Filed 05/01/98; Closed 10/26/98.

TC98-095 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NETEL, INC. D. B.A. TEL3 FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 05/01/98; Closed 06/19/98.

TC98-096 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING OF TYPE 2 WIRELESS INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., AND RURAL CELLULAR CORPORATION Filed 05/11/98; Closed 08/05/98.

TC98-097 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SOUTH DAKOTA INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COALITION FOR APPROVAL OF RECIPROCAL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMMNET CELLULAR, INC., AND BROOKINGS MUNICIPAL TELEPHONE COMPANY Filed 05/11/98; Closed

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TC98-098 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SOUTH DAKOTA INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COALITION FOR APPROVAL OF RECIPROCAL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMMNET CELLULAR, INC., AND KADOKA TELEPHONE COMPANY Filed 05/11/98; Closed 06/19/98.

TC98-099 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING OF TYPE 2 WIRELESS INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., AND MIDWEST WIRELESS COMMUNICAITONS L.L.C. AND SWITCH 2000 L.L.C. (UPON BECOMING A WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF MIDWEST WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS L.L.C.) Filed 05/14/98; Closed 08/05/98.

TC98-100 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR SERVICE RE-SALE BETWEEN COMM SOUTH COMPANIES, INC., AND U S WEST-COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Filed 05/15/98; Closed 11/09/98.

TC98-101 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF BLACK HILLS FIBER SYSTEMS, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 05/18/98; Closed 08/05/98.

TC98-102 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF COMCAST TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.D/B/A COMCAST LONG DISTANCE FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 05/26/98; Closed 08/05/98.

TC98-103 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS REVENUE REQUIREMENT FOR BERESFORD MUNICIPAL TELEPHONE COMPANY Filed 05/27/98; Closed 10/26/98.

TC98-104 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS REVENUE REQUIREMENT FOR UNION TELEPHONE COMPANY Filed 05/27/98; Closed 12/04/98.

TC98-105 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS REVENUE REQUIREMENT FOR BALTIC TELECOM COOPERATIVE Filed 05/27/98; Closed 10/26/98.

TC98-106 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS REVENUE REQUIREMENT FOR GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, INC. Filed 05/27/98; Closed 12/04/98.

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TC98-107 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF OLS, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 05/28/98; Closed 07/09/98.

TC98-108 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ICG TELECOM GROUP, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 05/28/98; Closed 10/08/98.

TC98-109 IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON PUBLIC INTEREST PAYPHONES Filed 06/01/98; Closed 08/14/98.

TC98-110 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NET2000 GROUP, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 06/01/98; Closed 10/21/98.

TC98-111 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY DAKOTA TELECOM, INC., FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER Filed 06/04/98; Closed 12/11/98.

TC98-112 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR APPROVAL OF AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., AND DAKOTA SERVICES, LTD. Filed 06/08/98; Closed 12/04/98.

TC98-113 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF BIG PLANET, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 06/09/98; Closed 09/21/98.

TC98-114 IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT APPLICATION OF KENNEBEC TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC., AND ROD AND DONNA BOWAR REGARDING THE SALE OF THE MAJORITY OF KENNEBEC TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC., STOCK TO ROD AND DONNA BOWAR Filed 06/09/98; Closed 09/10/98.

TC98-115 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SOUTH DAKOTA INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COALITION FOR APPROVAL OF RECIPROCAL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMMNET CELLULAR, INC., AND FORT RANDALL TELEPHONE COMPANY Filed 06/16/98; Closed 08/05/98.

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TC98-116 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SOUTH DAKOTA INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COALITION FOR APPROVAL OF RECIPROCAL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMMNET CELLULAR, INC., AND JEFFERSON TELEPHONE COMPANY Filed 06/16/98; Closed 08/05/98.

TC98-117 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SOUTH DAKOTA INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COALITION FOR APPROVAL OF RECIPROCAL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMMNET CELLULAR, INC., AND TRI-COUNTY TELCOM, INC. Filed 06/16/98; Closed 08/05/98.

TC98-118 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF COLORADO RIVER COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION D/B/A CRC LONG DISTANCE FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 06/22/98; Closed 10/21/98.

TC98-119 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF EAGLE TELECOM, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 06/22/98; Closed 08/25/98.

TC98-120 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF HJN TELECOM, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 06/22/98; Closed 08/05/98.

TC98-121 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY DOUGLAS G. PETTIGREW, WETONKA, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST U S WEST COMMUNICAITONS, INC.,REGARDING SERVICE PROBLEMS Filed 6/25/98; Closed 11/09/98.

TC98-122 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ST LONG DISTANCE, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 06/29/98; Closed 09/21/98.

TC98-123 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY SUSAN SCHAMBER, FREEMAN, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST DAKOTA TELECOMMUNICATIONS GROUP, INC.,REGARDING INTERNET SERVICES Filed 06/29/98; Closed 08/25/98.

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TC98-124 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY DON MAL-SOM AND JENNY MALSOM, MINA, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., REGARDING UPDATING LINES Filed 06/29/98; Closed 11/09/98.

TC98-125 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO ITS ACCESS SERVICE TARIFF Filed 07/01/98; Closed 08/14/98.

TC98-126 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF U.S. NETWORK SERVICES, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 07/06/98; Closed 08/14/98.

TC98-127 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY TEL-SAVE, INC., AGAINST U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., REGARDING VIOLATION OF SECTIONS 201(B) AND 202 OF THE COMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1934, AS AMENDED, AND VIOLATION OF S.D. CODIFIED LAWS SECTION 49-31-11 Filed 07/09/98; Closed 08/25/98.

TC98-128 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY PAUL MAL-SOM, MINA, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., REGARDING UPDATING LINES Filed 07/09/98; Closed 11/09/98.

TC98-129 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY DALE AND LINDA BROOKS, MINA, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., REGARDING UPDATING LINES Filed 07/13/98; Closed 11/09/98.

TC98-130 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY DENISE BROVEAK, NEMO, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., REGARDING ADDITIONAL LINES Filed 07/13/98; Closed 09/21/98.

TC98-131 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MAIN STREET TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 07/14/98; Closed 10/26/98.

TC98-132 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY WILSON ENTERPRISES, INC., HILL CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., REGARDING UPDATING LINES Filed 07/14/98; Closed 07/16/99.

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TC98-133 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY MARIAN C. BROOKS, MINA SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., REGARDING UPDATING LINES Filed 07/15/98; Closed 11/09/98.

TC98-134 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY DAKOTA TELECOMMUNICATIONS GROUP FOR APPROVAL OF RECIPROCAL COMPENSATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN DAKOTA TELECOMMUNICATIONS GROUP AND COMMNET CELLULAR, INC. Filed 07/17/98; Closed 09/21/98.

TC98-135 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF LOGIX COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 07/23/98; Closed 12/04/98.

TC98-136 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY ECONOPHONE, INC., FOR APPROVAL TO TRANSFER ITS CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO ITS WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARY, ECONOPHONE SERVICES, INC. Filed 07/23/98; Closed 10/21/98.

TC98-137 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY BRENT BARTON, MINA, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., REGARDING UPDATING LINES Filed 07/24/98; Closed 02/03/99.

TC98-138 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ALLIANCE GROUP SERVICES INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 07/27/98; Closed 12/09/98.

TC98-139 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF Z-TEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 07/28/98; Closed 09/21/98.

TC98-140 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR SERVICE RESALE BETWEEN KNIGHT COMMUNICATIONS, INC., AND U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Filed 07/29/98; Closed 10/27/98.

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TC98-141 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY DWAYNE BLOMSTER, WETONKA, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., REGARDING UPDATING LINES Filed 08/03/98; Closed 11/09/98.

TC98-142 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY W. JOSEPH CLAFLIN, RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., REGARDING UPDATING LINES Filed 08/07/98; Closed 08/06/99.

TC98-143 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF RSL COM PRIME-CALL, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 08/13/98; Closed 12/04/98.

TC98-144 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY MIKE MAL-SOM, MINA, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., REGARDING UPDATING LINES Filed 08/13/98; Closed 11/09/98.

TC98-145 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF FIRST CALL USA, INCORPORATED FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 08/24/98; Closed 11/09/98.

TC98-146 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY GCC LICENSE CORPORATION FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER Filed 08/25/98; Closed 05/19/99.

TC98-147 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF FIBERCOMM, L. C., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INCLUDING LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 08/27/98; Closed 03/30/99.

TC98-148 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SIOUX FALLS CABLE TELEVISION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 08/27/98; Closed 04/01/99.

TC98-149 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY LOWN HOUSE RESTAURANT, SPEARFISH, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MIDWEST, INC., REGARDING CONSUMER SERVICE ISSUES Filed 08/31/98; Closed 08/26/99.

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TC98-150 IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT APPLICATION OF VALLEY TELEPHONE COMPANY AND PARK REGION MUTUAL TELEPHONE COMPANY REGARDING THE SALE OF VALLEY TELEPHONE COMPANY STOCK TO PARK REGION MUTUAL TELEPHONE COMPANY Filed 09/03/98 Closed 12/17/98.

TC98-151 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MIDWEST INC., FOR APPROVAL OF DIGITAL LINK SERVICE Filed 09/04/98; Closed 03/30/99.

TC98-152 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR APPROVAL OF AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF HAWARDEN AND HEARTLAND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY OF IOWA Filed 09/04/98; Closed 11/09/98.

TC98-153 IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF EAST PLAINS TELECOM, INC., FOR APPROVAL OF EXTENSION OF WAIVER OF SWITCHED ACCESS RULES Filed 09/14/98; Closed 12/04/98.

TC98-154 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NEW CONCEPT COMMUNICATIONS, LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 09/15/98; Closed 12/04/98.

TC98-155 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY LORETTA SPEAR, HILL CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., REGARDING UPDATING LINES Filed 09/15/98; Pending.

TC98-156 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY DALE W. AND P. RENE LARSON, LEAD, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., REGARDING DISCONNECTION Filed 09/15/98; Closed 12/04/98.

TC98-157 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY KAREN M. ERICKSON, ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST MCLEODUSA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC., REGARDING UNACCEPTABLE SERVICES Filed 09/16/98; Closed 10/29/98.

TC98-158 IN THE MATTER OF CYPRESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT A REPORT AND PAY THE GROSS RECEIPTS TAX Filed 09/21/98; Closed 10/29/98.

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TC98-159 IN THE MATTER OF FREEDOM COMMUNICATIONS CORP.'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT A REPORT AND PAY THE GROSS RECEIPTS TAX Filed 09/21/98; Closed 10/29/98.

TC98-160 IN THE MATTER OF GLOBAL TELEMEDIA INTERNATIONAL, INC.'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT A REPORT AND PAY THE GROSS RECEIPTS TAX Filed 09/21/98; Closed 10/29/98.

TC98-161 IN THE MATTER OF HOST NETWORK, INC.'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT A REPORT AND PAY THE GROSS RECEIPTS TAX Filed 09/21/98; Closed 10/29/98.

TC98-162 IN THE MATTER OF LONG DISTANCE DIRECT HOLDINGS, INC.'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT A REPORT AND PAY THE GROSS RECEIPTS TAX Filed 09/21/98; Closed 10/29/98.

TC98-163 IN THE MATTER OF MERIDIAN TELECOM CORPORATION'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT A REPORT AND PAY THE GROSS RECEIPTS TAX Filed 09/21/98; Closed 10/29/98.

TC98-164 IN THE MATTER OF MICRO-COMM, INC.'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT A REPORT AND PAY THE GROSS RECEIPTS TAX Filed 09/21/98; Closed 10/29/98.

TC98-165 IN THE MATTER OF POLAR COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT A REPORT AND PAY THE GROSS RECEIPTS TAX Filed 09/21/98; Closed 10/29/98.

TC98-166 IN THE MATTER OF PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATIONS MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC. D/B/A PROCOM'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT A REPORT AND PAY THE GROSS RECEIPTS TAX Filed 09/21/98; Closed 10/05/98.

TC98-167 IN THE MATTER OF PROVIDIAN GROUP, LLC'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT A REPORT AND PAY THE GROSS RECEIPTS TAX Filed 09/21/98; Closed 10/29/98.

TC98-168 IN THE MATTER OF SMARTEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT A REPORT AND PAY THE GROSS RECEIPTS TAX Filed 09/21/98; Closed 10/29/98.

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TC98-169 IN THE MATTER OF THE PHONCO, INC. D/B/A NETWORK SERVICES LONG DISTANCE'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT A REPORT AND PAY THE GROSS RECEIPTS TAX Filed 09/21/98; Closed 10/29/98.

TC98-170 IN THE MATTER OF TW COMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT A REPORT AND PAY THE GROSS RECEIPTS TAX Filed 09/21/98; Closed 10/20/98.

TC98-171 IN THE MATTER OF UNITED WATS, INC.'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT A REPORT AND PAY THE GROSS RECEIPTS TAX Filed 09/21/98; Closed 10/13/98.

TC98-172 IN THE MATTER OF V.I.P. TELEPHONE NETWORK, INC.'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT A REPORT AND PAY THE GROSS RECEIPTS TAX Filed 09/21/98; Closed 10/29/98.

TC98-173 IN THE MATTER OF XIEX TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT A REPORT AND PAY THE GROSS RECEIPTS TAX Filed 09/21/98; Closed 10/29/98.

TC98-174 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PREMIER-COM, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 09/22/98; Closed 11/09/98.

TC98-175 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY JOHN R. STEELE, PLANKINTON, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION REGARDING FRAUDULENT MARKETING PRACTICES Filed 09/24/98; Closed 12/11/98.

TC98-176 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY RANDY KIEFFER, STURGIS, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., REGARDING SERVICE PROBLEMS Filed 09/24/98; Pending.

TC98-177 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PAETEC COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 09/30/98; Closed 02/03/99.

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TC98-178 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY EARL WAT-
TERLAND, MARCUS, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST GOLDEN WEST TELE-
COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, INC., REGARDING DISCRIMINA-
TORY INSTALLATION FEES Filed 10/02/98; Closed 10/26/98.

TC98-179 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY BARRY
AND DAWN AUSTIN, WHITE OWL, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST GOLDEN
WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, INC., REGARDING
DISCRIMINATORY INSTALLATION FEES Filed 10/02/98; Closed 03/18/99.

TC98-180 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY MITZI AND
STEVE MOORE, WATERTOWN, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST U S WEST
COMMUNICATIONS, INC., REGARDING DELAY IN SERVICE Filed 10/06/98;
Closed 10/26/98.

TC98-181 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY MICHAEL
F. MEYER, WATERTOWN, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST U S WEST COMMU-
NICATIONS, INC., REGARDING DELAY IN SERVICE Filed 10/06/98; Closed
10/26/98.

TC98-182 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MEGSINET-
CLEC, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELE-
COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 10/14/98; Closed
11/09/98.

TC98-183 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY SHERYL L.
KLEIN, VALENTINE, NEBRASKA, AGAINST U S WEST COMMUNICA-
TIONS, INC., REGARDING POOR SERVICE AND REQUEST TO HAVE
LINES UPDATED Filed 10/16/98; Pending.

TC98-184 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY JOANN
KLEIN, VALENTINE, NEBRASKA, AGAINST U S WEST COMMUNICA-
TIONS, INC., REGARDING POOR SERVICE AND REQUEST TO HAVE
LINES UPDATED Filed 10/16/98; Pending.

TC98-185 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF EQUALITY INC.,
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICA-
TIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 10/19/98; Closed 01/15/99.

TC98-186 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST COMMUNI-
CATIONS, INC., FOR APPROVAL OF INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., AND FIBERCOMM, L.C.
Filed 10/23/98;

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TC98-187 IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR AN ORDER DIRECTING U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., TO FILE UPDATES TO ITS EXCHANGE AND NETWORK SERVICES CATALOG, ACCESS SERVICE CATALOG, ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES CATALOG AND PRIVATE LINE TRANSPORT SERVICES CATALOG Filed 10/26/98; Pending.

TC98-188 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY DONNA BEITELSPACHER WEBSTER, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST BUYERS UNITED REGARDING UNAUTHORIZED BILLING Filed 10/26/98; Closed 12/04/98.

TC98-189 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY SUZANNE HANSON, MCCOOK LAKE, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST COMMCHOICE, LLC REGARDING POOR QUALITY OF SERVICE AND A REQUEST TO BE SERVED BY U S WEST Filed 10/26/98; Closed 02/26/99.

TC98-190 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ENHANCED COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 10/28/98; Closed 02/03/99.

TC98-191 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SPECIAL ACCOUNTS BILLING GROUP, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 10/28/98; Closed 12/04/98.

TC98-192 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY GREG AND MARILYN BOLT, RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST MCLEODUSA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC., REGARDING UNACCEPTABLE SERVICES Filed 10/28/98; Closed 05/05/99.

TC98-193 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY DEBRA D. ESCHER, CANTON, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., REGARDING UNACCEPTABLE SERVICES Filed 10/29/98; Closed 12/04/98.

TC98-194 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY BASEC. NET, HURON, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., AND FIRSCEL, INC., REGARDING BILLING ISSUES Filed 10/29/98; Closed 08/06/99.

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TC98-195 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NETWORK BILLING SYSTEMS, L.L.C., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 11/02/98; Closed 01/06/99.

TC98-196 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY DON JURACEK, ON BEHALF OF G.S.A. INC., RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST MCLEODUSA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC., REGARDING INADEQUATE TELEPHONE SERVICE Filed 11/05/98; Closed 08/18/99.

TC98-197 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF INTERNET TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 11/12/98; Closed 05/18/99.

TC98-198 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CTC COMMUNICATIONS CORP., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 11/13/98; Closed 02/23/99.

TC98-199 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY LAWRENCE KLEIN, VALENTINE, NEBRASKA, AGAINST U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., REGARDING POOR SERVICE AND REQUEST TO HAVE LINES UPDATED Filed 11/13/98; Pending.

TC98-200 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY DON FINN ON BEHALF OF LAKE AREA HOSPITAL, WEBSTER, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MIDWEST, INC., REGARDING OVERCHARGES Filed 11/13/98; Closed 06/22/99.

TC98-201 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF FIRSTWORLD COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 11/16/98;

TC98-202 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR SERVICE RESALE BETWEEN PREFERRED CARRIER SERVICES, INC., AND U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Filed 11/16/98; Closed 02/18/99.

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TC98-203 IN THE MATTER OF FILING BY U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR APPROVAL OF NEGOTIATED/ARBITRATED TERMS OF AGREEMENT FOR INTERCONNECTION, RESALE, AND UNBUNDLED ELEMENTS BETWEEN ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS GROUP, INC., AND U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Filed 11/19/98; Pending.

TC98-204 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR APPROVAL OF WIRELESS INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., AND BROOKINGS MUNICIPAL UTILITIES TELEPHONE DEPARTMENT D.B. A. SWIFTEL COMMUNICATIONS Filed 11/19/98; Closed 02/18/99.

TC98-205 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR APPROVAL OF INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN BLACK HILLS FIBERCOM, INC., AND U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Filed 11/24/98; Closed 01/06/99.

TC98-206 IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION OF NEW MILLENNIUM CONQUEST SERVICE CORPORATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 11/30/98; Closed 05/18/99.

TC98-207 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF TELIGENT, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 11/30/98; Closed 03/30/99.

TC98-208 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY KADOKA TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES Filed 12/10/98; Closed 01/15/99.

TC98-209 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE NETWORK, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 12/16/98; Closed 05/05/99.

TC98-210 IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST FOR A RULING REGARDING TOLL LIMITATION Filed 12/16/98; Closed 01/06/99.

TC98-211 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY MOUNT RUSHMORE TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES Filed 12/16/98; Closed 01/15/99.

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TC98-212 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY MARGARET FIGERT, MISSION, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., REGARDING POOR SERVICE AND REQUEST TO HAVE LINES UPDATED Filed 12/18/98; Pending.

TC98-213 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR APPROVAL OF AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIDCO COMMUNICATIONS, INC. D.B.A. MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Filed 12/23/98; Closed 02/18/99.

TC98-214 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO ITS EXCHANGE AND NETWORK SERVICES TARIFF Filed 12/24/98; Closed 05/12/99.