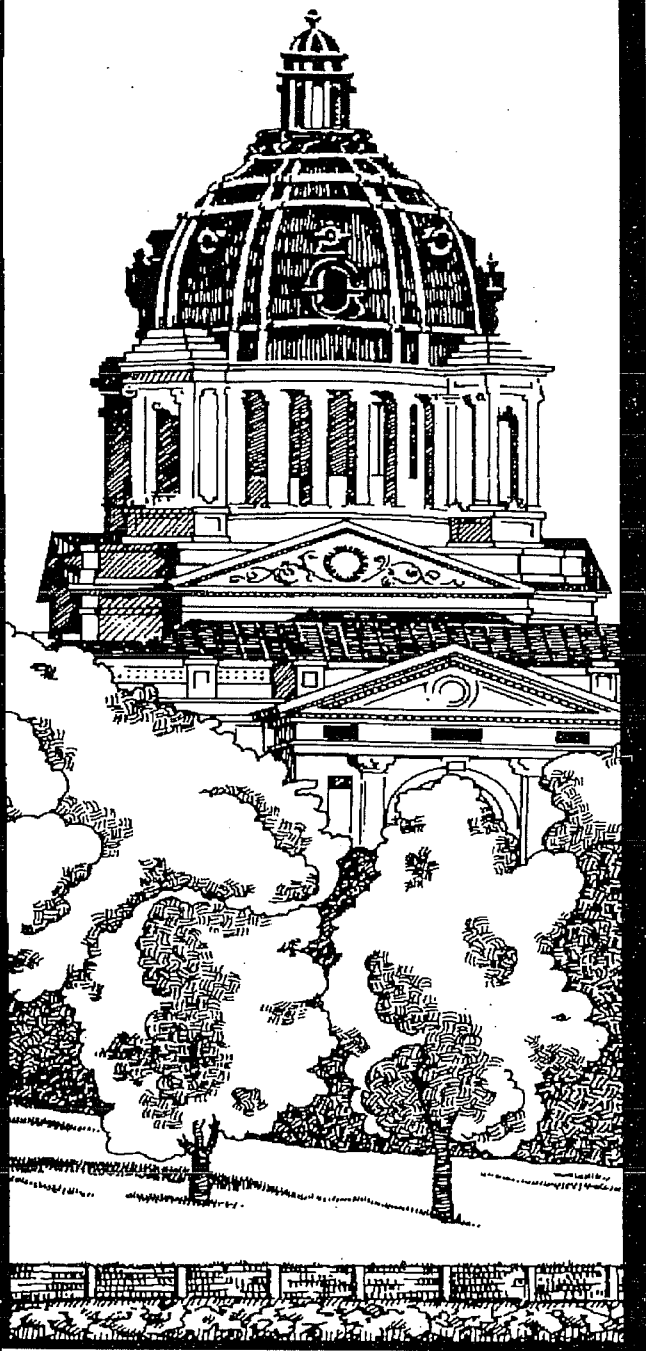


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South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

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March 20, 1995

The Honorable William J. Janklow
Governor of South Dakota
State Capitol Building
Pierre SD 57501

Dear Governor Janklow:

The world of utility regulation is undergoing a number of changes. Throughout 1994, the Public Utilities Commission was called to act upon a variety of new and challenging issues. The Public Utilities Commission respectfully submits its annual report for the 1994 calendar year.

This report conveys the activities, functions, and accomplishments of the Commission during the year. Included in this report are facts, statements and explanations deemed necessary by the Commission to fully disclose its transactions and conduct. Also included is a listing of applications, subjects, and disposition of each docket number assessed by the Commission, along with a complete financial report of receipts and expenditures, including a list of the regulated utilities and the total amount of fees and assessments paid by each.

The Commission and Staff are available for discussion on the topics contained in this report.

Sincerely,

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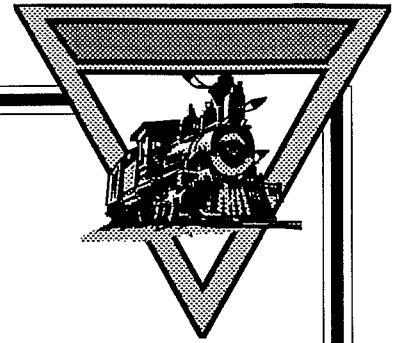
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Brief History of the Commission



The arrival of the railroad to the Dakota Territory brought needed transportation services to the remote plains area. Excitement for the new services was frequently overshadowed with disappointment: there was only one railroad - a monopoly - so it could charge whatever the travelers and business interests would pay. The settlers felt they were being cheated, so they took their complaints to the Territorial Government.

In 1882, the Territorial Legislature created an ad hoc committee to deal with railroad issues. Each year the committee became more burdened with the impact the railroad was having on people and businesses in the Dakota Territory. Committee members felt there was no authority to enforce the decisions made by the committee and there was no consistency in membership or decisions.

Laws (Chapter 126, General Laws of 1885) were passed in the 1885 Legislature to establish the **Board of Railroad Commissioners**. Its power and duties were outlined and implemented in 1886.

The first session of the South Dakota Legislature in 1889 amended the 1885 territorial law establishing the South Dakota Railroad Commissioners and greatly increased its powers and duties. The Board consisted of three members, each appointed for a term of two years, or at the pleasure of the Governor.

Chapter 99 of the Session Laws of 1890 placed regulation of grain warehouses with the Board of Railroad Commissioners since most grain facilities were adjacent to railroads.

In 1897 the laws were amended to make the commissioner offices elected positions, accountable to the South Dakota public. Each term of office was defined as a six-year term, with one commissioner position to be elected each two years during the general elections. The amendments also increased the powers of the Commission to establish and enforce railroad rates.

The 1907 legislature created a Telephone Commission composed of the State

Treasurer, the State Auditor, and a Telephone Commissioner who was appointed by the Governor for a two-year period. This Commission had jurisdiction over telephone and telegraph companies. In 1909, the legislature abolished the Telephone Commission, placing the authority with the Board of Railroad Commissioners.

In 1925, South Dakota became one of the first states to regulate for-hire motor carriers to ensure public safety and reasonable rates. The Board was authorized to develop facts for presentation to the Interstate Commerce Commission and to various courts, with or without complaints from shippers or citizens. Later, in 1937, the Commission was given jurisdiction of the testing and inspection of heavy scales weighing one-thousand pounds and over. This division was later assigned to the Commerce and Consumer Affairs division.

To more accurately reflect the wide range of responsibilities under the Board of Railroad Commissioners, the department's name was changed to the **Public Utilities Commission** in 1939.

In 1975, the State Legislature granted the Public Utilities Commission regulatory jurisdiction over gas and electric utilities. In 1976, the legislature exempted the Rural Electric Association facilities from Public Utilities regulation.

Deregulation has impacted the Commission's authority over the telecommunications industry. In 1979, the Rural Telephone Association Cooperatives became deregulated. Municipal telephone companies were deregulated in 1980. Small independent telephone companies with less than 7,000 access lines were deregulated in 1982 and amendments in 1987 changed the definition of small independent companies to those serving fewer than 10,000 local exchange subscribers.

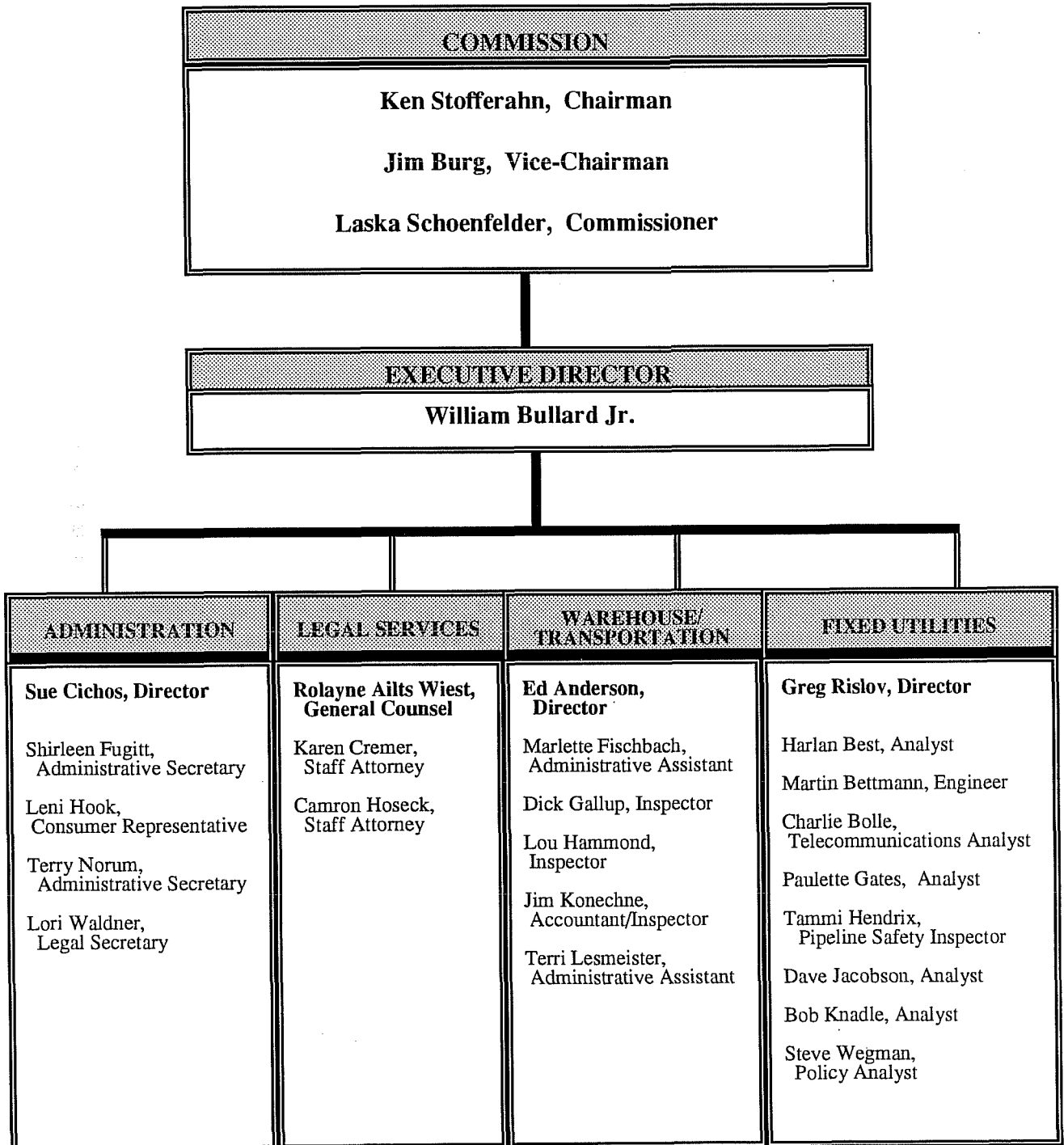
Railroads were removed from the Commission's jurisdiction in 1980 and placed with the Department of Transportation. The 1981 Record Carrier Competition Act removed telegraph companies from regulation.

Telecommunication services were classified into three categories in 1988. Today, noncompetitive (local service) services are fully regulated; emerging competitive services (long distance service) are price-regulated; fully competitive services (call waiting, call forwarding, etc.) are not price-regulated because there is sufficient competition in the provision of those services or because they are optional services.

Even though many changes have been made, the mission of the Public Utilities Commission remains the same: ensuring that public utilities provide reliable service at fair and reasonable rates.

SD Public Utilities Commission

Organizational Chart



Powers of the Commission

The current Public Utilities Commission is given legislative authority and statutory authority under Title 49 of the South Dakota Code, and is responsible, upon a utility company rate filing, for developing just and reasonable rates for customers of the gas, electric, and telephone services of investor-owned utilities; for approving registration and permitting of Class A, B, & C motor carriers, and inspection and investigation of public warehouses within the State. Adequacy of service standards for all utilities, including cooperative and municipal utility companies, are also within the Public Utility Commission's authority.

Commission authority is quasi-judicial and quasi-legislative. For example: the Commission acts in a legislative capacity when setting safety standard rules. It acts like a court when hearing complaints on violation of those rules. Finally, when requiring reports of standard rules from each utility it is using administrative power.

The Public Utilities Commission has statutory power to make the following rules:

1. Procedures for filing and cancelling tariffs, and information required to be included in tariffs;
2. Procedures and requirements for the of complaints;
3. Procedures and requirements for filing applications for new or revised rates or tariff changes;
4. Regulation of proceedings before the Commission, including forms, notices, applications, pleadings, orders to show cause and the service thereof, all of which shall conform to those used in South Dakota courts;
5. Procedures for obtaining declaratory ruling and action on petitions for a declaratory ruling;
6. Procedures and requirements for handling confidential information and determining whether information should be protected as confidential;
and
7. Procedures for communicating with the Commissioners.

Qualifications of the Commissioners

The following qualifications of the Commissioners are statutory and listed in Title 49 of the *South Dakota Codified Law*:

49-1-2. Election of public utilities commissioners - Qualifications and term of office - Vacancies. The public utilities commission shall be comprised of three commissioners. Each commissioner shall be elected from, and represent, the state at large. At each general election there shall be elected one public utilities commissioner having the qualifications prescribed by law. Each commissioner shall hold office for a term of six years from the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January following the election, until his successor is elected and qualified. SL 1992, ch 325.

49-1-3. Qualifications of commissioners - Age and residence - Interest in companies prohibited. No person is eligible to hold the office of public utilities commissioner except a citizen of the United States, a qualified voter of this state who has attained the age of twenty-five years and has resided within the state for at least two years next preceding his election, and who is not the owner of any bonds or stocks in any company, or in the employment of or in any manner pecuniarily interested in any company, of which the public utilities commission has supervision. SL 1992, ch 325.

49-1-5. Vacancies in office of commissioner - Appointment by Governor - Term of appointment. If a vacancy occur in the office of public utilities commissioner from death, resignation, or otherwise, the Governor of the state shall make a temporary appointment to fill such vacancy, but the person so appointed shall hold such office only until the next general election and until his successor is elected and qualified. Notwithstanding such appointment, there shall be chosen at the next general election after such vacancy occurs in such office, a public utilities commissioner to fill such vacancy, who shall hold his office only for the unexpired term of the person originally elected thereto.

List of Commissioners

BOARD OF RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS

TERRITORIAL GOVERNMENT (Appointed)

William Evans, Milbank	1886
W.H. McVay, Yankton	1886
Alex Griggs, Grand Forks	1886 - 1888
A. Boynton, Lennox.	1887 - 1888
N.T. Smith, Huron.	1887 - 1888
Judson LaMoure, Pembina	1889
John H. King, Rapid City	1889
Harvey Rice, Huron	1889

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA (Appointed)

Harvey Rice, Huron	1890
John King, Rapid City	1890 - 1892
Albion Chase, Watertown	1890 - 1892
Chas. E. McKinney, Sioux Falls	1892
Frank Phillips, Watertown	1892

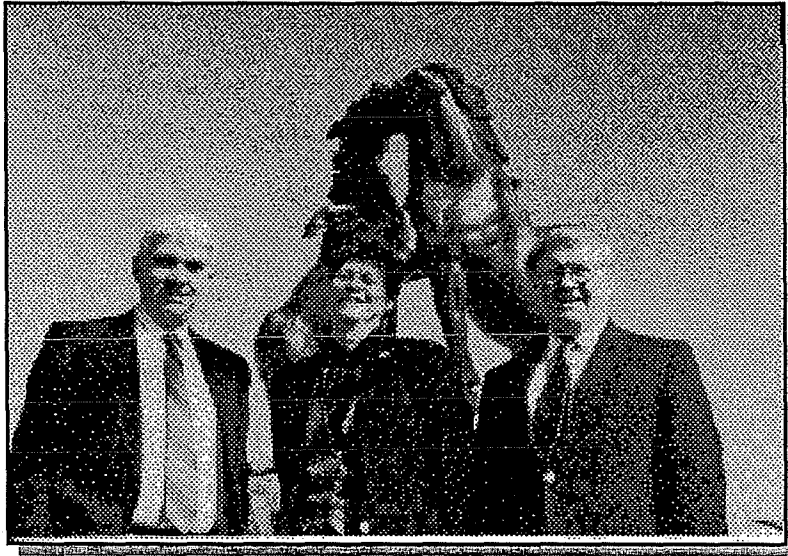
(Elected)

E.F. Conklin	1895-1898
J.R. Brennan	1895-1898
George Johnston	1895-1897
W.T. LaFollette	1897-1901
W.H. Tompkins	1898-1900
Alex Kirkpatrick, Wessington	1898-1903
Wm. G. Smith, Sturgis	1900-1917
Frank LeCocq, Jr., Harrison	1901-1907
D.H. Smith, Miller	1903-1909
George Rice, Flandreau	1907-1913
F.C. Robinson, Groton	1909-1915
J.J. Murphy, Parker	1913-1943
P.W. Dougherty, Webster	1915-1919
F.E. Wells, Bonesteel	1917-1919
J.W. Raish, Aberdeen	1919-1933
D.E. Brisbane, Faith	1919-1935
F.S. Pickart, Hoven	1933-1939
Windsor Dougherty, Winner	1935-1936
Fred B. Ray, Rapid City	1936-1937
C.L. "Roy" Doherty, Rapid City	1937-1917

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSIONERS

C.A. Merkle, Leola	1939-1969
F.L. Lindekugel, Madison	1943-1967
Harvey Scharn, Sioux Falls	1967-1973
Winston Barness, Redfield	1969-1975
Jack Weiland, Rapid City	1971-1977
P.K. Ecker, Sioux Falls	1973-1979
Norma Klinkel, Brookings	1975-1981
Charlotte Fischer, Wall	1977-1983
Ken Stofferahn, Humboldt	1979-present
Jeff Solem, Aberdeen	1981-1987
Dennis Eisnach, Pierre	1983-1989
Jim Burg, Wessington Springs	1987-present
Laska Schoenfelder, Pierre	1989-present

The Commissioners




From left to right:

Vice-chairman Jim Burg (Democrat) was elected to the Public Utilities Commission in 1986 and won his second term in 1992. He was elected to the SD House of Representatives in 1974 and served five terms. He was elected to the SD Senate for one term in 1984. Jim graduated from Lane High School in 1959 and earned a BS in Animal Science from SDSU in 1963. From 1964-1967, he was a fieldman for the Federal Land Bank then returned to Wessington Springs to operate the family farm. Jim served in the SD National Guard from 1963-1990, retiring as a Lt. Colonel. He is Chairman of the Administration Committee for the National Association of Regulatory Commissioners. Jim and his wife, Bernice, have five children: Jeff, Cory, Julie, Casey, and Lisa.

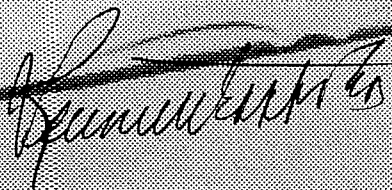
Commissioner Laska Schoenfelder (Republican) was first elected to the Public Utilities Commission in 1988. She graduated from Lemmon High School and attended Dakota Wesleyan University. Laska was Davison County Register of Deeds from 1973-1982, and has also been employed with the Department of Commerce, the Bureau of Personnel, and the office of Highway Safety. She is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Commissioners and was appointed to NARUC's Committee on Communications in 1991. Laska has been nominated as one of the four state members of the Federal Communications' (FCC) Federal/State Joint Board. Laska and her husband, Mike, are the parents of five children and operate a family farm near Mt. Vernon.

Chairman Ken Stofferahn (Democrat) is serving his third term on the Public Utilities Commission. He was first elected to the PUC in 1978, after serving in the SD House of Representatives in 1975-1976. He graduated from Humboldt High School in 1952 and earned a BS degree in Agriculture from SDSU in 1957. From 1957-1963 he served in the Air National Guard. Ken attended the National Judicial College in 1991, and the Annual Regulatory Studies Program at Michigan State University in 1981, 1982, and 1987. He served on the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners and as a board member of the National Regulatory Institute at Ohio State University from 1985 -1992, achieving record tenure. Ken and his wife, Diane, have four children: Michael, Stacey, Stuart, and Steven.



"Fairness, affordability, and competition will continue to be the central issues influencing the Commission as it embarks upon an ever-changing and progressively more complex future. The changes we have made in the telecommunications industry over the past decade will likely pale in comparison to the changes which have already begun today. Among our greatest challenges as Commissioners of this rural state, with its open spaces and rich natural resources, will be to foster the implementation of new technologies so that they are accessible and useful to each and every South Dakota school, hospital, business, community and citizen."

Commissioner Ken Stofferahn



Chairman Stofferahn's Comments

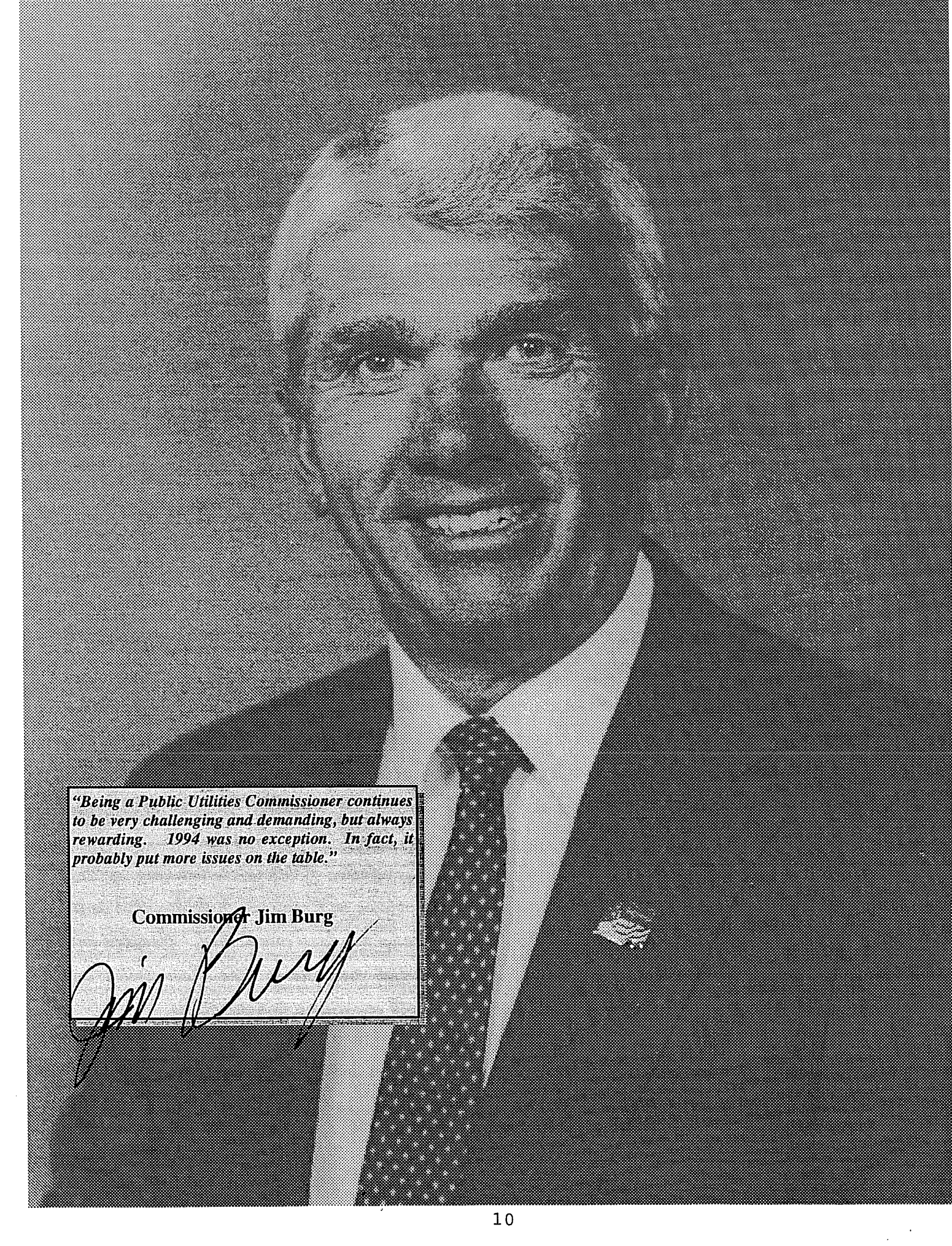
Implementation of new technologies will be no small task when one considers the magnet-like draw large metropolises have on both emerging and mature telecommunications businesses. It is, without question, competition which drives the telecommunications industry toward denser populations. But it is our responsibility as a Commission to recognize this trend; to impart fairness within the decision-making process; and to ensure that the highest quality services anywhere are made available and affordable within our state.

We are, in South Dakota, major exporters of electrical power. Many of our neighboring states are dependant upon hydroelectric power generation made possible only because South Dakotans had the foresight and commitment to harness the power of the Missouri River. We must remain ever-vigilant to ensure that our citizens continue to reap the benefits of this public power generation which they, themselves, helped develop. Here, this issue of fairness and affordability in generating this public power for the public good dictates that the system remain in the public domain. And, as evidenced by the numerous privately owned electrical utilities in operation today, including those which resell this public power, continued competition is assured.

The Commission will continue to meet its charge of protecting South Dakota producers who store and market our most valuable renewable resource - South Dakota grain. Our past record of overseeing the stability of grain warehouses and grain dealers is exemplary. Producers' confidence in the state's grain elevators has been significantly enhanced by the efforts of this Commission. As farms continue to operating in an environment of relatively low prices and periodic natural disasters, the Commission's involvement and oversight remains a constant priority.

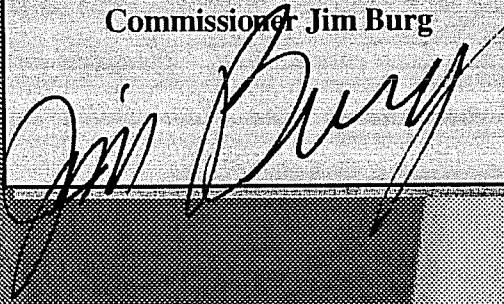
The Commission's other functions of oversight and regulation of interstate trucking, gasoline operations, and the resolution of individual consumer's problems will continue to be handled in the same professional and expedient manner which the Commission has long established. Coupled with a renewed emphasis on public and industry education and partnership, the Commission will promote and encourage energy efficiency alternatives for both consumers and suppliers.

With fairness as our guide, affordability as our goal, and competition as our objective, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission is willing and able to address the challenges of the future by availing new opportunities for the benefit of our consumers and our companies. I look forward to continuing my service to you as the new chairman of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.



"Being a Public Utilities Commissioner continues to be very challenging and demanding, but always rewarding. 1994 was no exception. In fact, it probably put more issues on the table."

Commissioner Jim Burg



Vice-chairman Burg's Comments


The largest division with the PUC and the one whose decisions affect most South Dakotans is, of course, the fixed utilities division. We have to address such challenges as the proposed "open wheeling" concept which will completely change the way electric utilities do business. Hopefully this will bring the promised competition and provide more efficient electric power to consumers while still maintaining required reliability.

Natural gas has been extended to several communities in the eastern part of South Dakota. The introduction of natural gas makes competitive energy sources available while also providing an incentive for economic development.

The telecommunications industry changes faster than anyone can imagine. It's exciting to think of the opportunities for telemedicine and distance learning in our rural areas. These innovations make it possible to provide improved health care and the educational skills students need to compete everywhere in the state. Our challenge is to ensure that the necessary communications infrastructure and technology are available at prices which are affordable. We continue to do this by approving tariffs and implementing rules which provide much more latitude to companies. The upcoming proposed sale of US WEST telephone exchanges could drastically change the entire landscape of telecommunications in South Dakota. The much publicized and debated Federal changes could bring beneficial competition to the entire industry. We now have a much greater impact on those decisions with Senator Pressler as the Chairman of the Commerce Committee of the US Senate and Senator Daschle as the Minority Leader of the US Senate.

The federal deregulation of trucking is changing the way the transportation of products will be handled. This has necessitated major changes in state statutes and in our management of trucking regulations. The PUC can be very proud of the way inspection and regulation have protected the farmers and grain elevators in South Dakota. Over 32% of the grain handling facilities have been involved in some type of ownership change since 1991 and it has been necessary for us to liquidate eleven grain operations. These liquidations involved over \$970,3346 in outstanding liabilities. We were able to return every cent owed to the producers in these liquidation procedures.

As you can see, we have been very busy. I am extremely proud of the excellent staff which continues to make it possible to provide economical utilities to South Dakota consumers and protects our farmers and ranchers through oversight of trucking and elevators.



"The people of South Dakota will be better served when there is competition in all utility markets. Until that happens the Commission's role is to regulate where regulation is necessary and to step back and allow competition into the market where it can work to the benefit of the customers of utility services. The greatest challenge of all is to know when and where to step in to facilitate the development of competition and the deployment of technology and when to let the marketplace work."

Commissioner Laska Schoenfelder



Commissioner Schoenfelder's Comments

The development and deployment of advanced technology in the communications industry is a great opportunity for South Dakota. A great economic development as well as educational and medical opportunities exist for our state as new technologies are deployed. I believe that this Commission has the obligation to encourage both the deployment and affordability of all of the benefits that the information superhighway will bring to South Dakota.

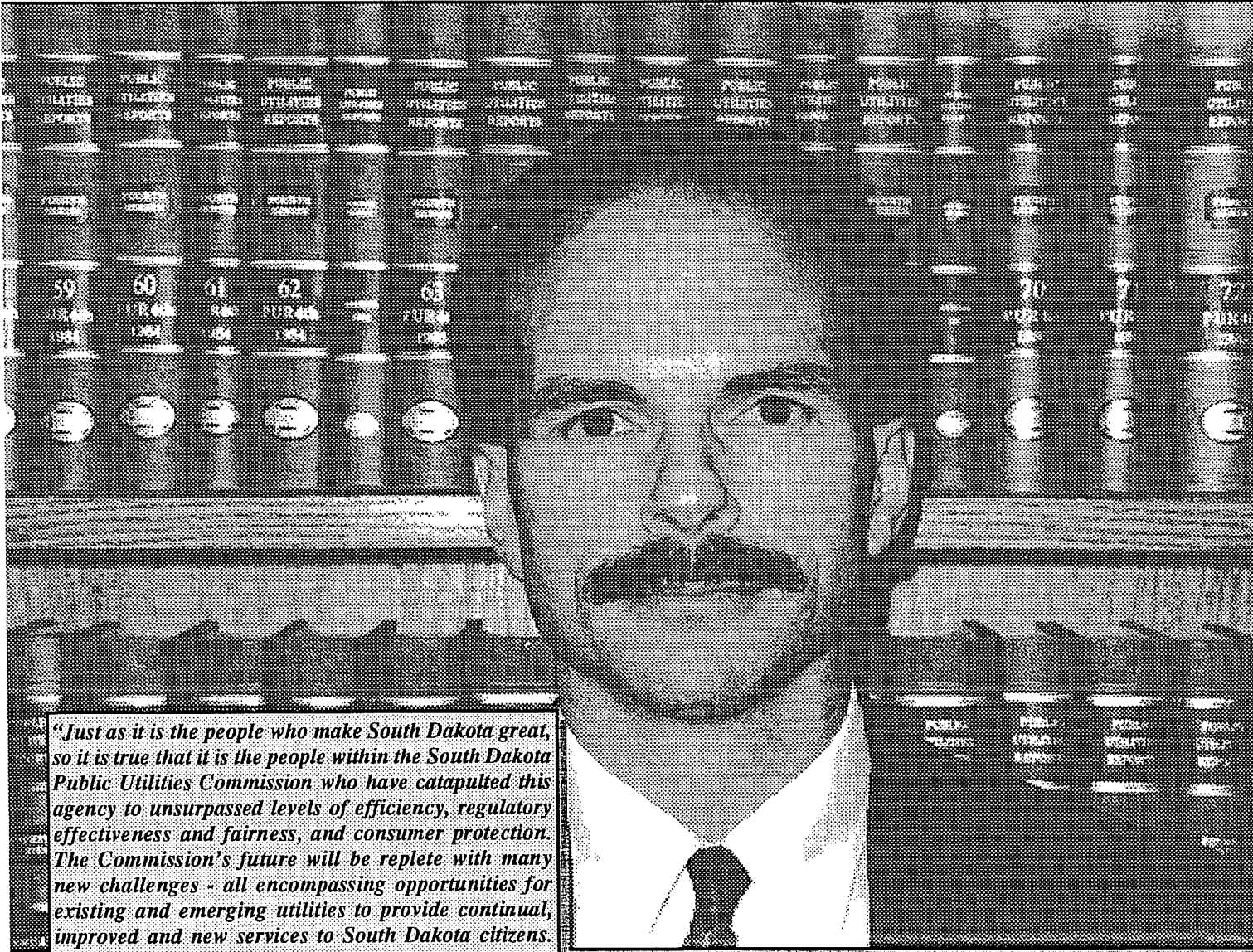
The Congress of the United States, with Senator Larry Pressler's initiative, is rewriting federal communications legislation and doing away with many of the old federal mandates that in the past have held back the explosion of knowledge and technology that this country needs to survive in a global marketplace.

Competition is here for the natural gas pipeline companies and will very likely occur within the next few years in South Dakota's electric markets. Our electric companies are preparing for competition by developing some company strategies to become more consumer friendly as they also make a great effort to become more efficient. I applaud them for acknowledging the challenge of competition and their willingness to prepare for it. These actions now and in the future can only serve their customers well.

Since the ISTEA Act has preempted all intrastate trucking regulation, the transportation and warehouse industries would be better served if the remainder of those functions were transferred from this Commission to the Department of Revenue and Department of Agriculture respectively. It is one of those opportunities to let the market work as there is no valid reason to treat either industry as a regulated monopoly. It is also an opportunity to downsize and make better use of our resources by combining functions for more efficient government.

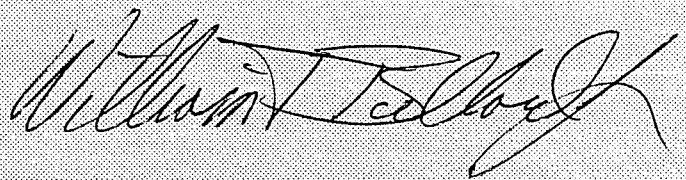
I believe that like this state, the duties of the Commission are always changing. Commissioners must be willing to change as the industries we regulate change. We must be ready and willing to encourage change when it is in the best interest of the people of this state. When competition truly arrives in a utility market we must get out of the way and let the marketplace regulate.

New Executive Director's View of the SDPUC's Future



"Just as it is the people who make South Dakota great, so it is true that it is the people within the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission who have catapulted this agency to unsurpassed levels of efficiency, regulatory effectiveness and fairness, and consumer protection. The Commission's future will be replete with many new challenges - all encompassing opportunities for existing and emerging utilities to provide continual, improved and new services to South Dakota citizens. No agency is better prepared, more committed, nor enthusiastic about meeting these new challenges than is the SDPUC."

**William Bullard, Jr.
Executive Director**



BIOGRAPHY
of
William (Bill) Bullard Jr.
February 27, 1995

A farmer and rancher for nine years, Bill and his wife, Jeanne, owned a cow/calf operation in northwestern South Dakota before returning to college in 1985. While ranching, he was founder and president of the South Dakota Family Farm and Ranch Association from 1984-1986. While at college, they owned and operated a professional horse training and breeding operation.

In 1986, Bill was appointed director of the South Dakota Farmers Union's Farm Help Program. He graduated with Summa Cum Laude honors from Black Hills State University in 1989, earning a BS degree in political science. He was selected as South Dakota's Alternate for the 1987 Harry S. Truman Scholarship Program; is listed in "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges; and received the Outstanding Young Men of America Award in 1983.

From 1989-1992, Bill was the Northwest Regional Coordinator for the National Farmers Union, headquartered in the Pacific Northwest. There he orchestrated the formation of a new, tri-state Farmers Union organization, the Northwest Farmers Union, and served as the organization's executive director until November, 1992. He is a graduate of the Leadership Idaho Agriculture, class of 1991, sponsored by the Idaho Department of Agriculture.

In 1992, Bill was recruited by the Oklahoma Farmers Union to direct the organization's education, communications, government relations and cooperative activities. There he was also director of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Loan Mediation Program. He left Farmers Union in 1994 and formed a new organization designed to address Oklahoma's rural economic development concerns.

Bill was named Executive Director of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission on February 6, 1995. Bill, his wife, and three children reside in Pierre.

**1994 KEY ISSUES
OF THE
SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

ONE-CALL NOTIFICATION BOARD

The One-Call Notification Board was created by legislation passed in the 1993 Session which is now codified at SDCL Chapter 49-7A. Through legislation passed in the 1994 Session the Board was attached to the Commission for reporting purposes. The eleven member Board was appointed by the Governor in November 1993. The Board's first meeting was held in December 1993. The Board has been very busy throughout 1994 organizing and promulgating administrative rules which became effective August 21, 1994. The One-Call Notification Center became operational January 1, 1995.

OTTER TAIL POWER'S ATTEMPT TO WIN THE CORN PLANT

Northern Corn Processors Inc. (NCP) is a company looking for a site to build a plant to process corn into other usable products. The site appears to have narrowed to northeastern South Dakota, southeastern North Dakota, or western Minnesota. This plant is coveted by all three states and electric power supplying utilities because of the apparent positive effect on the economy of the state and area of location.

Otter Tail Power Company is a multi-state, investor-owned, regulated utility serving 11,300 customers in northeast South Dakota. Otter Tail is a majority owner and operator of the Big Stone Generating Station located near Milbank.

A large, expensive corn processing plant requires huge amounts of electricity, a trained and skilled labor force, and bushels upon bushels of corn. Otter Tail wants to sell electricity, South Dakota wants an expanded economic base, and the NCP plant enables both. North Dakota and Minnesota obviously share South Dakota's interest in the plant, so all three states and specific communities within each state campaigned for the new business. Each group developed a marketing pitch to lure the plant ownership. The plant's appetite for electricity dictates the electrical supply and costs are key components of the siting decision. Otter Tail provides electricity and the SDPUC regulates Otter Tail's rates. As a result, the SDPUC has become involved in the NCP plant siting matter.

MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES COMPANY REFUND TO NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS

Montana-Dakota Utilities Company (MDU) is a natural gas distribution company serving the Black Hills and central regions of South Dakota. MDU has and continues to buy the bulk of its natural gas supply from Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company. MDU then sells the gas to its customers. MDU's past payments to Williston Basin are based almost entirely on regulated rates set by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

MDU received a refund from Williston Basin in July 1994. The refund arose because FERC determined, after hearings, that Williston Basin's rates had been too high from June 1989 through May 1992. The FERC allows its regulated companies to put rate increase requests into effect, subject to refund, before all issues are finally decided. This practice almost assures some refunds will be necessary. Many refunds have been passed back from Williston Basin to MDU to MDU's customers. This refund differed in two ways:

1. All past refunds have been returned to customers as a credit to the Purchased Gas Adjustment Clause.
2. No other single refund has been this large.

The refund was paid to customers based on usage from July 1, 1993 to June 30, 1994. This means that customers on the system from 1989 to 1992, when the overpayment occurred, would only get a refund if they remained on the system. All past refunds were applied to future billings, and in the interest of consistency, so did this one. The amount of the refund caused MDU and SDPUC to favor a refund by check instead of a credit toward future billings. This refund was about \$33 million for the entire MDU system which operates in four states. There was about \$40 million of refunds from 1990 to the present, bringing the total refunds in the past several years to over \$70 million. The Black Hills area of South Dakota received over \$5.5 million in the latest refund, and has been the recipient of about \$12 million of the total refunds.

NORTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE AND MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES APPLY FOR NATURAL GAS INCREASES

On May 26, 1994, Northwestern Public Service Company (NWPS) filed a request with the SDPUC for a natural gas rate increase of \$2,601,809, or approximately 7%. NWPS serves about 35,000 natural gas customers in east-central South Dakota. NWPS last requested an increase in 1986.

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) filed on June 30, 1994, for an increase of \$1,110,539, or about 3.7%. This request came just one year after MDU's last rate case. The request applied only to the 33,400 customers in the Black Hills region.

Natural gas distribution companies buy gas from producers and suppliers and then contract with pipeline shippers to have the gas delivered to the local retail market. The cost of buying and transporting the gas is then passed on to the retail customers. If the cost of delivery increases or decreases, NWPS or MDU can automatically pass the change through to customers via the Purchased Gas Adjustment clause. NWPS and MDU make no profit on the Purchase Gas Adjustment; the cost is passed through dollar-for-dollar.

There are, however, other costs in providing natural gas service. NWPS and MDU need employees and must invest in plant facilities (mostly underground pipelines) to distribute gas to customers. Other costs include insurance, maintenance, vehicles, taxes, customer service and billing. NWPS and MDU need to have PUC approval before they can adjust rate to include nongas costs.

PEOPLE'S NATURAL GAS

During 1994, the PUC assumed jurisdiction over People's Natural Gas Company, a division of Utilicorp United Inc. People's Natural Gas has provided natural gas service in South Dakota for several years but was not regulated by the PUC because of its former affiliation with Northern Natural Gas. Northern Natural Gas is an interstate pipeline that traverses South Dakota and is under the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). People's, as an affiliate of Northern Natural, was also under the jurisdiction of FERC. People's has since separated from Northern and has proceeded to operate as a local gas distribution company, therefore coming under regulation by the PUC.

The customer base of People's in South Dakota is unique as compared to the other regulated companies. People's serves approximately 325 customers in 19 counties and these customers conduct primarily rural operations. During construction of Northern Natural's main gas transmission pipeline, gas service was offered to property owners on the route as consideration for the granting of easements along the pipeline path. Peoples' customers therefore are widely dispersed as compared to other regulated companies. Peoples' existing rates remain in effect until the next rate case.

PIPELINE SAFETY PROGRAM

South Dakota has seen considerable growth in the gas pipeline infrastructure in recent years and continued expansion of existing distribution systems and construction of systems in areas recently reached by new pipelines is expected. To oversee this expansion and insure the safety of the existing systems, the 1994 legislature put South Dakota back into the business of pipeline safety. South Dakota was one of four states that did not have a state pipeline safety program before the enactment of this legislation. This legislation authorizes the Commission to seek and accept state certification which would allow the Commission to implement a compliance program and enforce federal pipeline safety regulations for intrastate natural gas pipelines. The Commission may also seek authorization to act as an agent of the federal government to inspect interstate pipelines located in the state.

INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLANNING DOCKETS

The federal Energy Policy Act of 1992 (EPACT) requires the Commission to consider whether to adopt standards regarding integrated resource planning and conservation and demand-side management for rate-regulated gas and electric utilities. Integrated resource planning is the planning and selection of energy resources. Integrated resource planning requires a utility to evaluate a full range of energy alternatives in order to provide adequate and reliable service to customers at the lowest system cost. The EPACT standards, if adopted, include requiring each gas and electric utility to file a plan with the Commission, update the plan on a regulate basis, allow for public input, and implement the plan. Additional standards concern investments in conservation and demand-side management measures.

The new system was implemented in an attempt to provide administrative and financial relief to the motor carrier industry. This program generates approximately one million dollars in general fund revenue for the state each year.

HR 2739, a trucking bill which passed both houses of Congress last August, preempts intrastate truck deregulation. The Commission will no longer issue Class A, B and C permits to intrastate carriers.

CHANGING DEMOGRAPHICS IN THE GRAIN WAREHOUSE WORLD

Many elevators have diversified into other products and services. It is not uncommon to see convenience stores, lumber, hardware and video lottery services offered through warehouses. As margins on grain continue to weaken, industry professionals have strived to achieve maximum efficiency from their operations. Those who do will stand the best chance of surviving during periods of poor crop production. Failure to do so can bring an operation to its knees and leave producers "holding the bag." The Commission continues to adjust to these changes through improved inspection procedures, and more frequent contact with the industry and producers.

EDUCATIONAL EXPEDITION TO PINE RIDGE

The three Commissioners and seven staff members went on an educational excursion through southwestern South Dakota. The group saw a demonstration of distance learning through advanced telecommunications at White River High School. In Martin, the travelers talked about regulatory and consumer issues with the Board of Directors of LaCreek Electric Association. At the new Public Health System Hospital in Pine Ridge, they saw a futuristic telemedicine project linking the hospital to the Mayo Clinic. Other stops included Sinte Gleska University in Mission, Oglala Lakota College near Kyle, and Golden West Telecommunications, Holy Rosary Mission, and the Oglala Sioux Housing Authority in Pine Ridge.

MDU ANNOUNCES PROPOSAL TO CLOSE EIGHT BUSINESS OFFICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA

As a part of its restructuring plan, MDU will close eight offices in South Dakota. Over 12,000 customers will be affected by these changes. Customers have voiced concern over the quality of service, convenience and loss of revenue to the towns of Belle Fourche, Deadwood, Lemmon, Sturgis, Bowdle, Eureka, Gettysburg, and Ipswich. MDU has explained its plan to maintain its quality of service to customers in these areas.

E-2000 HOUSE

From the outside, the home on 1714 Vonnie Street in Vermillion, SD, looks like any other new house. But what's special about this house is its energy-efficient design; it's expected to save its future owner 40 to 60 percent in energy costs over an average home. Efficient lighting, energy-saving appliances, and technologically advanced climate controls are all part of this electric home.

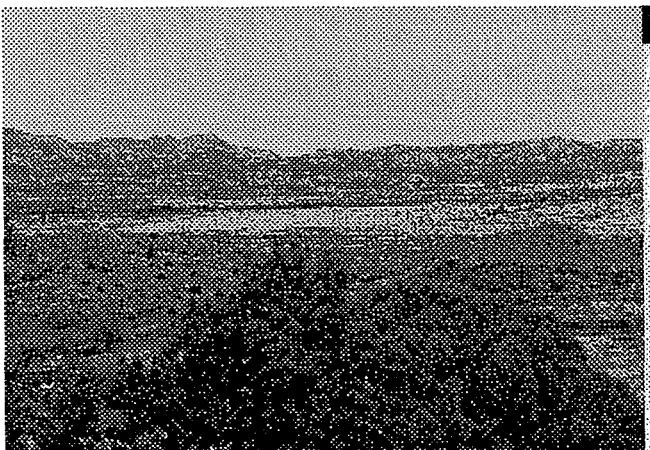
Clay-Union Rural Electric Cooperative created the E-2000 home project last year with help from the Western Area Power Administration, South Dakota Public Utilities Commission and First Dakota National Bank of Vermillion, to educate people about using energy efficiently, which saves customers and utilities money.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY NUCLEAR WASTE DISPOSAL

In June the Commission joined Attorneys General and utility regulatory commissions from twenty other states in an action against the United States Department of Energy regarding the Nuclear Waste Disposal Program. The litigation stems from the rapidly increasing need for storage and disposal of used nuclear fuel from the nation's 111 nuclear reactors. Each state involved in the suit relies on nuclear power for a portion of its electricity needs. In South Dakota, customers of Northern States Power Company in Sioux Falls and surrounding communities receive a supply mix of electrical energy that includes nuclear energy.

The litigation seeks a court ruling that the Nuclear Waste Policy Act requires the Department of Energy to develop a program and to begin removing used nuclear fuel from utility-owned power plants by 1998. It also requests the establishment of an escrow account which would receive ratepayer payments designated for the Nuclear Waste Fund, which funds the Nuclear Waste Disposal Program. Customers using electricity produced from nuclear power pay a fee included in their rates that goes to the Department of Energy to cover the costs of disposing of used nuclear fuel. To date, the nation's ratepayers have contributed approximately \$10 billion to the Nuclear Waste Fund; South Dakota ratepayers have contributed approximately \$7 million into this Fund.

The Department of Energy has yet to site a facility for either storage or disposal of the waste. The earliest date by which the Department projects it would have an operational facility for the used fuel is the year 2010 if the Yucca Mountain site in Nevada proves suitable. However, it would be possible for the Department to site and construct an interim storage facility on a more expedient schedule to meet the nation's need until the repository is operational.



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NTIA GRANT APPLICATION

The Commission has applied for a grant to test the possibility of providing an affordable broadband network that would connect existing networks not only in the state of South Dakota but those available from Internet and other network providers. If a grant is received, the location for the project will be Aberdeen. Phase One of the project would be to interconnect one cable system with one Internet information network. Phase Two would be a regional or statewide deployment of the success of Phase One. The Commission would apply for a grant extension to expand the project if Phase One is successful.

SPECIAL ACCESS FOR DISTANCE LEARNING AND TELEMEDICINE

On May 22, 1994, new allocation rules for telecommunication companies with less than 10,000 access lines became effective. The new rules give these companies the ability to market special access for distance learning and telemedicine at a very affordable price.

US WEST SALE OF EXCHANGES

US WEST serves South Dakota and 13 other states ranging from the midwest to the Pacific coast. US WEST provides basic local service for about 80% of all South Dakotans. The telecommunications industry has changed dramatically in the past ten years. The changes include new services, new providers of services, and telecommunications companies changing the way they do business. Some changes have been required by law, other changes have been initiated by telephone companies as a response to competition.

US WEST has responded to competition in a number of ways. US WEST has expanded its business interests, is serving new national and international markets with new products and services, and has been modernizing its telecommunications system. US WEST has also sold some of its smaller, more rural exchanges to other companies. The sale of exchanges frees money for US West to apply to other business ventures.

67 South Dakota exchanges have been offered for sale to a consortium of South Dakota independent and cooperative telephone companies. The Commission is currently investigating the proposed sale of exchanges in the state. Public input and hearings are a part of the Commission's process.

STREAMLINING OF THE MOTOR CARRIER REGISTRATION PROCESS

For many years, interstate motor carriers were required to annually register their interstate authority with each state through which they traveled. Last year a new system was implemented under the direction of the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC). Under the new program, ICC regulated carriers are required to register with their base state, the state in which they have their headquarters. The base state is responsible for collecting the fees for all of the states of travel requested by the carrier. The fees are distributed each month to the appropriate state agencies.

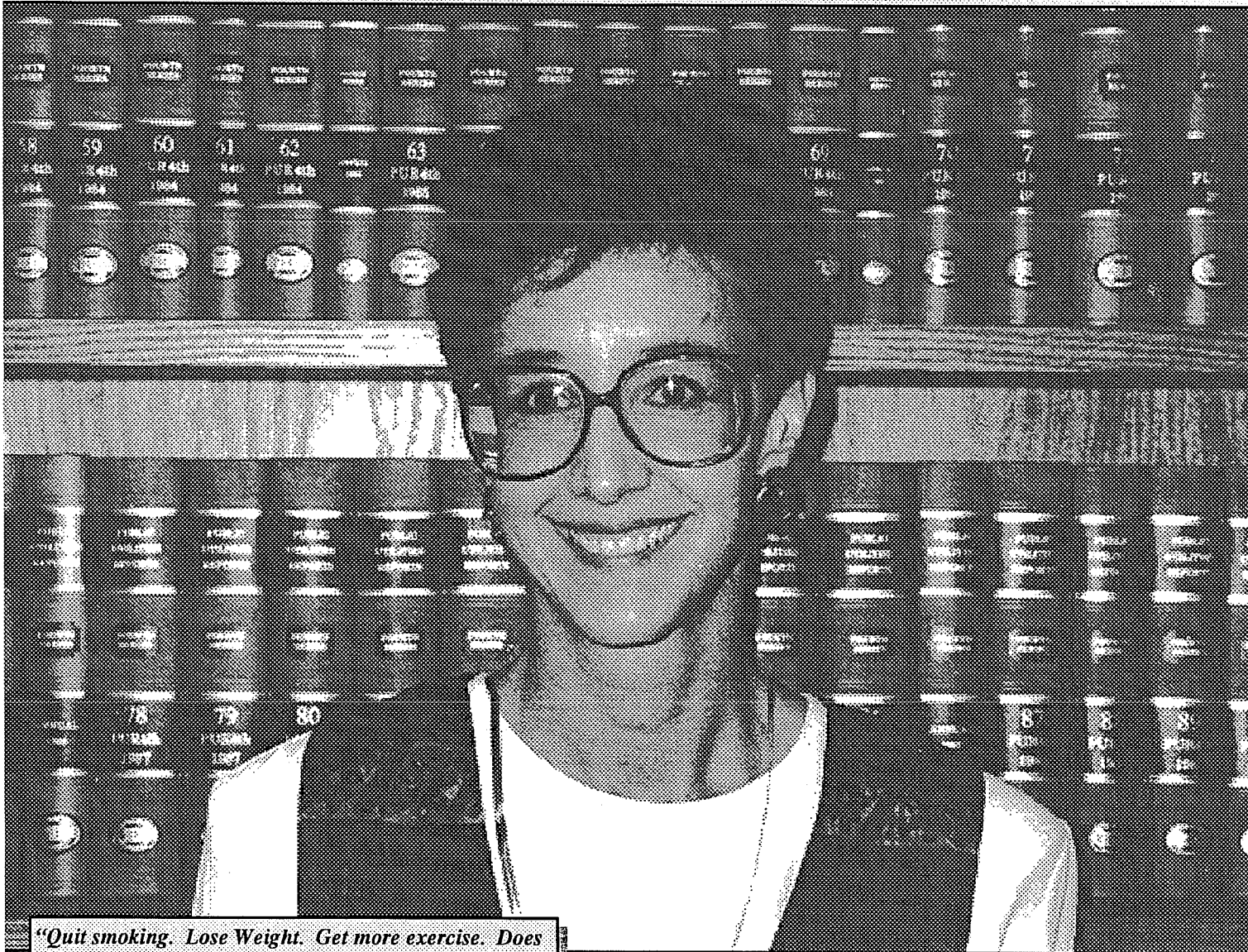
Administrative Division



Seated left to right: Lori Waldner, Legal Secretary/Court Reporter; Terry Norum, Administrative Secretary/Computer Specialist. Standing left to right: Shirleen Fugitt, Administrative Secretary; Sue Cichos, Division Director; Leni Hook, Consumer Representative.

The administrative division provides support services for the Commissioners and the staff and is responsible for personnel, consumer outreach and complaints, secretarial and fiscal services .

Summary of Administrative Division



"Quit smoking. Lose Weight. Get more exercise. Does this sound familiar? This year, we are resolving to work better, faster, and smarter by mastering computer technology."

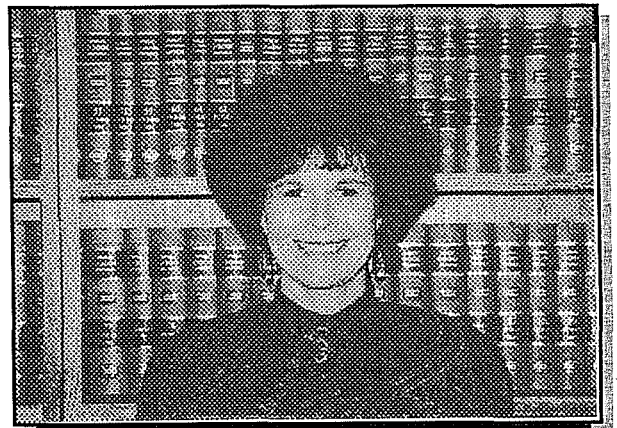
Sue Cichos
Director of Administration

Sue Cichos

Summary of Administration Division

The Administration Division provides the internal administrative support necessary for the day-to-day operations of the Commission. The Division provides consumer outreach and education, consumer complaint representation, computer support, docket maintenance, order processing, court reporting, travel coordination, supply and equipment management, library, receptionist, contract administration, human resources, and budget development and implementation.

The year began with Legislation. The PUC funding bill, Senate Bill 59, would best be titled a fairness bill. Because more work is headed our direction, the Commission will need more money to operate over the next decade. We wanted to raise the money as fairly as possible. The most equitable method of doing that was on the basis of the cost causers paying for the costs that they cause. In 1994 several statutes were changed which affected the funding structure of the Commission. Telecommunications companies now applying for authority to operate in South Dakota will include \$250 with their registration. The annual Gross Receipts Tax paid by each regulated company was amended to include a minimum amount of \$250 from each company responsible for the tax. The Commission was also granted authority to assess all actual costs to dockets involving Rural Electric Cooperatives. The filing fee ceiling was raised from \$75,000 to \$100,000 and broadened beyond general rate cases.



Shirleen (Kennedy) Fugitt
Administrative Secretary

Many outreach projects kept the Commission on the move. The Commission hosted our 3rd Annual Open Office on the first day of the legislature; hosted the Girls and Boys State Commissioners; hosted the Community-State Day booth in the Capitol; hosted the 5th Annual Consumer Representative Symposium; and hosted the outreach booth at the State Fair.

On March 29, 1994 the Commission began faxing Commission meeting agendas and minutes to its "regular customers." This administrative change has saved the Commission considerable paper, postage, envelopes, and staff time expense as well as providing faster delivery of the agenda and minutes.

Our budget turned into a bit of a lottery game when the South Dakota Video Lottery was declared unconstitutional on June 22, 1994. The plan to replace lost video lottery revenue included cutting a portion of the Transportation/Warehouse budget. After a special legislative session and a vote by the people, Video Lottery was reactivated and the Commission lost \$36,159 of general funds.



Terry Norum
Administrative Secretary
Computer Support Specialist

Continuing education and training opportunities were available to staff in several areas of interest. Updated information and training was presented on Sexual Harassment in the workplace. Many opportunities for computer training were taken in the areas of Excel, WordPerfect, E-mail, Schedule +, and Law on Disc. The Commission will also host a one day in-house training session on Lotus 1-2-3 for Windows in early January.

The Commission can now be reached by Internet! All staff and Commissioners have an Internet address and can read correspondence directly off their computers.



Lori Waldner
Legal Secretary/Court Reporter

Lori Waldner, the Commission's new legal secretary, has implemented the use of our scanning software, Folio Views. With this new technology, staff and Commissioners can read filings directly from their computers after Lori has scanned them into the system. This new process will also eliminate the need to microfilm closed dockets.

All of the staff at the Commission were given a "test" of their computer skills. The test was a measurement of individual skill levels in all applications. The results of this exercise are being used to further the computer training in the office. Overall it was discovered that the staff are not quite as bad as they thought they were.

Shirleen (Kennedy) Fugitt married Mike Fugitt last fall.

The Administration Division has added three new staff members following resignations. Lori Waldner was hired in July 1994 as the Commission's Legal Secretary. Lori will also be taking over the court reporting duties previously done by freelance court reporters. Lori is also very busy implementing new computer technology. Lori has added a baby boy to her family since joining our staff.

Leni (Warwick) Hook was hired in August 1994 as the Commission Consumer Representative. Leni has been very busy with outreach activities and consumer complaints and education. Leni was married after joining our staff.

Terry Norum began in January 1995 as our Computer Support Specialist. Terry is very comfortable with computers but has been busy learning the applications used by the Commission. Terry added a cat to her family since joining the Commission.



Leni (Warwick) Hook
Consumer Representative

FISCAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1994

	BUDGET	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES		ENCUMBRANCE	BALANCE
		by fund group			
		GENERAL FUNDS	OTHER FUNDS		
ADMINISTRATION					
Personal Services	\$ 215,292	214,326	0	0	966
Operating Expenses	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL PROGRAM	\$ 215,292	214,326	0	0	966
TRANSPORTATION/WAREHOUSE					
Personal Services	\$ 235,839	207,511	0	0	28,328
Operating Expenses	87,786	69,271	0	18,466	50
TOTAL PROGRAM	\$ 323,625	276,782	0	18,466	28,377
FIXED UTILITY					
Personal Services	\$ 743,389	0	704,202	0	39,187
Operating Expenses	413,643	0	194,706	55,353	163,585
TOTAL PROGRAM	\$ 1,157,032	0	898,908	55,353	202,772
SUBTOTAL	\$ 1,695,949	491,108	898,908	73,818	232,115
FILING FEES (Informational Budget)					
Personal Services	\$ 0	0	41,029	0	(41,029)
Operating Expenses	475,000	0	45,078	0	429,922
TOTAL PROGRAM	\$ 475,000	0	86,106	0	388,894
TOTAL ALL PROGRAMS	\$ 2,170,949	491,108	985,014	73,818	621,008

Statement of General Fund Revenue

ICC Registration	\$ 28,730
MC-A Permit	0
MC-B Permit	7,400
MC-C Permit	5,100
Transfer/Leases	7,400
Identification Stamps	67,840
Cab Cards	400
Bus Permits	11,960
Non Storage Licenses	735
Federal Storage Licenses	1,815
Grain Storage Warehouse	4,875
Public Storage License	795
Truck Decals	1,982
Grain Dealers Licenses	7,380
SSRS Registrations	841,541
Total General Fund Revenue	\$ 987,953

Gross Receipts Tax Fund Revenues

Natural Gas/Electric	\$ 484,706
Telecommunications	296,390
Subtotal-July 1, 1993 Assessment	\$ 781,095
FY93 Interest Earned	\$ 53,137
Williston Basin Reimbursement	150,032
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 984,264

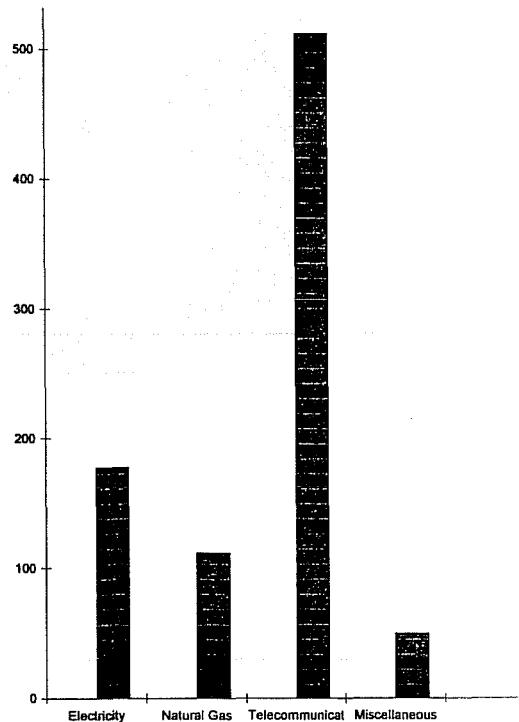
The Statement of General Fund Revenue represents the collections related to the issuance of licenses and permits in the Transportation/Warehouse Division. The Gross Receipts Tax Fund Revenue shows the amount of annual intrastate gross receipts tax paid as authorized by SDCL 49-1A-3. These Gross Receipts Tax Revenues fund entirely and exclusively the Commission's Fixed Utility Division. All monies for the operation of the Commission are appropriated by the legislature.

Consumer Complaints

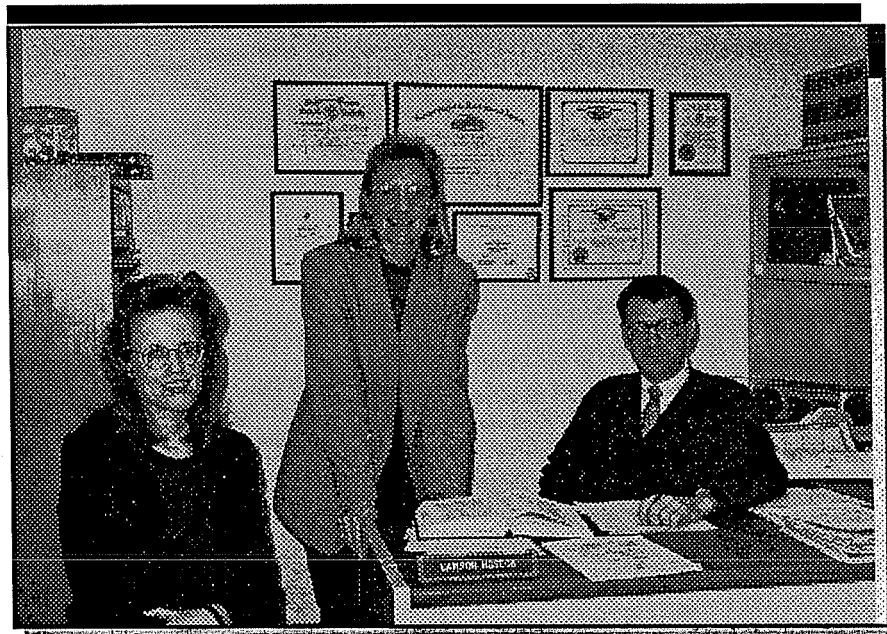
People in South Dakota have come to expect a high quality of utility service at the same time that utility companies are facing competition, advanced technology, and more challenges in delivery functions. The work of the Commission has become a balancing act. Under state law, the Commission supervises and regulates South Dakota's investor-owned utilities, assuring adequate service and setting reasonable and sufficient rates. In setting rates, the Commission must consider the ability of the utility to earn and of the utility consumer to pay. Frequently the consumer and the utility company do not hold the same view of an issue and complaint may be filed. As our world becomes more complex, more complaints are likely to be voiced.

The majority of consumer complaints are resolved through an informal agreement with the Commission acting as mediator between the consumer and the company. However, the regulations of the Commission provide procedures for instituting a formal complaint when the difficulty cannot be resolved satisfactorily or if the consumer wishes to appeal an informal action. If a formal complaint is accepted by the Commission, a docket number is assigned and an investigation is started to identify the issues raised in the complaint.

852 complaints were received during 1994, demonstrating an increase over 1993's total of 659. The telecommunication industry received 512 complaints; electricity services had 178 complaints; and natural gas customers voiced 112 complaints. Miscellaneous issues and complaints concerning administrative rules and procedures received 50 complaints.



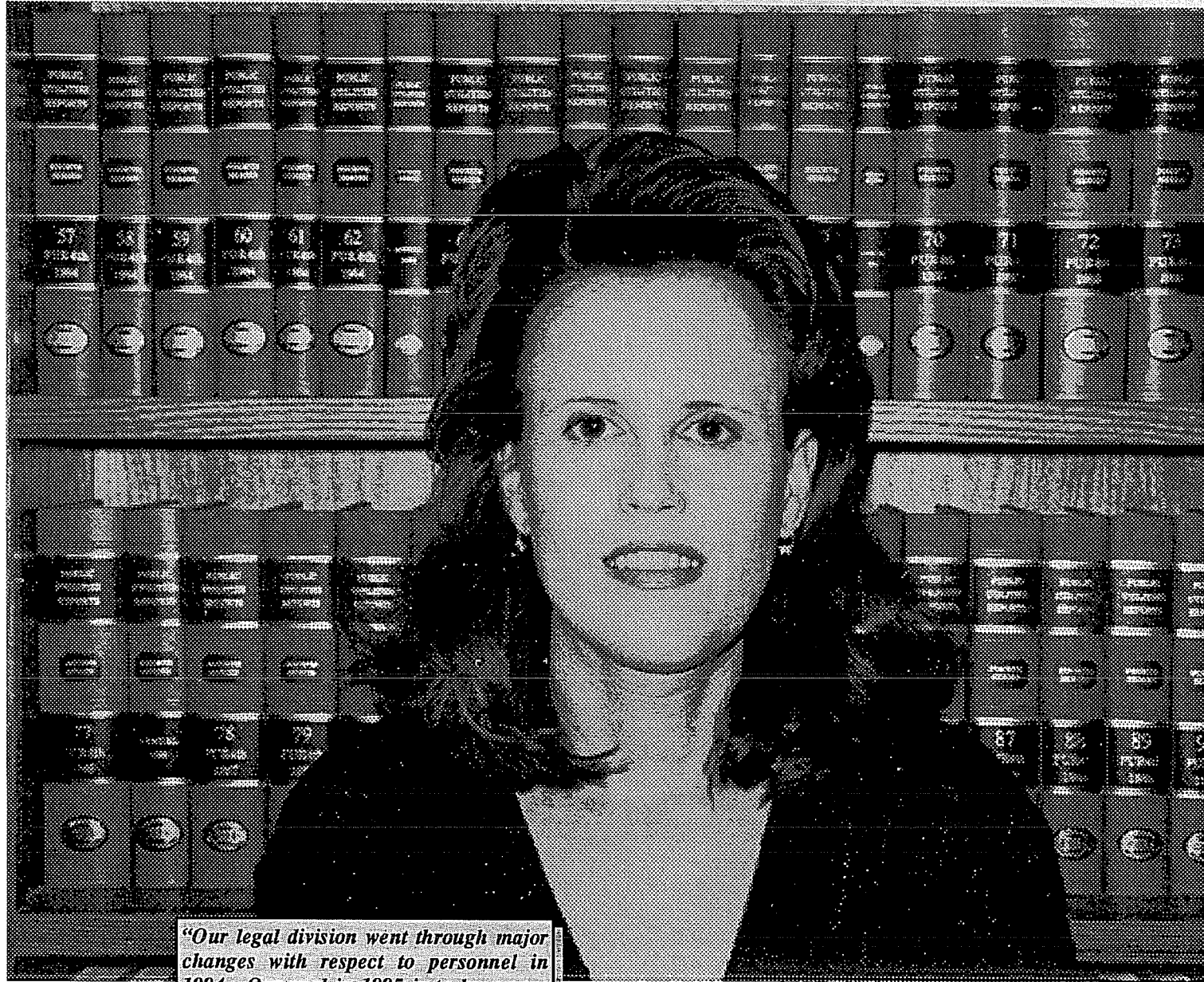
Legal Services Division



From left to right: Rolayne Ailts Wiest, General Counsel; Karen Cremer, Staff Attorney; Camron Hoseck, Staff Attorney.

The Legal Services Division which consists of the general counsel and staff attorneys provides legal advice, assists in investigations, prepares Commission orders, and represents the Commission in matters before the State and Federal courts.

Summary of Legal Services Division



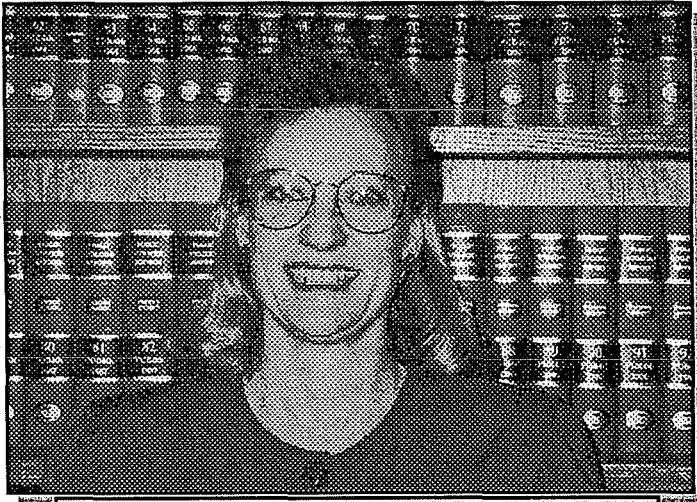
"Our legal division went through major changes with respect to personnel in 1994. Our goal in 1995 is to keep pace with the changes that will take place in the continuously evolving regulatory arena."

**Rolayne Ailts Wiest
Director of Legal Services
Division**

Rolayne Ailts Wiest

Summary of Activities for the Legal Services Division

Change was the operative word for the legal division in 1994. After serving as staff attorney since January 1992, Gus Jacob resigned from his position in August. Gus moved to Rapid City. The last day for General Counsel, Doug Eidahl, was September 23, 1994. Doug took a position as Director of Governmental Policy and Legal Affairs with the South Dakota Rural Electric Association (SDREA). Doug had been with the Commission for seven years, serving as Staff Attorney, Acting Executive Director, and General Counsel. Since the offices are located in Pierre, Doug still occasionally drops by the Commission's office to talk about REA issues. Upon Doug's departure Rolayne Ailts Wiest accepted the position of General Counsel.

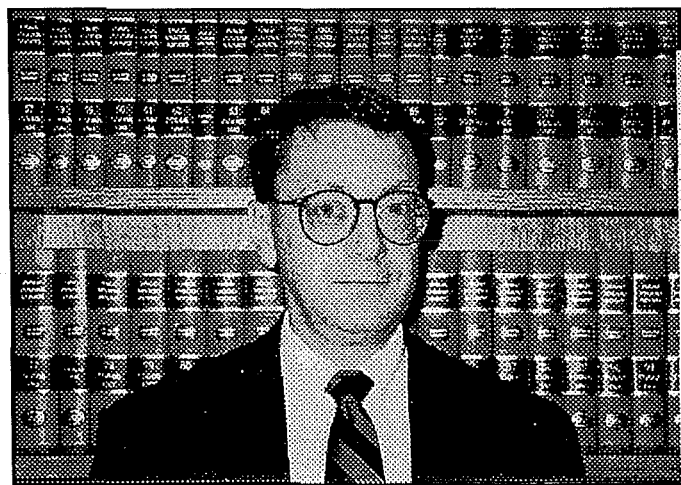


*Karen Cremer
Staff Attorney*

Rulemaking proceedings are another responsibility of the legal staff. The Commission opened four rulemaking proceedings in 1994. In RM94-001, the Commission adopted rules that would allow certain telecommunications companies that provide local exchange service to change how they allocate the costs of fiber and other facilities used jointly in the provision of switched and special access services. The purpose of the rules is to make special access services more affordable, especially with respect to distance learning and telemedicine. In RM94-002, the Commission revised our telecommunications consumer rules with respect to credit, disconnections, refusal of telecommunication services, records and billings. Our third rulemaking docket, RM94-003, addressed our newly authorized pipeline safety inspection program. The rules set forth procedures to assess pipeline operators for the costs of the program. Our final rulemaking docket, RM94-004, revised our rules concerning the assignment of N11 codes.

Our two new Staff Attorneys are Karen Cremer and Camron Hoseck. Karen was an attorney with the Department of Social Services prior to joining the Commission. She conducted investigations and tried criminal cases for the department. Since 1973, Camron has worked as a litigation attorney in the Department of Transportation. Camron has experience in land condemnation and acquisition, workers compensation, public sector labor law, contracts, bidding, administrative law, and torts. Both Karen and Camron come to the Commission with considerable administrative law and trial experience.

In addition to providing legal advice on dockets before the Commission, our legal staff represents the Commission in Circuit Court and our state Supreme Court. In 1994, the Commission had three court cases. A summary of those cases appears in the Court Appeals section of this report. The legal staff is also responsible for drafting and tracking legislation. A summary of legislation proposed in 1994 is contained in the section on Legislative Action.

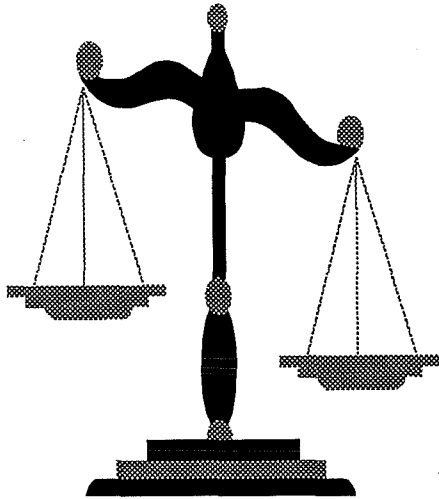


*Camron Hoseck
Staff Attorney*

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Legislative Action

- SB 58** Authorized the Commission to apply for federal certification to inspect intrastate natural gas pipelines for compliance with and enforcement of federal safety regulations. The Act also authorized the Commission to apply for federal certification to act as an agent of the federal Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) to inspect interstate pipelines; enforcement authority would remain with the OPS. It was signed into law by the Governor.
- SB 59** Authorized the following changes to the Commission's funding statutes: (1) established a \$250 application fee on companies seeking the authority to operate a telecommunications company in South Dakota; (2) established a minimum gross receipts tax of \$250, except for local exchange companies; (3) allowed the Commission to assess companies which are exempt from the gross receipts tax the actual costs of analyzing and ruling upon dockets to which these companies are parties; (4) increased the filing fee for rate cases and broadened the scope of the fee. The bill was signed by the Governor on March 3, 1994.
- SB 60** Revised provisions regarding grain warehouses and grain dealers regulation. Changed the warehouse bond formula to provide for one bond amount for all locations operated by a warehouseman rather than specify coverage at each warehouse. Also clarified some language and deleted some requirements. This bill was signed by the Governor on February 25, 1994.
- SB 71** Required caller identification service be provided in this state by all telecommunications companies providing local exchange service. It failed in the Senate.
- SB 217** Required the Commission to develop an energy strategy for the state of South Dakota. This bill was tabled by the Senate State Affairs Committee.
- HB 1003** Revised the types of information provided by the Commission to the Department of Revenue for the purpose of determining the value of centrally assessed utilities. The bill was deferred to the 36th day by the House Taxation Committee.
- HB 1109** Revised procedures for registering interstate motor carriers traveling South Dakota highways who hold Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) authority. The revisions were necessary to comply with the ICC's new rules which mandated state participation in the single state registration system for ICC regulated motor carriers. It was signed by the Governor on February 8, 1994.
- HB 1110** Clarified the types of gas distribution and transmission facilities which are subject to the Commission's siting jurisdiction. This bill was signed by the Governor on February 23, 1994.
- HB 1230** Revised statutes to allow the one-call notification center to be organized as a nonprofit corporation. The revisions also added language that the one-call notification board is to be administered by the Commission. It was signed by the Governor on March 5, 1994.



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COURT CASES

TRANSPORTATION:

IN THE MATTER OF THE MOTOR CARRIER APPLICATION OF REILE'S TRANSFER & DELIVERY, INC. OF FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA, Civ. No. 94-1

On September 24, 1993, Reile's Transfer and Deliver, Inc. (Reile's) submitted an application to the Commission for a Class B motor carrier permit for authority to transport general commodities between all points in the state. The application was protested and a hearing was held on November 23, 1993. After consideration of the evidence presented at the hearing the Commission granted Reile's a Class B motor carrier permit by Order dated December 23, 1993.

On January 7, 1994 the Commission received a Notice of Appeal from Rude Transportation Company, Midwest Motor Express, Inc., and Lewis Truck Lines, Inc. (Protestants). The Protestants contended that Reile had failed to introduce sufficient evidence to establish (1) the need for the proposed service; and (2) Reile's fitness and ability to provide the service.

Circuit Judge Steven L. Zinter issued his opinion on August 26, 1994, affirming the Commission's decision. Judge Zinter found there was substantial evidence in the record to support the Commission's findings and inferences on need and ability to provide the proposed service. A Judgment of Affirmance was filed on September 12, 1994.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS:

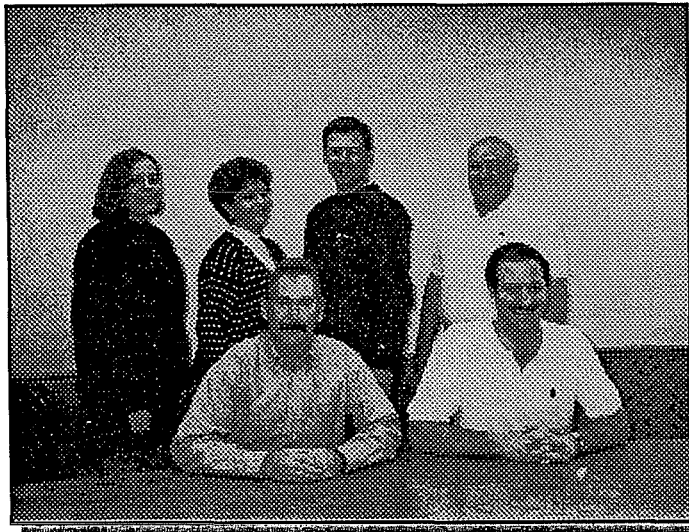
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF BROOKINGS TELEPHONE CO. TO REVISE ITS LOCAL EXCHANGE FRANCHISE SERVICE TERRITORY, TC91-107

Brookings Municipal Telephone Co. (Brookings) filed an application with the Commission on October 18, 1991, to provide telecommunications service and expand its service territory into a proposed industrial park recently annexed by the City of Brookings. The City of Brookings had previously annexed four parcels of land, one of which was an industrial park. Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.'s (ITC) service territory surrounds the City of Brookings and includes all the territories annexed by the City of Brookings. ITC protested Brookings' request to serve the new industrial park. Two prior annexations/service disputes between these two parties have previously gone before the South Dakota Supreme Court. The Commission determined by an Order dated May 15, 1992 that Brookings had the right to expand its service territory into the proposed industrial park (Commissioner Schoenfelder, dissenting). On June 8, 1992, ITC appealed the Commission's Order to the Sixth Circuit Court, Hughes County, claiming that the Commission had deprived ITC of its service territory without just compensation. By Order dated October 13, 1992, Circuit Judge Steven L. Zinter affirmed the Commission's decision. ITC appealed Judge Zinter's decision to the Supreme Court on December 11, 1992. The Supreme Court affirmed the Commission's decision on June 29, 1994.

US WEST COMMUNICATIONS v. STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA, Civ. 94-50

On February 1, 1994, US WEST Communications, Inc. (US WEST) filed a claim against the State of South Dakota arising from the decision of US WEST Communications, Inc. v. Public Utilities Commission of the State of South Dakota, 505 NW 2d 115 (S.D. 1993). In that decision the South Dakota Supreme Court held that US WEST was entitled to compensation for inverse condemnation arising from the decisions of the Commission ordering the construction of terminating monopoly services in Docket Nos. F-3860, F-3866, and F-3699. US West filed the action pursuant to SDCL Chapter 21-32, the Commissioner of Claims Act. US West requested compensation for payments made by US WEST for terminating access payment to the South Dakota Network (SDN). US WEST later amended its complaint. On November 16, 1994, the Commission filed a motion to dismiss the complaint on the grounds that the Commissioner of Claims lacked subject matter jurisdiction to hear the complaint and that the procedural prerequisite of a jury trial could not be met under the Commissioner of Claims Act. Circuit Judge Steven L. Zinter dismissed the complaint on January 25, 1995. At the time of this publication, US WEST had filed a complaint against the Commission and SDN concerning this same matter in circuit court.

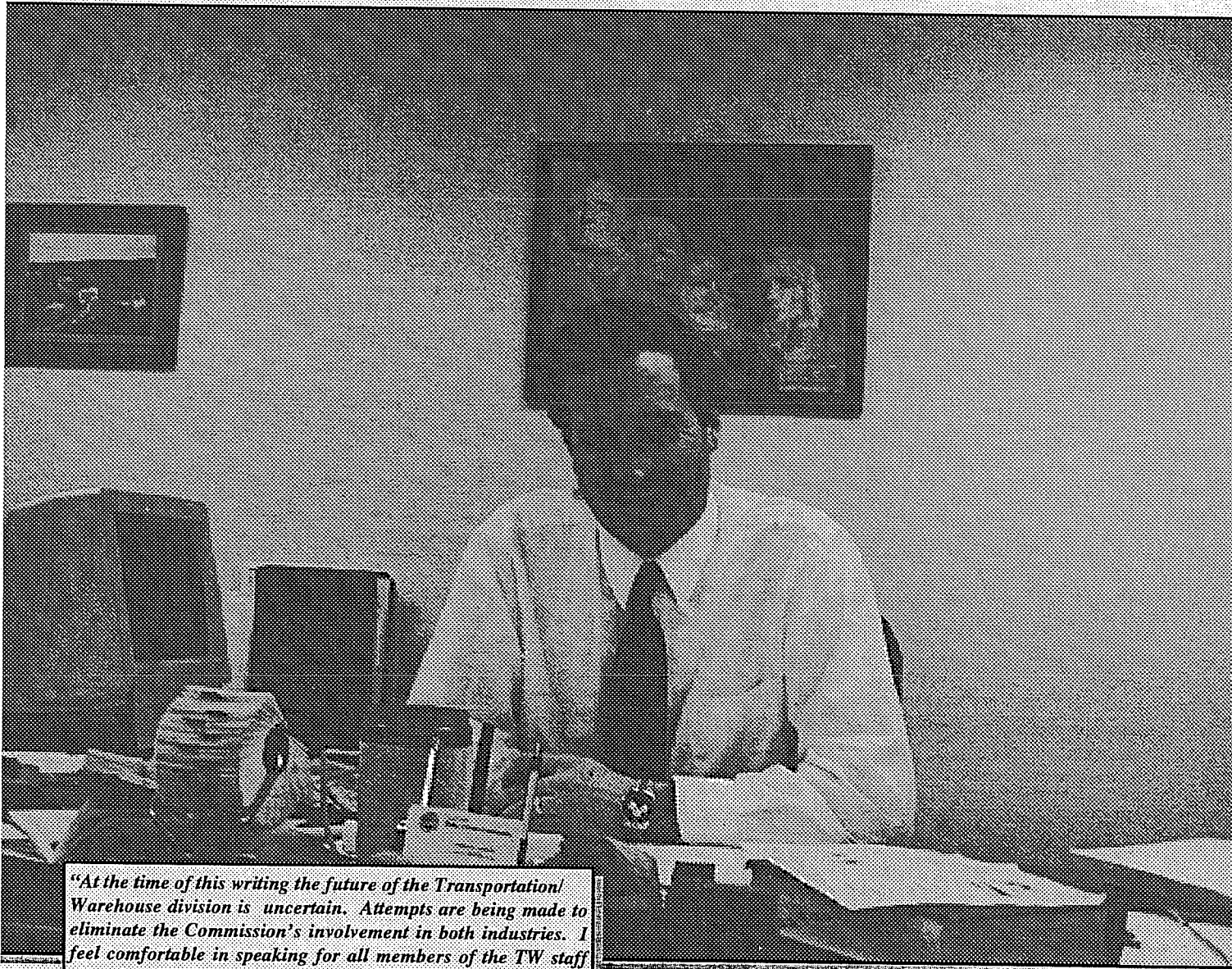
Transportation and Warehouse Division



Standing from left to right: Terri Lesmeister, Administrative Assistant; Marlette Fischbach, Administrative Assistant; Lou Hammond, Inspector; Dick Gallup, Inspector. Seated from left to right: Jim Konechne, Accountant/Inspector; Ed Anderson, Division Director.

The Transportation and Warehouse Division is responsible for registering interstate carriers, issuing permits and registrations of Class A, B, & C motor carriers and licensing public storage warehouses, public grain elevators, and grain dealers.

Summary of the Transportation and Warehouse Division



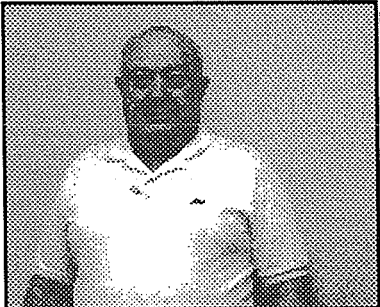
"At the time of this writing the future of the Transportation/Warehouse division is uncertain. Attempts are being made to eliminate the Commission's involvement in both industries. I feel comfortable in speaking for all members of the TW staff when I say: 'It's been a heckava ride.' As for a statement about the future, we would simply say: 'Decisions will be made, the wisdom of which will be left for others to ponder.'"

Ed Anderson
Director of the Transportation/Warehouse Division

Ed Anderson

Summary of Activities for the Transportation/Warehouse Division

Two elevator cooperatives operating five facilities closed their doors in 1994. These apparent victims of increased competition and aging facilities were both able to satisfy outstanding liabilities to producers. Three of the five facilities are being operated by other companies and the other two were sold to producers for personal use.

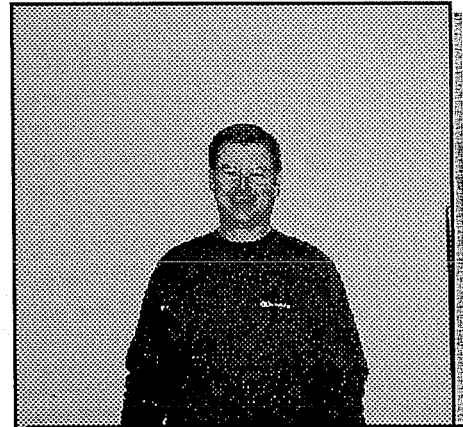


*Dick Gallup
Inspector*

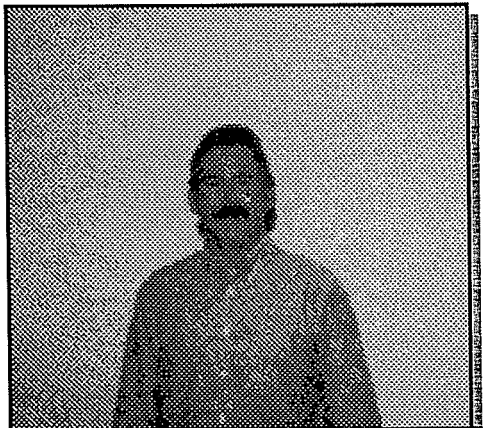
On May 23, 1994, the Commission took control of grain assets at a facility in Britton which had been operating without a license. The producers involved were given the option of taking redelivery of their grain, or pricing the grain and receiving payment after the grain was marketed.

All producers chose to price the grain and total liabilities to producers were established at \$163,889.93. Rail car shortages and unstable markets caused delays in liquidating the grain assets. On December 15, 1994, the final distribution of funds from an escrow account was completed. All producers were paid in full.

The Commission stepped up its investigation of two out-of-state grain buyers who have been buying grain in South Dakota without a license. The Commission has received complaints concerning slow payment for grain purchased and nonpayment of transportation costs. The investigation is continuing and may eventually lead to court, where the Commission could petition the court for injunctions to prevent further purchases and seek civil penalties.



*Lou Hammond
Inspector*



*Jim Konechne
Accountant/Inspector*

There were 209 elevator companies operating 345 facilities licensed with the Commission during 1994. An additional 109 grain brokers and truck grain dealers were licensed to buy and sell grain in 1994.

The Commission had 1,027 intrastate motor carriers with 1,705 permits licensed to operate during 1994. In addition, there were 2,449 interstate motor carriers hauling exempt commodities and 608 ICC regulated carriers registered with the Commission to perform interstate operations.

The Commission got quite a scare in June when video lottery was declared unconstitutional. Subsequently all machines were ordered to be disconnected on August 13, 1994. Revenue losses to the state's general fund through the end of FY95 were estimated at \$37 million. Governor Miller formulated a plan to replace lost revenue through budget cuts in agencies that receive general fund dollars. In his plan, the Governor instructed the Commission to cut \$115,250 or 35% from our FY95 Transportation/Warehouse budget.

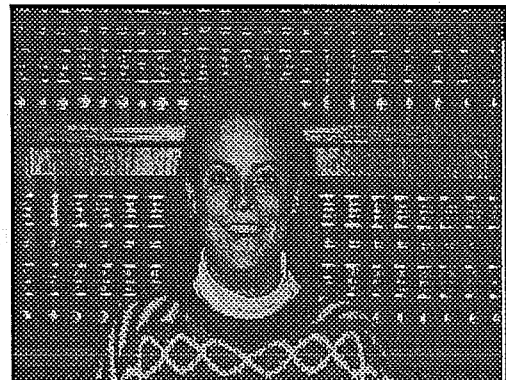


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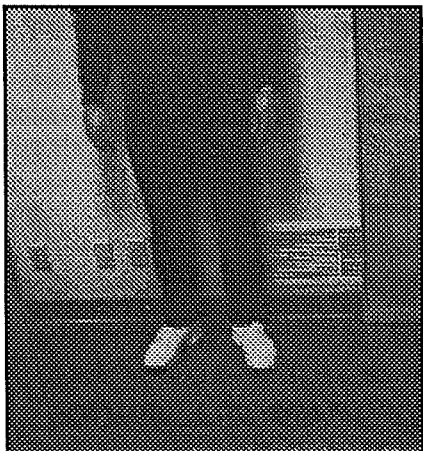
After numerous adjustments in revenue projections and two special sessions, the Commission ultimately lost \$36,159 from its FY95 budget. A constitutional amendment legalizing video lottery went to the voters in November. By a 3% margin, voters approved the amendment and the machines went back on line November 22nd. The

state lost \$16 million in revenue.

1994 was the final frontier of intrastate motor carrier regulation. After 70 years of Commission involvement in this vital industry, federal preemption of state law eliminated the bulwark of our authority. In August, President Clinton signed into law the Federal Aviation Administration Act. Title six of this Act calls for sweeping changes in intrastate motor carrier regulation. Effective January 1, 1995, states are prohibited from regulating the rates, routes, or services of intrastate motor carriers of property except household goods. States may continue to regulate with respect to insurance requirements.



*Terri Lesmeister
Administrative Assistant*

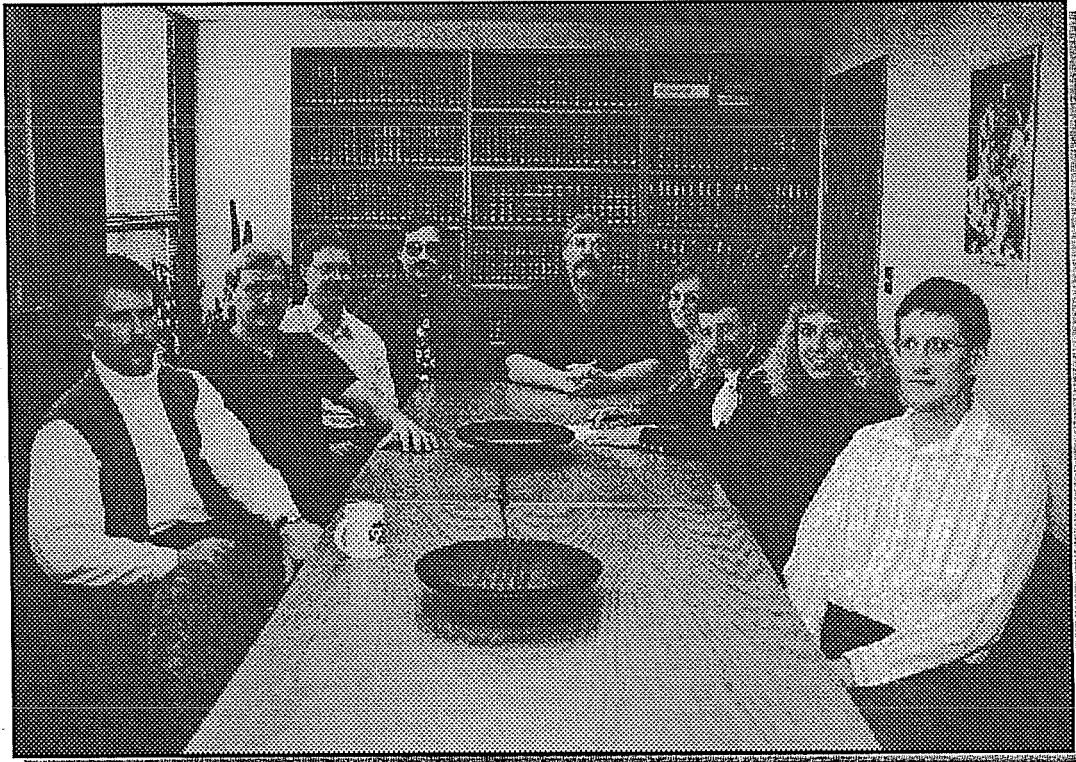


Lou Hammond claims his best feature is his new tennis shoes. You can see that the TW staff is not easily "defeated".

The law does not affect passenger carriers. The Commission chose to go one step beyond federal policy and include household goods carriers and passengers in our legislation to deregulate intrastate motor carriers.

As the 1995 legislative session opened, a movement began to transfer the remaining transportation responsibilities to the Department of Revenue. A similar movement would end the Commission's regulation of grain warehouses and grain dealers. Commission involvement in that industry has spanned over 104 years.

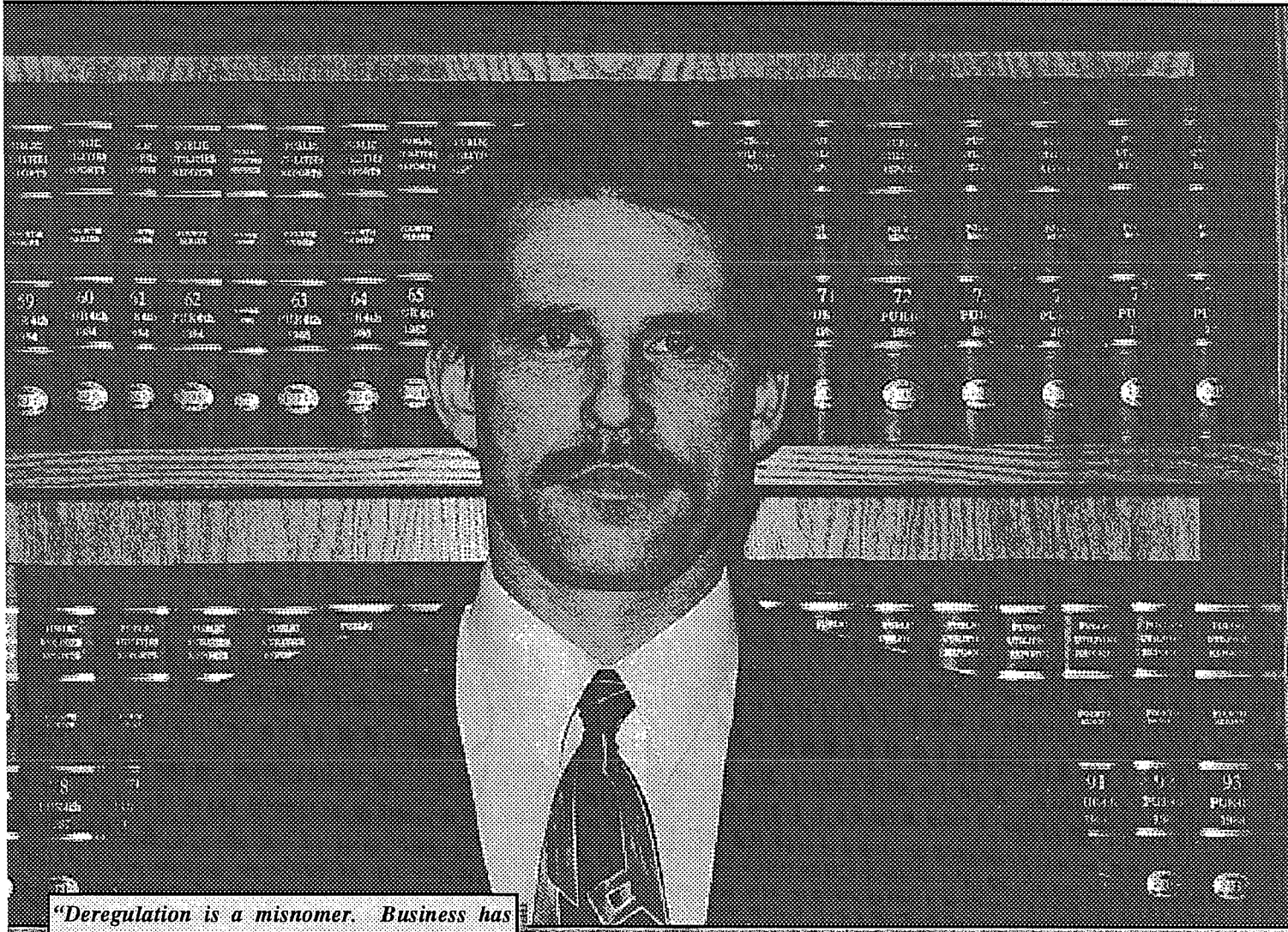
Fixed Utilities Division



From left to right: Greg Rislov, Division Director; Martin Bettmann, Engineer; Dave Jacobson, Analyst; Steve Wegman, Policy Analyst; Harlan Best, Analyst; Paulette Gates, Analyst; Charlie Bolle, Telecommunications Analyst; Tammi Hendrix, Pipeline Safety Inspector; Bob Knadle, Analyst.

The Fixed Utilities Division deals with regulation of all telecommunications, gas, and electric companies concerning territory and quality of service. Investor-owned gas and electric companies and investor-owned telephone companies with more than 10,000 subscribers are also rate-regulated by the Public Utilities Commission.

Summary of the Fixed Utilities Division

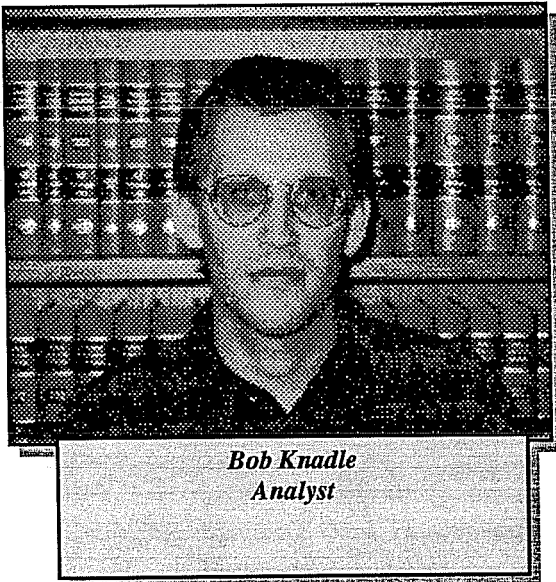
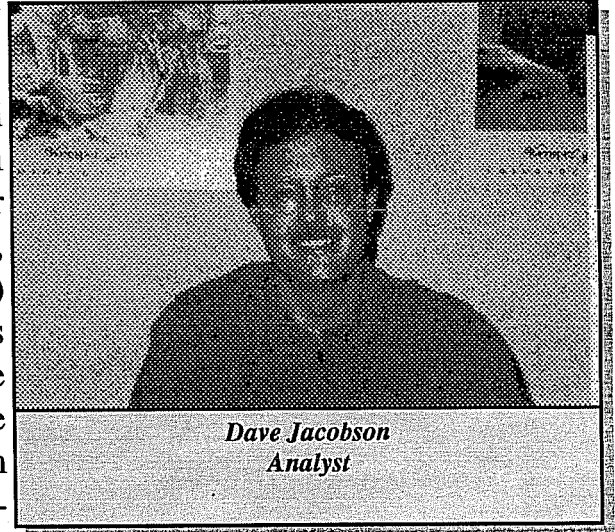


"Deregulation is a misnomer. Business has never been so good."

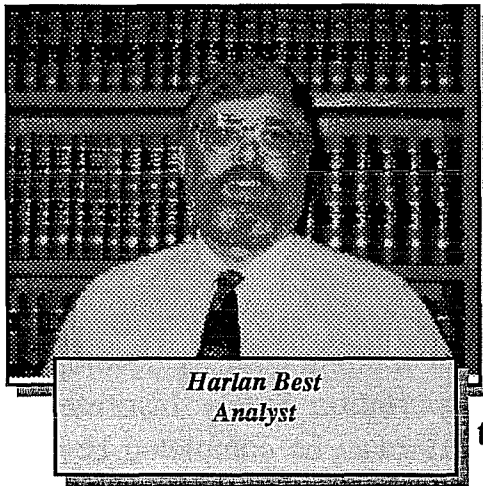
Greg Rislov
Director of Fixed Utilities Division

Summary of Activities of the Fixed Utilities Division

1994 offered both a look forward and a look at the past. The past was reflected in Dockets EL94-015 (electrical service for Hub City in Aberdeen); NG93-013, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) disbursement of a refund to its Black Hills natural gas customers; and the filings made by MDU and Northwestern Public Service Company (NWPS) for a general increase in natural gas rates (NG94-012 and NG94-008).



Hub City is the name of a business unit located in Aberdeen which, 17 years ago, had been the subject of a service provider docket. Pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-56, this business had then requested service from Northern Electric Cooperative and spurned NWPS. This time the reverse was true.

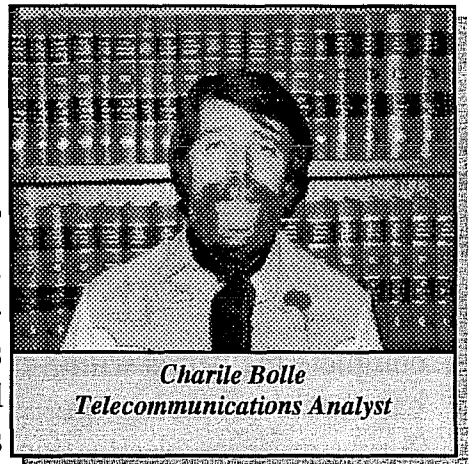


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Analyst*

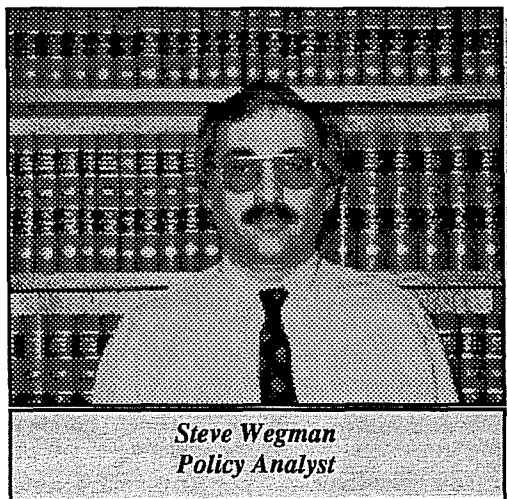
MDU's refund (which averaged about \$100 to each residential natural gas account) was generated as a result of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission proceedings resolving dockets which had been filed in the mid-1980's.

The MDU and NWPS requests for rate increases were filed a month apart. Staff was stretched thin in the concurrent processing. Multiple dockets of this sort have been a rarity in the past decade.

The future was evident in telecommunications, natural gas, electric and pipeline safety matters. Telecommunications continues its way to competition. This was evident in US WEST's "re-engineering" movement which was the focus of many complaints. Natural gas's future was evident in Dockets NG94-003, NG94-004, and NG94-005, all Midwest Gas Company dockets. These dockets dealt with rates and tariff provisions related to the natural gas business's new orders.

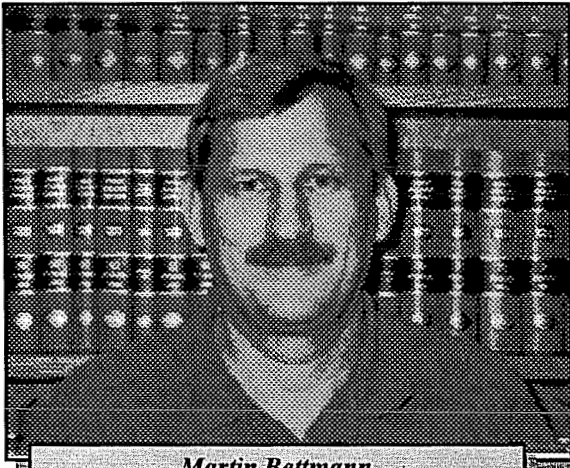


*Charile Bolle
Telecommunications Analyst*



*Steve Wegman
Policy Analyst*

The electric docket, EL94-008, Northern States Power Company (NSP), allowed NSP to negotiate a contract-with-deviations for service to John Morrell. This contract specified John Morrell's investment in energy-efficient equipment.



*Martin Bettmann
Engineer*

Effective July 1, 1994, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission obtained authority of inspection from the federal government for South Dakota's intrastate natural gas pipeline operators as well as master meter operators and jurisdictional propane systems. The training to inspect the systems is quite lengthy. Eight training courses developed by the Transportation Safety Institute in Oklahoma City must be completed before an inspector becomes certified to inspect the pipelines.

An engineer, Tammi Hendrix, has been hired to fill the position of Pipeline Safety Inspector. She has completed three of the required training courses and hopes to complete the series within two years. Tammi has been preparing procedures to follow during emergency situations and developing inspection forms used during evaluations of operators. Martin Bettmann has also completed a portion of the training series.



*Tammi Hendrix
Pipeline Safety Inspector*

Two personnel changes occurred in the Fixed Utility Division during 1994. Becky Foote, an analyst, left to pursue an advanced business degree. Tammi Hendrix was hired to become the Pipeline Safety Inspector.

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Electricity

DOCKET #	Docket Titles (with opening & closing dates)
EL94-001	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF OTTERTAIL POWER CO FOR APPROVAL OF CUSTOMER INFORMATION PAMPHLET: Filed 2-7-94; Closed 3-1-94.
EL94-002	BHP&L'S RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR SD ELECTRIC SERVICE (UPDATE SECTION NO.5, 703.2 B) - ERROR IN RECORDING METER DATA: Filed 3-7-94; Closed 4-5-94.
EL94-003	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NORTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF ITS INTERRUPTIBLE IRRIGATION SERVICE RATE AND COMMERCIAL HEATING AND COOLING RATE: Filed 3-22-94; Closed 5-04-94.
EL94-004	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF BHP&L FOR APPROVAL OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN: Filed 3-1-94; Closed 5-04-94.
EL94-005	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF BH CORPORATION FOR THE AUTHORITY TO ISSUE AND SELL UP TO \$100,000,000 FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS UNDER SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION RULE: Filed 4-07-94; Closed 4-28-94.
EL94-006	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF BH CORPORATION FOR AUTHORITY TO INCUR SHORT-TERM DEBT: Filed 4-07-94; Closed 5-04-94.
EL94-007	IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT OF HERMAN JONES, RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST BH ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE FOR FAILURE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE SERVICE: Filed 4-14-94; Closed 5-4-94.
EL94-008	IN THE MATTER OF NSP'S PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH DEVIATIONS WITH JOHN MORRELL & COMPANY: Filed 4-19-94; Pending.
EL94-009	APPLICATION OF BH CORPORATION TO ASSUME OBLIGATION TO PAY UP TO \$5,000,000 OF THE CITY OF GILLETTE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT REVENUE BONDS: Filed 4-21-94; Closed 6-3-94.
EL94-010	APPLICATION OF BLACK HILLS CORPORATION FOR A CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FOR 21.19 MILES OF 230 KV ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINE AND TERMINAL FACILITIES IN LAWRENCE AND PENNINGTON COUNTIES, SOUTH DAKOTA: Filed 5-5-94; Pending.
EL94-011	JOINT REQUEST FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE TERRITORY EXCEPTION BETWEEN NSP AND SIOUX VALLEY EMPIRE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION: Filed 5-13-94; Closed 6-10-94.
EL94-012	UPDATED INFORMATION PAMPHLET THAT NSP PROPOSES TO PRINT AND MAIL TO ITS SD CUSTOMERS: Filed 5-13-94; Closed 6-10-94.
EL94-013	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FILED BY FORT PIERRE FOR APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH WEST CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC FOR SERVICE TO AN AREA ANNEXED BY THE CITY: Filed 5-19-94; Closed 6-10-94.
EL94-014	IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY ARTHUR L. OAKES AGAINST BLACK HILLS POWER & LIGHT, MORE SPECIFICALLY SD SENATOR JIM EMBRY, FOR USING BHP&L DISPLAY FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES: Filed 5-20-94; Closed 6-23-94.

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EL94-015	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FILED BY NORTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY FOR DECLARATORY RULING WITH REGARDS TO ELECTRIC SERVICE TO HUB CITY, INC, IN ABERDEEN: Filed 5-23-94; Pending.
EL94-016	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FILED BY NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY FOR PROPOSED OCCASIONAL DELIVERY ENERGY SERVICE: Filed 5-31-94; Closed 8-29-94.
EL94-017	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FILED BY CHARLES MIX ELECTRIC ASSOC. FOR A LIMITED WAIVER OF SERVICE TERRITORY AGREEMENT: Filed 6-01-94; Closed 7-13-94.
EL94-018	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY NORTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE FOR TARRIFF CHANGES: Filed 6-15-94; Closed 7-11-94.
EL94-019	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY FOR AN ELECTRIC SERVICE TERRITORY EXCEPTION WITH INTERCOUNTY ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.: Filed 7-18-94; Closed 8-01-94.
EL94-020	IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY LORI BERI AGAINST BLACK HILLS POWER AND LIGHT: Filed 7-20-94; Closed 8-08-94.
EL94-021	IN THE MATTER OF MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES' REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO REVISE ITS OCCASSIONAL POWER PURCHASE NON-TIME DIFFERENTIATED RATE 95, SHORT-TERM POWER PURCHASE TIME DIFFERENTIATED RATE 96, AND LONG-TERM POWER PURCHASE TIME DIFFERENTIATED SALE 97: Filed 8-01-94; Closed 9-19-94.
EL94-022	IN THE MATTER OF THE INVESTIGATION INTO SECTION III OF THE FEDERAL ENERGY POLICY ACT OF 1992 (EPACT): Filed 8-08-94; Pending.
EL94-023	IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY MAX M. BROWN AGAINST CLAY UNION ELECTRIC: Filed 8-25-94; Closed 9-09-94.
EL94-024	IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY ROBERT ROEBUCK AGAINST BLACK HILLS POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY. Filed 9-01-94; Closed 10-11-94.
EL94-025	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF BUTTE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE FOR APPROVAL OF TERRITORIAL SERVICE CHANGE AGREEMENT WITH BLACK HILLS POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY: Filed 9-15-94; Closed 11-21-94.
EL94-026	IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY DARLENE STREEDBECK AGAINST NSP: Filed 9-28-94; Closed 9-28-94.
EL94-027	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF INTERCOUNTY ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION AND SIOUX VALLEY ELECTRIC FOR AN EXCEPTION TO EXISTING SERVICE TERRITORIES: Filed 10-04-94; Closed 11-21-94.
EL94-028	IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST BY BLACK HILLS ELECTRIC COOP AND BLACK HILLS POWER AND LIGHT TO APPROVE A TERRITORY TRADE RE: ROBERT ROEBUCK EL94-024: Filed 10-17-94; Closed 11-21-94.
EL94-029	IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST BY INTERCOUNTY ELECTRIC AND NWPS FOR PERMISSION TO EXCHANGE SOME SERVICE TERRITORY: Filed 10-12-94; Closed 11-23-94.
EL94-030	IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY ARTHUR OAKES, HERMOSA AGAINST BHP&L FOR CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS: Filed 11-02-94; Closed 12-09-94.

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EL94-031	IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY NORTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE AND LAKE REGION ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION FOR APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE IN ASSIGNED SERVICE TERRITORY OF ANOTHER ELECTRIC SUPPLIER: Filed 12-20-94; Closed 1-27-95.

Gas & Electricity

Docket #	Docket Titles (with opening & closing dates)
GE94-001	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NORTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY FOR PROPOSED CUSTOMER STOCK PURCHASE PROGRAM: Filed 9-14-94; Closed 10-24-94.

Miscellaneous

Docket #	Docket Titles (with opening & closing dates)
MS94-001	IN THE MATTER OF THE RECOVERY OF LITIGATION EXPENSES RELATED PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION: Filed 5-05-94; Pending.

Natural Gas

Docket #	Docket Titles (with opening & closing dates)
NG94-001	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF CUSTOMER INFORMATION PAMPHLET: Filed 2-04-94; Closed 3-02-94.
NG94-002	IN THE MATTER OF THE INVESTIGATION OF TITLE I SUBTITLE B UTILITIES , SECTION 115, OF THE ENERGY POLICY ACT OF 1992: Filed 2-09-94; Closed 10-21-94.
NG94-003	MIDWEST GAS TARIFF FILING WHICH SETS FORTH A PROPOSED PIPELINE CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION TARIFF: Filed 2-14-94; Closed 4-27-94.
NG94-004	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MIDWEST GAS FOR APPROVAL TO CREDIT 50% OF MARGINS FROM BUY/SELL AND SALES FOR RESALE TRANSACTION THROUGH PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE: Filed 3-03-94; Closed 4-13-94.
NG94-005	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MIDWEST GAS FOR APPROVAL TO CREDIT 50% OF MARGINS FROM BUY/SELL AND SALES FOR RESALE TRANSACTION THROUGH PGA CLAUSE (OTHER SD TERRITORY): Filed 3-02-94; Closed 4-13-94
NG94-006	COMPLAINT OF HAROLD IVERSON AGAINST PEOPLE'S NATURAL GAS OF OMAHA, NEBRASKA: Filed 5-10-94; Closed 11-14-94.
NG94-007	IN THE MATTER OF PEOPLE'S NATURAL GAS DIVISION OF UTILICORP UNITED INC FOR TARIFF CHANGES: Filed 5-25-94; Closed 8-23-94.

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NG94-008	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NORTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY FOR APPROVAL FOR INCREASED GAS RATES WITH REVISED TARIFF SCHEDULES: Filed 5-26-94; Closed 11-21-94.
NG94-009	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MIDWEST GAS FOR APPROVAL OF A NATURAL GAS SERVICE AGREEMENT THAT EXTENDS MORE THAN 5 YEARS WITH ALUMAX EXTRUSIONS, INC: Filed 5-20-94; Closed 7-06-94.
NG94-012	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY MDU FOR A RATE INCREASE IN THE RAPID CITY AREA: Filed 6-30-94; Closed 12-30-94.
NG94-013	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES FOR APPROVAL TO DEVIATE FROM PGA RATE 88: Filed 7-08-94; Closed 7-29-94.
NG94-014	IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY JAMES P LARSON AGAINST MDU FOR DAMAGES OCCURRING DURING INSTALLATION OF NATURAL GAS PIPELINE: Filed 7-15-94; Closed 8-15-94.
NG94-015	IN THE MATTER MONTANA-UTILITIES' REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO IMPLEMENT REVISIONS TO ITS SMALL INTERRUPTIBLE RATE 71, LARGE INTERRUPTIBLE RATE 85, AND PURCHASED GAS COST ADJUSTMENT RATE 88 TARIFF SHEETS: Filed 8-01-94; Pending.
NG94-016	IN THE MATTER OF NORTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE'S APPLICATION FOR DEVIATIONS TO THE TARIFF SHEETS SERVING FRIGO CHEESE COMPANY IN BIG STONE CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA: Filed 8-05-94; Closed 9-19-94.
NG94-017	IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY DON HUBER AGAINST SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION: Filed 8-18-94; Closed 10-05-94.
NG94-018	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES FOR APPROVAL OF REVISED PURCHASED GAS COST ADJUSTMENTS TARIFF SHEETS: Filed 9-20-94; Closed 1-05-95.

Pipeline Safety

Docket #	Docket Titles (with opening & closing dates)
PS94-001	IN THE MATTER OF THE OBJECTION OF ARNOLD MURRAY CONSTRUCTION, SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA AGAINST PIPELINE SAFETY INSPECTION ASSESSMENT RULES: Filed 8-04-94; Closed.

Rulemaking

Docket #	Docket Titles (with opening & closing dates)
RM94-001	IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT OF RULES CONCERNING THE ALLOCATION OF THE COSTS OF SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICES: Filed 2-07-94; Closed.
RM94-002	US WEST COMMUNICATIONS CREDIT GRANTING PROCEDURES: Filed 4-20-94; Closed.
RM94-003	IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT OF RULES CONCERNING THE ASSESSMENT ON INSPECTION FEES ON INTRASTATE GAS PIPELINE OPERATORS: Filed 4-20-94; Closed.
RM94-004	IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE RULES FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF N11 DIALING CODES: Filed 8-08-94; Closed.

Telecommunications

Docket #	Docket Titles (with opening & closing dates)
TC94-001	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY US WEST COMMUNICATIONS TO REVISE THEIR ACCESS SERVICE TARIFF: Filed 1-03-94; Closed 1-4-94.
TC94-002	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF COMMUNIGROUP OF K.C., INC. (CGI) FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO OPERATE AS A RESELLER OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES WITHIN THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA: Filed 1-04-94; Closed 2-09-94.
TC94-003	IN THE MATTER OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS MODERNIZATION PLAN: Filed 1-05-94; Pending.
TC94-004	IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT BY THE INSTITUTE FOR BUSINESS INNOVATION AGAINST US WEST COMMUNICATIONS: Filed 1-10-94; Closed 9-09-94.
TC94-005	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF RANGE TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO OPERATE AS A LOCAL EXCHANGE COMPANY IN SOUTH DAKOTA: Filed 1-11-94; Closed 10-11-94.
TC94-006	IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY GRANT M SANBORN DBA WORDSMITH, LTD AGAINST US WEST COMMUNICATIONS: Filed 1-11-94; Closed 9-09-94.
TC94-007	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY PETRACOM CORPORATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO OPERATE AS A RESELLER OF LONG DISTANCE SERVICE WITHIN THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA: Filed 1-29-94; Closed 3-01-94.
TC94-008	IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT OF EXCELLTECH, INC OF YANKTON, SOUTH DAKOTA AGAINST US WEST COMMUNICATIONS: Filed 1-14-94; Closed 9-09-94.
TC94-009	IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR AMENDMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES SUBMITTED BY SDITC AND SDN: Filed 1-14-94; Closed 2-07-94.
TC94-010	IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT OF L H MACKENDANZ OF RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA AGAINST US WEST COMMUNICATIONS: Filed 1-20-94; Closed 9-09-94.

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TC94-011	IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT OF VERNE O FOSSUM OF RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA AGAINST US WEST COMMUNICATIONS: Filed 1-20-94; Closed 9-09-94.
TC94-012	IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT OF DAVID C SPRINGHETTI OF RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA AGAINST US WEST COMMUNICATIONS: Filed 1-20-94; Closed 9-09-94.
TC94-013	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF USWC TO ADD VERBAGE TO ITS EXPRESS SERVICE TARIFF: Filed 2-09-94; Closed 4-15-94.
TC94-014	IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT OF DAVID BEUNING OF RAPID CITY, SD, AGAINST US WC FOR FAILURE TO PROVIDE INTEGRATED SERVICES DIGITAL NETWORK (ISDN): Filed 1-24-94; Closed 9-09-94.
TC94-015	IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT OF HARRY B. STAYER OF RAPID CITY, SD, AGAINST USWC FOR FAILURE TO PROVIDE ISDN: Filed 1-24-94; Closed 9-09-94.
TC94-016	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF USWC FOR APPROVAL TO OFFER A PROMOTION ON DIGITAL SWITCHED SERVICES: Filed 1-24-94; Closed 3-01-94.
TC94-017	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF USWC TO CHANGE ITS TARIFF SHOWING THE AVAILABILITY OF LOCAL MEASURED SERVICE IN THE PIERPONT, SOUTH DAKOTA EXCHANGE: Filed 1-24-94; Closed 3-01-94.
TC94-018	IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT OF INNOVATIVE SOFTWARE DESIGN OF RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA AGAINST US WEST COMMUNICATIONS: Filed 1-25-94; Closed 9-09-94.
TC94-019	IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT OF FRANK E LOCHRIDGE, CFO OF RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA AGAINST US WEST COMMUNICATIONS: Filed 1-25-94; Closed 9-09-94.
TC94-020	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY USWC TO REPLACE THE ACCESS SERVICE EXCEPTION TARIFF: Filed 1-31-94; Closed 3-01-94.
TC94-021	IN THE MATTER OF THE REGISTRATION OF UNIDIAL INCORPORATED TO OPERATE AS A RESELLER OF LONG DISTANCE SERVICE WITHIN THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA. Filed: 2-02-94; Closed 10-24-94.
TC94-022	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF USWC FOR APPROVAL TO OFFER A SPRING PROMOTION FOR ADDITIONAL LINES FOR RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS: Filed 2-02-94; Closed 3-01-94.
TC94-023	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF USWC FOR APPROVAL TO CONDUCT TWO PROMOTIONS FOR ITS BUSINESS CUSTOMERS: Filed 2-02-94; Closed 3-01-94.
TC94-024	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF USWC TO CHANGE ITS TARIFF SHOWING THE AVAILABILITY OF LOCAL MEASURED SERVICE IN THE VOLGA-BRUCE, SD, EXCHANGE: Filed 2-11-94; Closed 4-15-94.
TC94-025	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF TELE-TREND COMMUNICATIONS, INC. TO OPERATE AS A RESELLER IN THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA: Filed 2-22-94; Closed 7-20-94.
TC94-026	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ITC TELE-SERVICES, INC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO OPERATE AS A RESELLER OF LONG DISTANCE SERVICE WITHIN SOUTH DAKOTA: Filed 2-25-94; Closed 4-20-94.
TC94-027	IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF USWC TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES CONCERNING CREDIT POLICIES: Filed 3-01-94; Closed 4-20-94.
TC94-028	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF USWC TO CHANGE ITS TARIFF SHOWING THE AVAILABILITY OF LOCAL MEASURED SERVICE IN THE ROSLYN, SOUTH DAKOTA, EXCHANGE: Filed 3-04-94; Closed 4-15-94
TC94-029	IN THE MATTER OF QUEST GROUP INTERNATIONAL FOR COA: Filed 3-07-94; Closed 6-14-94.

Docket #	Docket Title (with opening & closing dates)
TC94-030	APPLICATION OF NETWORK LONG DISTANCE INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE TO OPERATE AS A RESELLER OF LONG DISTANCE SERVICES WITHIN THE STATE: Filed 3-16-94; Closed 6-13-94.
TC94-031	COMPLAINTS FROM HURON NURSING HOME TO LOWER TELEPHONE COSTS FOR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS (11 COMPLAINTS): Filed 3-01-94; Closed 10-20-94.
TC94-032	IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT OF DALE LINK, DELMONT, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST MIDSTATE TELEPHONE COMPANY: Filed 3-22-94; Closed 4-15-94.
TC94-033	IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT OF NORMAN TOWNSEND, ANDOVER, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST USWC CONCERNING TOUCH TONE: Filed 3-22-94; Closed 4-15-94.
TC94-034	PETITIONS SUPPORTING TOLL-FREE CALLING BETWEEN VELEN AND BRITTON EXCHANGES : Filed 13-29-94; Closed 11-21-94.
TC94-036	U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS REVISION TO INTRODUCE OPTIONAL LOCAL MEASURED SERVICE IN REVILLO, SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 04-18-94; Closed.
TC94-036	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF GLOBAL WATS ONE, INC. FOR AUTHORITY TO OPERATE AS A RESALE CARRIER WITHIN SD Filed 04-11-94; Closed 06-14-94.
TC94-037	USWC REQUEST PERMISSION TO OFFER A PROMOTION TO OUR BUSINESS CUSTOMERS SUBSCRIBING TO BUSINESS DAYTIME CONNECTION, BUSINESS DAYTIME CONNECTION PLUS AND VOLUME CALLING CONNECTION: Filed 4-14-94; Closed 6-10-94.
TC94-038	REGISTRATION OF US DIGITAL NETWORK LIMITED PARTNERSHIP: Filed 4-18-94; Closed 7-11-94.
TC94-039	IN THE MATTER OF THE REGISTRATION OF RCI LONG DISTANCE, INC.: Filed 4-21-94; Closed 6-21-94.
TC94-040	IN THE MATTER OF THE REGISTRATION OF USX CONSULTANTS, INC. TO OPERATE AS A RESELLER OF INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES IN THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA: Filed 4-25-94; Closed 7-11-94.
TC94-041	COMPLAINT OF MILES & BETTY BURTZLAFF AGAINST USWC OVER PROVISION AND COST OF TELEPHONE SERVICE: Filed 4-26-94; Closed 8-03-94.
TC94-042	APPLICATION OF MFS INTELENET OF SD, INC. FOR COA: Filed 5-11-94; Closed 8-01-94.
TC94-043	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF INTERNATIONAL TELE MANAGEMENT GROUP, INC. FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO OPERATE AS A RESELLER LONOG DISTANCE SERVICE IN THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA: Filed 4-29-94; Closed 7-08-94.
TC94-044	GTE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES INCORPORATED FOR COA: Filed 4-29-94; Closed 6-21-94.
TC94-045	NOSVA, LIMITED PARTNERSHIP'S APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE & NECESSITY TO PROVIDE INTRASTATE SWITCHLESS RESALE OF TELECOMMUNMICATIONS SERVICES: Filed 5-03-94; Closed 8-03-94.
TC94-046	RC&AAIC'S APPLICATION FOR COA: Filed 5-04-94; Closed 11-01-94.

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TC94-048	IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY MARGIE AND RAY BREWTON, BRYANT, SOUTH DAKOTA AGAINST USWC: Filed 6-01-94; Closed 8-15-94.
TC94-049	IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY CHRISTINE M. BACA, HIGHMORE, SOUTH DAKOTA AGAINST SULLY BUTTES COOP: Filed 6-03-94; Closed 7-11-94.
TC94-050	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FILED BY US WEST COMMUNICATIONS FOR REVISIONS IN EXCHANGE AND NETWORK SERVICES TARIFFS: Filed 6-06-94; Closed 1-10-94.
TC94-051	IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST SEMINARY (BEN ENGBRECHT) AGAINST US WEST COMMUNICATIONS: Filed 6-20-94; Closed 1-10-94.
TC94-052	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FILED BY THE ULTIMATE CHOICE LONG DISTANCE FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY AND TO OPERATE AS A RESELLER OF LONG DISTANCE SERVICES IN THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA: Filed 6-27-94; Closed 8-08-94.
TC94-053	IN THE MATTER OF AMERICAN WATS' FAILURE TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT: Filed 7-05-94; Closed 8-08-04.
TC94-054	IN THE MATTER OF CALL HOME AMERICA'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT: Filed 7-05-94; Closed 7-13-94.
TC94-055	IN THE MATTER OF TEL-SAVE'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT: Filed 7-05-94; Closed 7-28-94.
TC94-056	IN THE MATTER OF US WAT'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT: Filed 7-05-94; Closed 7-08-94.
TC94-057	IN THE MATTER OF WCS OPERATOR'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT: Filed 7-05-94; Closed 7-22-94.
TC94-058	IN THE MATTER OF QUEST COMMUNICATION'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT: Filed 7-05-94; Closed 7-07-94.
TC94-059	IN THE MATTER OF SILVERADO COMMUNICATION'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT: Filed 7-05-94; Closed 7-22-94.
TC94-060	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF INTERNATIONAL DISCOUNT TELECOMMUNICATIONS FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO OPERATE AS RESELLER OF LONG DISTANCE SERVICE WITHIN THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA: Filed 7-08-94; Closed 8-22-94.
TC94-061	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FILED BY US WEST COMMUNICATIONS FOR REVISIONS AND ADDITIONS TO THE SERVICES CATALOG: Filed 6-30-94; Closed 9-09-94.
TC94-062	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FILED BY US WEST COMMUNICATIONS FOR APPROVAL OF ACCESS TARIFF REVISIONS: Filed 7-01-94; Closed 8-11-94.
TC94-063	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF TOTALTEL, USA COMMUNICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO OPERATE AS A RESELLER OF LONG DISTANCE SERVICE WITHIN THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA: Filed 7-08-94; Closed 8-29-94.

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TC94-064	IN THE MATTER OF US WEST COMMUNICATIONS REVISED SHEETS OF THE EXCHANGE AND NETWORK SERVICES TARIFF: Filed 7-12-94; Closed 8-29-94.
TC94-065	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF IDB WORLDCOM SERVICES, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA: Filed 7-28-94; Closed 10-25-94.
TC94-066	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF BROOKINGS MUNICIPAL UTILITIES FOR A REQUEST OF AN EXTENSION OF SIX MONTHS WITH THE COST STUDY: Filed 7-21-94; Closed 10-07-94.
TC94-067	IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR MCCOOK COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY: Filed 7-21-94; Pending.
TC94-068	IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY MICHAEL N. SEMPLE AGAINST US WEST: Filed 7-25-94; Closed.
TC94-069	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FILED BY US WEST COMMUNICATIONS TO MODIFY THE LOCALITY SPECIAL AREA MAPS OF THE PEEVER AND WILMONT, SOUTH DAKOTA EXCHANGES: Filed 7-29-94; Closed 9-22-94.
TC94-070	IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR VALLEY TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE: Filed 8-03-94; Pending.
TC94-071	IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR WEST RIVER COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY: Filed 8-15-94; Pending.
TC94-072	IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY ERIC JOHNSON AGAINST GOLDEN WEST COMMUNICATIONS: Filed 8-15-94; Closed 1-31-95.
TC94-073	IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT OF FENTON SHAVING BEAR AGAINST GOLDEN WEST COMMUNICATIONS: Filed 8-15-94; Closed 9-22-94.
TC94-074	IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR INTERSTATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE: Filed 8-15-94; Closed 9-06-94.
TC94-075	IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE: Filed 8-18-94; Pending.
TC94-076	IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX TRIBE TELEPHONE AUTHORITY: Filed 8-15-94; Pending.
TC94-077	IN THE MATTER OF US WEST'S APPLICATION TO REVISE THE MESSAGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE CALLING CONNECTION PLANS SECTION OF THE EXCHANGE AND NETWORK SERVICES CATALOG: Filed 8-12-94; Closed 10-24-94.
TC94-078	IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR MIDSTATE TELEPHONE COMPANY: Filed 8-25-94; Pending.
TC94-079	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO OPERATE AS A RESELLER OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA: Filed 8-26-94; Closed 11-09-94.
TC94-080	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO OPERATE AS A RESELLER OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA FROM AIS TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES: Filed 8-29-94; Closed 11-10-94.

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TC94-081	IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR SULLY BUTTES TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE: Filed 8-30-94; Pending.
TC94-082	IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR THE LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS ASSOCIATION: Filed 8-30-94; Pending.
TC94-083	IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR WEST RIVER TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE: Filed 8-31-94; Closed 10-21-94.
TC94-084	IN THE MATTER OF ENTERPRISE TELECOM SERVICE, INC'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT A REPORT AND PAY GROSS RECEIPTS TAX: Filed 9-06-94; Closed 9-09-94.
TC94-085	IN THE MATTER OF PAYLINE SYSTEM'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT AND PAY GROSS RECEIPTS TAX: Filed 9-06-94; Closed 9-09-94.
TC94-086	IN THE MATTER OF TEL-SAVE, INC.'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT AND PAY GROSS RECEIPTS TAX: Filed 9-06-94; Closed 9-19-94.
TC94-087	IN THE MATTER OF TELEGROUP, INC.'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT AND PAY GROSS RECEIPTS TAX: Filed 9-06-94; Closed 9-30-94.
TC94-088	IN THE MATTER OF WATS/800 INC.'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT AND PAY GROSS RECEIPTS TAX: Filed 9-06-94; Closed 9-19-94.
TC94-089	IN THE MATTER OF TELECOURSE INC.'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT A REPORT AND PAY GROSS RECEIPTS TAX: Filed 9-06-94; Closed 9-28-94.
TC94-090	IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY JACKE HALL GREEN AGAINST US WEST COMMUNICATIONS: Filed 9-06-94; Closed 12-09-94.
TC94-091	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF TOUCH 1 COMMUNICATIONS, INC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO OPERATE AS A RESELLER OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA: Filed 9-06-94; Closed 11-09-94.
TC94-092	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY VOLGA/BRUCE TELEPHONE CUSTOMERS OF US WEST COMMUNICATIONS FOR EXTENDED AREA SERVICE PLAN FROM THE VOLGA EXCHANGE TO THE BROOKINGS EXCHANGE: Filed 9-13-94; Pending.
TC94-093	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF US WEST COMMUNICATIONS REQUESTING PERMISSION TO CONDUCT A PROMOTION TO WAIVE THE 800 SERVICELINE NON-RECURRING CHARGES FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 3, 1994 THROUGH DECEMBER 30, 1994: Filed 9-14-94; Closed 11-21-94.
TC94-094	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FILED BY US WEST COMMUNICATIONS TO REVISE EXCHANGE AND NETWORK SERVICES TARIFFS: Filed 9-15-94; Closed 11-21-94.
TC94-095	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FILED BY WORLD TELECOM GROUP INC. FOR REGISTRATION AS A PROVIDER OF INTRASTATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA: Filed 9-16-94; Closed 11-21-94.
TC94-096	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF INACOM COMMUNICATIONS INC. FOR AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE INTRASTATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES WITHIN SOUTH DAKOTA: Filed 9-23-94; Closed 12-09-94.
TC94-097	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FILED BY USWEST COMMUNICATIONS FOR APPROVAL OF A HOLIDAY PROMOTION FOR RESIDENTIAL ADDITIONAL LINES: Filed 10-03-94; Closed 11-21-94.

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TC94-098	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY BROOKINGS TELEPHONE FOR REVISED SERVICE TERRITORY AS A RESULT OF ANNEXATION: Filed 10-11-94; Closed 1-31-95.
TC94-099	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY US WEST COMMUNICATIONS ON THE EXCHANGE AND NETWORK SERVICES TARIFF (LMS) IN THE WITTEN,SD EXCHANGE: Filed 10-11-94; Closed 12-09-94.
TC94-100	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FILED BY US WEST COMMUNICATIONS FOR EXCHANGE AND NETWORK SERVICES (LOCAL MEASURED SERVICES) IN NISLAND, SD: Filed 10-11-94; Closed 12-14-94.
TC94-101	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FILED BY TOUCHTONE NETWORK INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO OPERATE WITHIN SD: Filed 10-13-94; Closed 12-16-94.
TC94-102	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF TRANS NATIONAL TELEPHONE INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA: Filed 10-18-94; Closed 12-16-94.
TC94-103	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FILED BY ONE TO ONE COMMUNICATIONS IN C FOR A CERTIFICATE TO DO BUSINESS AS A RESELLER OF LONG DISTANCE SERVICES IN THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA: Filed 10-20-94; Closed 12-16-94.
TC94-104	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FILED BY SOUTHERN PACIFIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO DO BUSINESS AS A RESELLER OF LONG DISTANCE SERVICES IN THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA: Filed 10-20-94; Closed 12-16-94.
TC94-105	IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY LEANN SORENSON - DAKOTA TEXTILES AGAINST US WEST COMMUNICATIONS FOR INADEQUATE SERVICE: Filed 10-24-94; Closed 12-09-94.
TC94-106	IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY CHARLES WAGNER, SIOUX FALLS OBJECTING TO POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY USWC: Filed 10-27-94; Closed 2-21-95.
TC94-107	IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY HARRY BURK OBJECTING TO POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY USWC: Filed 10-28-94; Closed 2-21-95.
TC94-108	IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY BILL BROCKETT OBJECTING TO POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY USWC: Filed 10-28-94; Closed 2-21-95.
TC94-109	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF US WEST COMMUNICATIONS TO CHANGE TERMS AND CONDITIONS WITH THE PROVISION OF INTRALATA 800 SERVICE LINE: Filed 11-01-94; Closed 12-09-94.
TC94-110	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF USWC FOR CHANGES TO THE EXCHANGE AND NETWORK SERVICES TARIFF TO INTRODUCE OPTIONAL LOCAL MEASURED SERVICE IN THE WILMOT, SOUTH DAKOTA EXCHANGE: Filed 11-03-94; Closed 12-09-94.
TC94-111	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ACC NATIONAL LONG DISTANCE CORP. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE INTRASTATE INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES WITHIN THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA: Filed 11-04-94; Closed 12-28-94.
TC94-112	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF US WEST COMMUNICATIONS TO REVISE LOCAL SPECIAL RATE AREA MAP FOR NEWCASTLE, WYOMING (SERVED OUT OF SOUTH DAKOTA) (REFER TO TC94-072) (COMBINING TC94-005 & TC94-072). Filed 11-04-94; Closed 12-28-94.

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TC94-113	IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT OF KAREN THOMPSON, CHAMBERLAIN, SD AGAINST US WEST COMMUNICATIONS FOR UNAUTHORIZED SERVICE: Filed 11-22-94; Closed.
TC94-114	IN THE MATTER OF US WEST'S FILING REVISED PAGES FROM EXCHANGE AND NETWORK SERVICES TARIFF: Filed 11-30-94; Closed 1-31-95.
TC94-115	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF LONG DISTANCE INTERNATIONAL, INC. FOR AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES WITHIN THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA: Filed 12-06-94; Closed 1-27-95.
TC95-116	IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING OF US WEST COMMUNICATION TO CORRECT EXCHANGE BOUNDARIES IN WINNER AND WITTEN, SOUTH DAKOTA: Filed 12-07-94; Closed 1-27-95.
TC94-117	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF US WEST COMMUNICATIONS TO OFFER A PROMOTION TO THEIR BUSINESS CUSTOMERS TO WAIVE THE NONRECURRING CHARGES FOR BUSINESS CUSTOMERS FOR 1.)ADDITIONAL LINE; 2.) STANDBY LINE ; 3.) 800 SERVICELINE, AND; 4.) HUNTING: Filed 12-06-94; Closed 12-27-95.
TC94-118	IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT BY DIAN L. ASCHMILLER OF SIOUX FALLS, SD AGAINST MCI FOR UNAUTHORIZED INTERNATIONAL CALLS FROM HER RESIDENCE: Filed 12-19-94; Closed 1-24-95.
TC94-119	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY VARTEC TELECOM INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE RESOLD LONG DISTANCE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES WITHIN THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA: Filed 12-20-94; Closed 1-27-95.
TC94-120	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF TELTRUST COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES FOR AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE INTRASTATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES WITHIN SOUTH DAKOTA : Filed 12-22-94; Pending.
TC94-121	IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF US WEST COMMUNICATIONS INC. TO HAVE ITS NONCOMPETITIVE SERVICES REGULATED AS PROVIDED FOR IN SDCL 49-31-4.1: Filed 12-28-94; Pending.
TC94-122	IN THE MATTER OF THE SALE OF CERTAIN TELEPHONE EXCHANGES BY US WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. TO CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVES AND INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COMPANIES ALREADY AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA: Filed 12-29-94; Pending.

UTILITIES BY COMMUNITY

Community	Electric Company	Gas Company	Telephone Company
Aberdeen	NWPS	NWPS	U S WEST
Academy	*Charles Mix Electric & *Northern Electric	None	*Midstate Telephone
Agar	*Oahe Electric Cooperative	MDU	U S WEST
Akaska	MDU	None	U S WEST
Albee	OtterTail Power	None	U S WEST
Alcester	Midwest Power	Midwest Gas	U S WEST
Alexandria	NSP	NWPS	*Hanson County
Allen	*Lacreek Electric	None	*Golden West
Alpena	NWPS	None	*Sanborn Telephone
Altamont	*H-D Electric	NWPS	*Interstate Telecom.
Amherst	NWPS	None	U S WEST
Andover	NWPS	None	*James Valley Coop
Ardmore	BHPL	None	*Golden West
Arlington	*Arlington Municipal	NWPS	U S WEST
Armour	NWPS	None	*Armour Independ.
Artas	MDU	None	*Valley Teleco
Artesian	NSP	None	*Sanborn Telephone
Ashton	NWPS	None	U S WEST
Astoria	OtterTail Power	None	*Interstate Telecom.
Athol	NWPS	None	U S WEST
Aurora	*Aurora Municipal	NWPS	*Interstate Telecom.
Avon	NWPS	None	*Golden West
Badger	*Badger Municipal	None	U S WEST
Baltic	NSP	Midwest Gas	*Baltic Telecom
Bancroft	NWPS	None	U S WEST
Barnard	NWPS	None	U S WEST
Batesland	*Lacreek Electric	None	U S WEST-Nebraska
Bath	*Northern Electric Coop.	None	U S WEST
Belle Fourche	BHPL & Butte Electric	MDU	U S WEST
Belvidere	*West Central Electric	None	*Golden West
Beresford	*Beresford Municipal & *Clay-Union & Lincoln-Union	Midwest Gas	*City of Beresford & *Dakota Coop.

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Big Stone City	*Big Stone City Mun.	NWPS	U S WEST-Minnesota
Bijou Hills	*Tri-County Electric	None	Midstate Telephone
Bison	*Grand Electric Coop.	None	*West River Coop.
Black Hawk	BHPL	MDU	U S WEST
Blunt	NWPS	None	*Sully Buttes Coop.
Bonesteel	*Rosebud Electric Coop.	None	U S WEST
Bonilla	NWPS	None	*Sully Buttes Coop.
Bovee	*Charles Mix Electric	None	U S WEST
Bowdle	MDU	MDU	U S WEST
Box Elder	*West River Electric	MDU	U S WEST
Bradley	NWPS	None	U S WEST
Brandon	*Sioux Valley Coop.	Midwest Gas	*Splitrock Tele. Coop.
Brandt	OtterTail Power	None	*Interstate Tele. Coop.
Brentford	NWPS	None	U S WEST
Bridgewater	NSP	None	U S WEST
Bristol	NWPS	NWPS	U S WEST
Britton	OtterTail Power	None	U S WEST
Broadland	NWPS	None	*Sully Buttes Coop.
Brookings	*Brookings Municipal & *Sioux Valley Coop.	NWPS	*City of Brookings & *Interstate Tele. Coop.
Bruce	OtterTail Power	None	U S WEST
Bryant	*Bryant Municipal	NWPS	U S WEST
Buffalo	*Grand Electric Coop.	None	*West River Coop.
Buffalo Gap	BHPL	None	*Golden West Coop.
Buffalo Ridge	*Sioux Valley Coop.	None	*Union Telephone
Bullhead	*Moreau-Grand Electric	None	*West River Coop.
Burbank	*Clay-Union Electric Coop.	None	U S WEST
Burke	*Burke Municipal	None	U S WEST
Bushnell	OtterTail Power	None	*Interstate Tele. Coop.
Butler	NWPS	None	U S WEST
Cactus Flat	*West Central Electric Coop.	None	*Golden West Coop.
Camp Crook	MDU	MDU	*West River Coop.
Canistota	NSP	NWPS	U S WEST
Canning	*Oahe Electric Coop.	None	U S WEST
Canova	NSP	None	*McCook Coop.
Canton	NSP	Midwest Gas	U S WEST
Caputa	*West River Electric Coop.	None	U S WEST
Carpenter	*Codington-Clark Coop.	None	U S WEST
Carter	*Rosebud Electric Coop.	None	U S WEST
Carthage	NSP	None	U S WEST
Castlewood	OtterTail Power	NWPS	U S WEST
Cavour	NWPS	None	U S WEST
Cedar Pass	*West River Electric Coop.	None	*Golden West Coop.
Center	*McCook Electric Coop.	None	*McCook Coop.
Centerville	NSP	Midwest Gas	U S WEST

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Community	Electric Company	Gas Company	Telephone Company
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Central City	BHPL	MDU	U S WEST
Chamberlain	NWPS	None	U S WEST
Chancellor	NSP	None	*Dakota Coop.
Chelsa	NWPS	None	U S WEST
Cherry Creek	*Moreau-Grand Coop.	None	*Cheyenne River Tribal
Chester	*Sioux Valley Coop.	None	*Interstate Tele. Coop.
Claire City	OtterTail Power	None	*Roberts County Coop.
Claremont	NWPS	None	*James Valley Coop.
Clark	NWPS	NWPS	U S WEST
Clayton	NWPS	None	*Tri-County Telcom.
Clear Lake	OtterTail	NWPS	*Interstate Tele. Coop.
Clearfield	*Rosebud Coop.	None	U S WEST
Colman	*Colman Municipal	None	U S WEST
Colome	*Rosebud Coop.	None	U S WEST
Colton	*Sioux Valley Coop.	Midwest Gas	*Sioux Valley Coop.
Columbia	NWPS	None	*James Valley Coop.
Conde	NWPS	NWPS	*James Valley Coop.
Corona	NWPS	None	U S WEST
Corsica	NWPS	None	*Sioux Valley Coop.
Corson	*Sioux Valley Coop.	None	*Splitrock Tele. Coop.
Cottonwood	*West River Coop.	None	*Golden West Coop.
Creighton	*West River Coop.	None	*Golden West Coop.
Cresbard	NWPS	None	U S WEST
Crocker	*Codington-Clark Coop.	None	U S WEST
Crooks	NSP	None	*Baltic Telecom. Coop.
Custer	BHPL	None	*Golden West Coop.
Cuthbert	NWPS	None	*Sanborn Tele. Coop.
Dallas	*Rosebud Ele. Coop.	None	U S WEST
Dante	NWPS	None	*Golden West Coop.
Davis	*Turner-Hutchinson Coop.	None	*Dakota Coop.
DeSmet	OtterTail Power	NWPS	U S WEST
Deadwood	BHPL	MDU	U S WEST
Dell Rapids	NSP	Midwest Gas	*Sioux Valley Coop.
Delmont	NWPS	None	*Midstate Telephone
Dempster	OtterTail Power	None	*Interstate Telecom. Coop.
Dewey	*Black Hills Electric	None	*Golden West Coop.
Dezera	*Charles Mix Electric	None	U S WEST
Dimock	NWPS	NWPS	U S WEST
Doland	NWPS	NWPS	U S WEST
Dolton	NSP	None	U S WEST

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Community	Electric Company	Gas Company	Telephone Company
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Draper	*West Central Coop.	None	U S WEST
Dupree	*Moreau-Grand Coop.	None	*Cheyenne River Tribe
Eagle Butte	*Moreau-Grand Coop.	None	*Cheyenne River Tribe
East Sioux Falls	*Sioux Valley Electric	None	U S WEST
Eden	OtterTail Power	None	U S WEST
Edgemont	BHPL	None	*Golden West Coop.
Egan	OtterTail Power	None	U S WEST
Elk Point	*Elk Point Municipal	Midwest Gas	U S WEST
Elkton	OtterTail Power	None	*Interstate Tele. Coop.
Ellis	NSP	Midwest Gas	U S WEST
Ellsworth Air Force Base	BHPL	Midwest Gas	U S WEST
Emery	NSP	None	*Tri-County Telecom
Enning	*West River Electric	None	*Golden West Coop.
Epiphany	*Intercounty Electric	None	*McCook Coop.
Erwin	OtterTail Power	None	U S WEST
Esmond	*Beadle Electric Coop.	None	U S WEST
Estelline	*Estelline Municipal	NWPS	*Interstate Tele. Coop.
Ethan	NWPS	NWPS	*Sanborn Tele. Coop.
Eureka	MDU	None	U S WEST
Fairburn	*Black Hills Coop.	None	U S WEST
Fairfax	*Rosebud Coop.	None	U S WEST
Fairview	Midwest Power	None	U S WEST
Faith	*Faith Municipal & *Grand Electric	None	*Faith Municipal & *Golden West Coop.
Farmer	*Intercounty Electric	None	*Hanson County
Faulkton	NWPS	None	*Western Telephone
Fedora	NSP	None	*Sanborn Tele. Coop.
Ferney	*Northern Ele. Coop.	NWPS	*James Valley Coop.
Firesteel	*Moreau-Grand Coop.	None	U S WEST
Flandreau	*Flandreau Municipal	Midwest Gas	U S WEST
Florence	NWPS	None	U S WEST
Flyger	*Turner-Hutchinson	None	*Dakota Coop.
Forestburg	NSP	None	*Sanborn Tele. Coop.
Fort Meade	BHPL	MDU	U S WEST
Fort Pierre	*Fort Pierre Municipal	MDU	U S WEST
Fort Thompson	*Tri-County Electric	None	*Midstate Tele.
Frankfort	NWPS	NWPS	U S WEST
Frederick	MDU	None	U S WEST
Freeman	NWPS	None	*Golden West
Fruitdale	BHPL	None	U S WEST

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Community	Electric Company	Gas Company	Telephone Company
Fulton	BHPL	None	U S WEST
Gann Valley	*Tri-County Electric	None	*Midstate Telephone
Garden City	NWPS	None	U S WEST
Garretson	NSP	None	*Splitrock Tele. Coop.
Gary	OtterTail Power	None	*Interstate Tele. Coop.
Gayville	*Clay-Union Electric	Midwest Gas	*Dakota Coop.
Geddes	NWPS	None	U S WEST
Gettysburg	MDU	MDU	U S WEST
Glencross	*Moreau-Grand Coop.	None	U S WEST
Glenham	MDU	MDU	*Valley Teleco.
Goodwin	NWPS	None	*Interstate Tele. Coop.
Green Grass	*Moreau-Grand Coop.	None	*Cheyenne River Tribe
Greenwood	*Charles Mix Electric	None	U S WEST
Gregory	*Rosebud Coop.	None	U S WEST
Grenville	OtterTail Power	None	U S WEST
Groton	*Groton Municipal	NWPS	*James Valley Coop.
Grover	NWPS	None	U S WEST
Hamill	*Rosebud Coop.	None	U S WEST
Hammer	OtterTail Power	None	*Roberts County Coop.
Harrisburg	NSP	Midwest Gas	U S WEST
Harrison	*Douglas Coop.	None	*Siouxs Valley Telephone
Harrold	NWPS	None	*Sully Buttes Coop.
Hartford	*Sioux Valley Coop.	Midwest Gas	*Union Telephone
Hayes	*West Central Coop.	None	*Golden West Coop.
Hayti	OtterTail Power	NWPS	U S WEST
Hayward	*Black Hills Coop.	None	U S WEST
Hazel	NWPS	None	U S WEST
Hecla	*Hecla Municipal	None	U S WEST
Henry	NWPS	None	U S WEST
Hermosa	*Black Hills Coop.	None	U S WEST
Herreid	MDU	None	*Valley Teleco
Herrick	*Rosebud Coop.	None	U S WEST
Hetland	OtterTail Power	None	U S WEST
Highmore	NWPS	None	*Sully Buttes Coop.
Hill City	BHPL	None	U S WEST
Hillhead	OtterTail Power	None	U S WEST
Hillsview	MDU	None	U S WEST
Hitchcock	NWPS	None	*Sully Buttes Coop.
Holabird	NWPS	None	*Sully Buttes Coop.
Holmquist	NWPS	NWPS	U S WEST

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Community	Electric Company	Gas Company	Telephone Company
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Hosmer	MDU	None	*Valley Teleco
Hot Springs	BHPL	None	*Golden West Coop.
Houghton	*Northern Electric Coop.	None	*James Valley Coop.
Hoven	MDU	None	*Sully Buttes Coop.
Howard	*Howard Municipal	NWPS	U S WEST
Hudson	Midwest Power	None	U S WEST
Humboldt	*Sioux Valley Empire	None	*Sioux Valley Tele. Coop.
Hurley	*Turner-Hutchinson	None	*Dakota Coop.
Huron	NWPS & Beadle Coop.	NWPS	U S WEST
Igloo	BHPL	None	*Golden West Coop.
Interior	*West River Electric	None	*Golden West Coop.
Ipswich	MDU	MDU	U S WEST
Irene	*Turner-Hutchinson	None	*Dakota Coop.
Iroquois	NWPS	None	U S WEST
Isabel	*Moreau-Grand Coop.	None	*Cheyenne River Tribe
Java	MDU	None	U S WEST
Jefferson	Midwest Power	Midwest Gas	*Jefferson Telephone
Junius	NSP	None	U S WEST
Kadoka	*West Central Coop.	None	*Kadoka Telephone
Kampeska	NWPS	None	U S WEST
Kaylor	NWPS	None	*Golden West Coop.
Kenel	*Moreau-Grand Coop.	None	*West River Mutual Aid
Kennebec	*West Central Ele.Coop	None	*Kennebec Telephone
Keystone	BHPL	None	*MT. Rushmore Telephone
Kidder	OtterTail Power	None	U S WEST
Kimball	NWPS	None	*Midstate Telephone
Kingsburg	NWPS	None	U S WEST
Kranzburg	NWPS	None	U S WEST
Kyle	*LaCreek Electric	None	*Golden West Coop.
LaBolt	OtterTail Power	NWPS	U S WEST
Ladner	*Grand Electric Coop.	None	*West River Coop.
Lake Andes	NWPS	None	U S WEST
Lake City	OtterTail Power	None	U S WEST
Lake Norden	OtterTail Power	NWPS	U S WEST
Lake Preston	OtterTail Power	NWPS	U S WEST
Lane	NWPS	None	U S WEST
Langford	*Langford Municipal	None	*Sully Buttes Coop.
Lantry	*Moreau-Grand Coop.	None	*Cheyenne River Tribe
LaPlant	*Moreau-Grand Coop.	None	*Cheyenne River Tribe
Lead	BHPL	MDU	U S WEST
Lebanon	MDU	None	U S WEST

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Community	Electric Company	Gas Company	Telephone Company
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Lee's Corner	*Tri-County Electric	None	*Midstate Telephone Company
Lemmon	MDU	None	U S WEST
Lennox	NSP	Midwest Gas	*Dakota Coop.
Leola	MDU	None	*Valley Teleco.
Lesterville	NWPS	None	U S WEST
Letcher	NWPS	None	*Sanborn Coop.
Lily	NWPS	None	U S WEST
Little Eagle	*Moreau-Grand Coop.	None	*West River Mutual Aid
Long Lake	*FEM Electric	None	*Valley Teleco
Loomis	NWPS	None	U S WEST
Lower Brule	*West Central Coop.	None	U S WEST
Lowry	*Cam Wall Coop.	None	U S WEST
Loyalton	NWPS	None	U S WEST
Ludlow	*Grand Electric Coop.	None	*Golden West Coop.
Lyons	*Sioux Valley Empire	None	*Baltic Telecom
Mac's Corner	*Ree Electric Coop.	None	*Sully Buttes Coop.
Madison	*Madison Municipal	NWPS	U S WEST
Manchester	NWPS	None	U S WEST
Manderson	*LaCreek Electric	None	*Golden West Coop.
Marion	NSP	NWPS	U S WEST
Martin	*LaCreek Electric	None	*Golden West Coop.
Marty	*Charles Mix Electric	None	U S WEST
Marvin	OtterTail Power	None	U S WEST
Maurine	*Grand Electric Coop.	None	*Golden West Coop.
McCook Lake	Midwest Power	Midwest Gas	U S WEST -Iowa
McIntosh	MDU & *Grand Electric	None	U S WEST
McLaughlin	*McLaughlin Municipal	None	*West River Coop.
Meadow	*Grand Electric Coop.	None	*West River Coop.
Meckling	*Clay-Union Electric	Midwest Gas	U S WEST
Mellette	NWPS	None	U S WEST
Menno	NWPS	NWPS	*Golden West Coop.
Midland	*West Central Coop.	None	*Golden West Coop.
Milbank	OtterTail Power	NWPS	U S WEST
Milesville	*West Central Coop.	None	*Golden West Coop.
Miller	*Miller Mun. & *Ree Coop.	None	U S WEST
Milltown	*Turner-Hutchinson	None	U S WEST
Mina	*Northern Ele. Coop.	None	U S WEST
Miranda	NWPS	None	U S WEST
Mission	*Cherry-Todd Coop.	None	*Golden West Coop.
Mission Hill	NWPS	None	U S WEST
Mitchell	NWPS	NWPS	U S WEST
Mobridge	MDU & *Cam Wall	MDU	U S WEST

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Community	Electric Company	Gas Company	Telephone Company
Monroe	NSP	NWPS	*Dakota Coop.
Montrose	*McCook Coop.	Midwest Gas	*Sioux Valley Telephone
Morningside	NWPS	NWPS	U S WEST
Morristown	MDU	None	U S WEST
Mound City	MDU	None	*Valley Teleco
Mount Vernon	NWPS	NWPS	*Sanborn Coop.
Murdo	*West Central Coop.	None	U S WEST
N. Sioux City	Midwest Power	Midwest Gas	U S WEST - Iowa
Naples	NWPS	None	U S WEST
Nemo	BHPL	None	U S WEST
New Effington	OtterTail Power	None	*Roberts County Coop.
New Holland	*Douglas Coop.	None	*Midstate Telephone
New Underwood	*West River Electric	None	*Golden West Coop.
Newark	OtterTail Power	None	U S WEST
Nisland	BHPL	None	U S WEST
Norris	*LaCreek Electric	None	*Golden West Coop.
Northvilleq	NWPS	None	U S WEST
Nunda	OtterTail Power	None	*Interstate Coop.
Oacoma	*West Central Electric	None	U S WEST
Oelrichs	*Black Hills Coop.	None	*Golden West Coop.
Oglala	*LaCreek Electric	None	*Golden West Coop.
Okaton	*West Central Coop.	None	U S WEST
Okreek	*Cherry-Todd Coop.	None	*Golden West Coop.
Oldham	OtterTail Power	NWPS	U S WEST
Olivet	NWPS	NWPS	*Golden West Coop.
Onaka	MDU	None	*Sully Buttes Coop.
Onida Coop.	*Onida Municipal &	*Oahe MDU	U S WEST & *Sully Buttes
Opal	*Grand Electric Coop.	None	*Golden West Coop.
Oral	BHPL	None	*Golden West Coop.
Ordway	*Northern Electric	None	U S WEST
Orient	NWPS	None	*Western Telephone
Orland	*Sioux Valley Empire	None	U S WEST
Ortley	OtterTail Power	None	U S WEST
Osceola	*Kingsbury Coop.	None	U S WEST
Ottumwa	*West Central Coop.	None	*Golden West Coop.
Owanka	*West River Electric	None	*Golden West Coop.
Parade	*Moreau-Grand Coop.	None	*Cheyenne River Tribe
Parker	*Parker Municipal	NWPS	*Dakota Coop.
Parkston	NWPS	NWPS	U S WEST
Parmelee	*LaCreek Electric	None	*Golden West Coop.
Peever	OtterTail Power	None	U S WEST
Philip	*West River Coop.	None	*Golden West Coop.
Pickstown	*Pickstown Municipal	None	U S WEST.

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Community	Electric Company	Gas Company	Telephone Company
Piedmont	BHPL	MDU	U S WEST
Pierpont	NWPS	None	U S WEST
Pierre	*Pierre Municipal	MDU	U S WEST
Pine Ridge	*Nebraska Public Power	None	*Golden West Coop.
Plankinton	*Plankinton Municipal	None	*Sioux Valley Telephone
Platte	NWPS	None	U S WEST
Pluma	BHPL	MDU	U S WEST
Pollock	MDU	None	*Valley Teleco
Porcupine	*LaCreek Electric	None	*Golden West Coop.
Potato Creek	*LaCreek Electric	None	*Golden West Coop.
Prairie City	*Grand Electric Coop.	None	*West River Coop.
Prairie Village	*Sioux Valley Empire	None	U S WEST
Presho	*West Central Coop.	None	U S WEST
Pringle	*Black Hills Coop.	None	*Golden West Coop.
Provo	BHPL	None	*Golden West Coop.
Pukwana	*Pukwana Municipal	None	*Midstate Telephone
Quinn	*West River Electric	None	*Golden West Coop.
Ralph	*Grand Electric Coop.	None	*Consolidated Tele. Corp.
Ramona	NSP	Midwest Gas	U S WEST
Rapid City	BHPL	MDU	U S WEST
Ravina	NWPS	None	U S WEST
Raymond	NWPS	NWPS	U S WEST
Red Owl	*Grand Electric Coop.	None	*Golden West Coop.
Red Scaffold	*Moreau-Grand Coop.	None	*Cheyenne River Tribe
Red Shirt	*Black Hills Electric	None	U S WEST
Redfield	NWPS	NWPS	U S WEST
Redig	*Grand Electric Coop.	None	*West River Coop.
Ree Heights	NWPS	None	*Sully Buttes Coop.
Reliance	*West Central Coop.	None	U S WEST
Renner	NSP	None	U S WEST
Revilla	OtterTail Power	None	U S WEST
Richland	*Union Electric Coop.	None	U S WEST
Ridgeview	*Moreau-Grand Coop.	None	*Cheyenne River Tribe
Rochford	*Black Hills Electric	None	U S WEST
Rockerville	*Black Hills Electric	None	U S WEST
Rockham	NWPS	None	U S WEST
Roscoe	MDU	MDU	U S WEST
Rosebud	*Cherry-Todd Coop.	None	*Golden West Coop.
Rosholt	OtterTail Power	None	*Sully Buttes Coop.
Roslyn	OtterTail Power	None	U S WEST
Roswell	NSP	None	*Sanborn Coop.
Rowena	NSP	None	U S WEST
Rutland	OtterTail Power	None	*Interstate Tel. Coop.

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Community	Electric Company	Gas Company	Telephone Company
Saint Charles	*Rosebud Electric Coop.	None	U S WEST
Saint Francis	*Cherry-Todd Coop.	None	*Golden West Coop.
Saint Onge	BHPL	MDU	U S WEST
Salem	NSP & *McCook Ele.	Midwest Gas	U S WEST & McCook Coop.
Scenic	*West River Electric	None	*Golden West Coop.
Scotland	NWPS	NWPS	*Golden West Coop.
Selby	MDU & *Cam Wal Coop.	MDU	U S WEST
Seneca	MDU	None	*Sully Buttes Coop.
Sherman	NSP	None	*Splitrock Telecom Coop.
Silver City	BHPL	None	U S WEST
Sinai	*Sioux Valley Empire	None	*Interstate Tele. Coop.
Sioux Falls	*Municipal & NSP	Midwest Gas	U S WEST
Sisseton	OtterTail Power	None	U S WEST
Smithwick	*Black Hills Electric	None	*Golden West Coop.
Sorum	*Grand Electric & West River	None	*West River Coop.
South Shore	OtterTail Power	None	U S WEST
Spearfish	BHPL & *Butte Electric	MDU	U S WEST
Spencer	*McCook Coop	NWPS	*McCook Coop.
Spink	*Clay-Union	None	U S WEST
Springfield	NWPS	None	*Golden West
Stephan	*Ree Electric Coop	None	*Sully Buttes Coop.
Stickney	NWPS	None	*Midstate Telephone
Stockholm	OtterTail Power	None	*Stockholm-Strandburg Tele.
Storia	NWPS	None	*Sandborn Coop.
Strandburg	OtterTail Power	None	*Stockholm-Strandburg Tele.
Stratford	NWPS	None	*James Valley Coop.
Sturgis	BHPL	MDU	U S WEST
Summit	OtterTail Power	None	U S WEST
Sunnyview	*Sioux Valley Empire	None	*Interstate Telecom. Coop.
Tabor	*Bon Homme-Yanknton	None	U S WEST
Terraville	BHPL	MDU	U S WEST
Thomas	*H-D Electric Coop.	None	U S WEST
Thunder Butte	*Moreau-Grand Coop.	None	*Cheyenne River Tribe
Thunder Hawk	MDU	None	U S WEST
Tilford	BHPL	None	U S WEST
Timber Lake	*Moreau-Grand Coop.	None	U S WEST
Tolstoy	MDU	None	*Sully Buttes Coop.
Toronto	OtterTail Power	None	*Interstate Telecom. Coop.
Trail City	*Moreau-Grand Coop.	None	U S WEST
Trent	OtterTail Power	None	U S WEST
Tripp	NWPS	NWPS	U S WEST
Troy	OtterTail Power	None	*Stockholm-Strandburg

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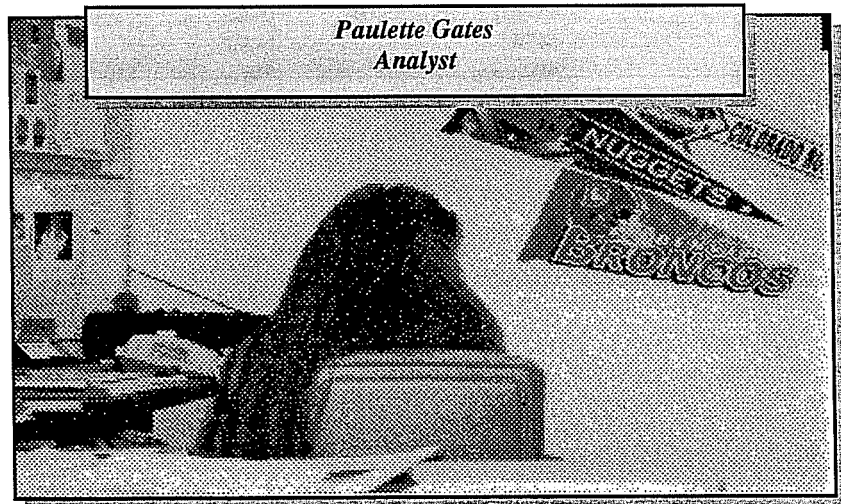
Community	Electric Company	Gas Company	Telephone Company
Tulare	NWPS	None	*Sully Buttes Coop.
Turton	NWPS	NWPS	*James Valley Coop.
Tuthill	*LaCreek Electric	None	*Golden West Coop.
Twin Brooks	OtterTail Power	None	U S WEST
Tyndall	*Tyndall Municipal	None	U S WEST
Unityville	NSP	None	*McCook Coop.
Utica	NWPS	None	U S WEST
Vale	BHPL	None	U S WEST
Valley Springs	*Sioux Valley Empire	None	*Sioux Valley Telephone
Vayland	NWPS	None	U S WEST
Veblen	OtterTail Power	None	U S WEST
Verdon	*Northern Electric Coop.	NWPS	*James Valley Coop.
Vermillion	*Vermillion Municipal	Midwest Gas	U S WEST
Viborg	*Turner-Hutchinson	None	U S WEST
Victor	OtterTail Power	None	*Sully Buttes Coop.
Vienna	NWPS	NWPS	U S WEST
Vilas	NSP	None	U S WEST
Villa Rancho	BHPL & *West River	None	U S WEST
Virgil	NWPS	None	U S WEST
Vivian	*West Central Coop.	None	*Vivian Telephone
Volga	*Volga Municipal	None	U S WEST
Volin	*Clay-Union Electric	None	*Dakota Coop.
Wagner	NWPS	None	U S WEST
Wakonda	*Clay-Union Electric	None	*Dakota Coop.
Wakpala	*Moreau-Grand Coop	None	U S WEST
Wall	*West River Electric	None	*Golden West Coop.
Wallace	NWPS	None	U S WEST
Wamblee	*LaCreek Electric	None	*Golden West Coop.
Ward	OtterTail Power	None	*Interstate Tel. Coop.
Warner	NWPS	NWPS	U S WEST
Wasta	*West River Electric	None	*Golden West Coop.
Watauga	MDU	None	U S WEST
Watertown	*Watertown Municipal	*Watertown Municipal	U S WEST
Waubay	OtterTail Power	None	U S WEST
Waverly	*Codington-Clark	None	U S WEST
Webster	NWPS	NWPS	U S WEST
Wecota	NWPS	None	U S WEST
Wentworth	OtterTail Power	None	*Interstate Tele. Coop.
Wessington	NWPS	None	*Sully Buttes Coop.
Wessington Springs	*Wess. Springs Municipal	None	U S WEST
Westport	NWPS	None	U S WEST

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Westport	NWPS	None	US West
Wetonka	MDU	None	*Valley Teleco
White	*White Municipal	None	*Interstate Tele. Coop.
White Butte	*Grand Electric Coop.	None	US West
White Lake	NWPS	None	*Midstate Telephone
White River	*Cherry-Todd Coop.	None	*Golden West Coop.
White Rock	OtterTail Power	None	*Sully Buttes Coop
Whitehorse	*Moreau-Grand Coop.	None	*Cheyenne River Tribe
Whitewood	BHPL	MDU	US West
Wicksville	*West River Electric	None	*Golden West Coop.
Willow Lake	NWPS	NWPS	US West
Wilmot	OtterTail Power	None	US West
Winfred	NSP	None	*McCook Coop.
Winner	*Winner Municipal	None	US West
Winship	MDU	None	US West - North Dakota
Witten	*Rosebud Coop.	None	US West
Wolsey	NWPS	None	US West
Wood	*Cherry-Todd Coop.	None	*Golden West Coop.
Woonsocket	NWPS	None	*Sanborn Tele. Coop.
Worthing	NSP	Midwest Gas	*Dakota Coop.
Wounded Knee	*LaCreek Electric	None	*Golden West Coop.
Yale	NWPS	NWPS	US West
Yankton	NWPS	Midwest Gas	US West
Zell	NWPS	None	US West
Zeona	*Grand Electric Coop.	None	*West River Coop.

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COMMERCIAL ELECTRIC RATE COMPARISON (5000 KWH)

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Municipal	\$	Cooperative	\$	Investor-Owned	\$
Arlington	258.19	Beadle	336.00	Black Hills P&L	484.00
Aurora	250.00	Black Hills	360.90	Midwest Power	423.77
Badger	150.00	BonHomme/Yank.	324.90	MDU	480/62
Beresford	205.20	Cam Wal	353.60	NSP	348.75
Big Stone	255.70	Charles Mix	342.80	NWPS	578.00
Brookings	236.53	Cherry Todd	299.92	Otter Tail	371.02
Bryant	229.00	Clay Union	32.80		
Burke	246.40	Cod.-Clark	567.00		
Colman	446.85	Douglas	499.85		
Elk Point	321.50	FEM	340.00		
Estelline	195.00	Grand	397.00		
Faith	275.25	H-D	577.50		
Flandreau	197.00	Inter/County	565.60		
Ft. Pierre	275.00	Kingsbury	357.00		
Groton	222.00	LaCreek	330.00		
Hecla	259.00	Lake	539.55		
Howard	237.80	Lin./Union	521.60		
Langford	260.97	McCook	368.00		
Madison	236.20	Mor.-Grand	313.75		
McLaughlin	254.00	Northern	521.50		
Miller	182.00	Oahe	339.00		
Onida	377.00	Ree	577.00		
Parker	249.50	Rosebud	228.40		
Pickstown	243.20	Sioux Valley	397.10		
Pierre	224.00	Spink	631.00		
Plankinton	229.00	Traverse	564.50		
Pukwana	275.00	Tri County	367.00		
Sioux Falls	246.24	Tur./Hutch	365.50		
Tyndall	212.50	Union	206.70		
Vermillion	377.00	West Central	429.00		
Volga	260.50	West River	350.30		
Watertown	220.00	Whetstone	353.96		
Wessington	195.36				
White	301.50				
Winner	175.00				

RESIDENTIAL ELECTRIC RATE COMPARISON (1000 KWH)

* Municipals & Cooperatives are not PUC rate-regulated

Municipal	\$	Cooperative	\$	Investor-Owned	\$
Arlington	53.02	Beadle	89.60	Black Hills P&L	78.90
Aurora	50.00	Black Hills	95.20	Midwest Power	68.70
Badger	28.00	BonHomme/Yank.	89.00	MDU	90.37
Beresford	50.50	Cam Wal	98.60	NSP	79.05
Big Stone	47.60	Charles Mix	110.80	NWPS	86.00
Brookings	40.01	Cherry Todd	78.92	Otter Tail	72.58
Bryant	43.00	Clay Union	112.00		
Burke	48.00	Cod.-Clark	89.00		
Colman	53.90	Douglas	98.95		
Elk Point	62.50	FEM	88.00		
Estelline	60.00	Grand	60.38		
Faith	53.25	H-D	89.00		
Flandreau	35.50	Inter/County	98.40		
Ft. Pierre	55.00	Kingsbury	84.00		
Groton	49.00	LaCreek	84.40		
Hecla	50.00	Lake	84.50		
Howard	47.50	Lin./Union	77.30		
Langford	47.41	McCook	85.00		
Madison	50.04	Mor.-Grand	97.75		
McLaughlin	49.50	Northern	71.00		
Miller	43.50	Oahe	96.00		
Onida	67.00	Ree	97.00		
Parker	47.00	Rosebud	52.90		
Pickstown	51.00	Sioux Valley	74.88		
Pierre	48.00	Spink	100.50		
Plankinton	45.20	Traverse	78.00		
Pukwana	75.00	Tri County	100.00		
Sioux Falls	63.84	Tur./Hutch	86.30		
Tyndall	48.00	Union	112.00		
Vermillion	65.45	West Central	91.30		
Volga	54.25	West River	87.80		
Watertown	35.10	Whetstone	76.00		
Wessington	35.35				
White	65.50				
Winner	35.00				

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Black Hills Power and Light Company was incorporated under the laws of South Dakota in 1941. In 1986 the Company changed its name to Black Hills Corporation and now operates its investor-owned electric utility operations under the assumed name of Black Hills Power and Light Company. In addition, the Company has diversified into coal mining through Wyodak Resources Development Corp. and oil and gas production through Western Production Company.

Black Hills Power is engaged in the generation, purchase, transmission, distribution and sale of electric power and energy in 11 counties in western South Dakota, northeastern Wyoming, and southeastern Montana. The territory served by Black Hills Power includes 20 incorporated communities and various unincorporated and rural areas with a population estimated at 165,000. The largest community served is Rapid City, South Dakota, with a population, including environs, estimated at 75,000. Our service area economy continues to be stable, primarily due to its diversity.

ELECTRIC POWER SUPPLY

In August of 1993, Black Hills Power broke ground on an 80 MW coal-fired power plant near Gillette, Wyoming. The mine-site plant, designated Neil Simpson Unit #2, is scheduled to be completed and serving customers by September 1, 1995. The decision to construct was made after reviewing plant retirement needs, customer load growth projections, and the cost-effectiveness and timing of other resource alternatives. In issuing a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, the Wyoming Public Service Commission found Neil Simpson #2 to be the least-cost resource for BHP customers.

In addition to Neil Simpson #2, BHP owns and operates four electric generating power plants and has partial interest in another. Neil Simpson #1, an 18 MW plant, is located near Gillette, WY; Kirk, 30 MW, is located near Lead, SD; Osage, 30 MW, is at Osage, WY; and Ben French, 22 MW, is at Rapid City, SD. The Company is a 20% owner of Wyodak Station #1, 330 MW, near Gillette with Pacific Power and Light, an 80% owner. The power plants are all fueled with low sulfur, sub-bituminous coal mined by Wyodak Resources Development Corp. Pricing of the coal is regulated by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

ENERGY SALES

Firm energy sales increased in 1994 by 2.7 percent and are forecast to increase over the next ten years at an annual compound growth rate of 2.0 percent. System demand decreased slightly from 1993 due to moderate weather, but is forecast to increase at an annual compound growth rate of 2.4 percent for the ten year planning horizon.

CUSTOMERS

Black Hills Power has 53,959 electric customers with the average residential customer using 8,198 KWHs of electricity annually at an average price of \$.077 per KWH. A net increase of 1.2 percent in total customers served continues to reflect the steady growth of the service area. Our cost containment efforts and customer load growth have provided our customers with electricity costs that are declining in real terms.

BLACK HILLS POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY
South Dakota
Operating Revenues and Statistics-ELECTRIC
12 Months Ended December 1994

Operating Revenues	
SALES OF ELECTRICITY - \$	
Residential	\$27,365,053
Commercial	33,947,681
Industrial	21,683,198
Public Street & Highway Lighting	812,477
Sales for Resale	0
TOTAL SALES OF ELECTRICITY	\$84,632,973
OTHER OPERATING REVENUE	
Forfeited Discounts	\$145,385
Miscellaneous Service Revenue	150,591
Rent from Electric Property	876,858
Other Electric Revenues	329,376
TOTAL OTHER OPERATING REVENUE	\$1,502,211
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	\$86,135,084
ELECTRICITY SOLD	
SALES OF ELECTRICITY -MWH:	
Residential	\$352,646
Commercial & Industrial - Small	475,980
Commercial & Industrial - Large	479,673
Public Street & Highway Lighting	7,317
Other Sales to Public Authorities	15,949
TOTAL ELECTRICITY SOLD	\$1,331,565
Customer Data	12-MONTH AVERAGE
Residential	43,128
Commercial	8,270
Industrial	27
Other	193
TOTAL CUSTOMERS	51,618



Midwest Gas

Midwest Gas, a utility of Midwest Resources of Des Moines, is headquartered in Sioux City, Iowa, serving 348,000 natural gas customers in Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota (58,000). South Dakota communities served by Midwest Gas include: Alcester, Baltic, Beresford, Brandon, Canton, Centerville, Colton, Dakota Dunes, Dell Rapids, Elk Point, Ellis, Flandreau, Gayville, Harrisburg, Hartford, Jefferson, Lennox, Meckling, Montrose, North Sioux City, Ramona, Salem, Sioux Falls, Tea, Vermillion, Worthing, and Yankton.

Midwest Gas's South Dakota District Headquarters is in Sioux Falls, the second largest city served by Midwest Gas. Midwest Gas also has offices in Yankton, Vermillion and Canton.

Midwest Power

Midwest Power is the electric utility subsidiary of Midwest Resources. Headquartered in Des Moines, Iowa, Midwest Power serves 426,000 customers in Iowa and South Dakota. Included are 2,650 customers in southeastern South Dakota communities of Alcester, Dakota Dunes, Fairview, Hudson, Jefferson, North Sioux City, and nearby rural areas.

Customer Programs

"The Service People" of Midwest Power and Midwest Gas offer a variety of specialized programs to their customers.

Budget Billing: Averages annual utility costs into equal monthly payments.

SelectChek: Pays bills through automatic account deductions.

Gold Courtesy Service (GCS): Provides services designed to meet the special needs of customers who are age 62 or older.

I CARE: Offers emergency heating assistance to eligible low-income customers. Funds are donated by customers and by Midwest Power and Midwest Gas.

Economic Development

The utilities of Midwest Resources are committed to the growth and development of communities we serve. Our economic development specialists actively promote the benefits of locating in the Midwest to businesses around the world.

Dakota Dunes: Dakota Dunes is a 2,000 acre, master-planned community where living and working environments complement one another. The community features an 18-hole championship golf course designed by Arnold Palmer. Through 1994, the Dunes had 150 homes and 96 apartments built with an additional 30 homes and 96 apartments under construction. Over 542 residents call Dakota Dunes home. During 1994, IBP, Inc. moved into its new corporate headquarter, Siouxland Surgery Center opened a \$6.5 million facility, 1st Financial Bank South Dakota established its first full service branch bank and ten businesses located offices at the Dakota Dunes. Commercial development during the past five years has helped to create 464 jobs.

Gateway Business Park: Development of Gateway Business Park proceeded quickly from 1984 and in June 1994, the last parcel of 2.9 acres in the 137-acre business park was sold. Eleven businesses employing 4,194 people are located in Gateway Business Park, including Gateway 2000, one of the fastest growing computer manufacturers in the country.

MIDWEST POWER/MIDWEST GAS
South Dakota
Operating Revenues and Statistics-ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS
12 Months Ended December 1994

OPERATING REVENUES	MIDWEST POWER
Sales of Electricity - \$	
Residential	\$1,216,854
Commercial	2,114,428
Industrial	473,964
Sales/Public Auth	137,471
Street Lighting	49,055
Rural	107,521
TOTAL REVENUES	\$4,099,293
ELECTRICITY SOLD	MWH
Residential	20,402,975
Commercial	39,766,727
Industrial	11,912,598
Sales/Public Auth	2,403,902
Street Lighting	492,797
Rural	1,694,761
TOTAL VOLUMES	76,673,760
CUSTOMER DATA	12-MONTH AVERAGE
Residential	2,044
Commercial	348
Industrial	5
Sales/Public Auth	62
Street Lighting	6
Rural	94
TOTAL CUSTOMERS	2,559

OPERATING REVENUES	MIDWEST GAS
Sales of Gas - \$	
Residential	\$25,572,823
Commercial	18,064,381
Industrial	2,090,364
TOTAL REVENUES	\$45,727,568
GAS SOLD	CCF
Residential	50,543,090
Commercial	45,101,668
Industrial	5,781,201
TOTAL VOLUMES	101,425,959
CUSTOMER DATA	12-MONTH AVERAGE
Residential	50,420
Commercial	6,686
Industrial	51
TOTAL CUSTOMERS	57,157



Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. owns and operates natural gas distribution systems in the Black Hills and central South Dakota plus electric transmission and distribution facilities in north-central South Dakota. The Company serves 36,705 natural gas customers in the state.

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., which has been part of the state's business community since 1928, is currently enlarging its presence through the expansion of natural gas distribution in Pierre, Mobridge, and other towns in central South Dakota.

The Company also operates natural gas systems in many Black Hills cities and electric properties in several north-central towns. The Company has also been involved in the promotion of natural gas as vehicle fuel. Now, over 550 vehicles operate on natural gas supplied by 13 refueling stations that are located in the Rapid City area, with one located in Spearfish. Along with providing energy to South Dakota customers, Montana-Dakota employees participate in community activities including economic development plus public education and safety organizations. Many Montana-Dakota employees also participate in the Company's Gatekeeper program. This program is designed to uncover problems with the elderly and the handicapped. Utility employees regularly come in contact with all customers and act as "eyes and ears" to relay information to local service agencies that can help elderly and handicapped citizens.

Montana-Dakota is indeed a partner in the communities it serves. In addition to providing energy and a large payroll, Montana-Dakota is also a major taxpayer. In 1994 the Company paid property taxes of \$974,000 in South Dakota.

Montana-Dakota is a business unit of MDU Resources Group, Inc., a multidimensional natural resources enterprise traded on the New York Stock Exchange. The utility offers electric power generation and transmission plus natural gas, propane and electricity distribution to customers in Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming. The corporation also operates a natural gas pipeline company, coal and aggregate mining operations, an energy

MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.
South Dakota
Operating Revenues and Statistics - NATURAL GAS
12 Months Ended December 1994

OPERATING REVENUES	
SALES OF GAS	\$
Residential	\$16,705,372
Commercial-Firm	9,675,264
Commercial-Interruptible	894,650
Firm Industrial	242,024
Small Industrial	52,206
Contract Industrial	315,024
CNG Motor Vehicle Fuel	7,228
TOTAL SALES OF GAS	\$27,891,768
OTHER OPERATING REVENUE	\$
Misc. Service Revenues	\$34,717
Rent from Gas Property	4,160
Other Gas Revenue	8,065
Late Payment Revenue	49,529
TOTAL OTHER REVENUE	\$95,451
TRANSPORTATION REVENUE	\$
Commercial-Small Inter.	\$190,360
Commercial-Large	6,271
Small Industrial	87,391
Contract Industrial	179,916
TOTAL TRANS. REVENUE	\$463,938

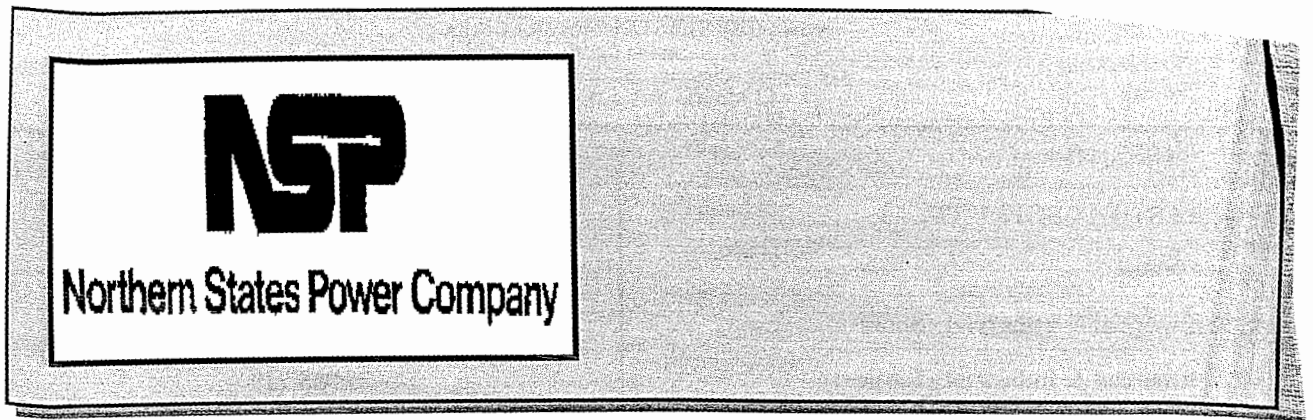
VOLUMES OF GAS	SOLD
SALES OF GAS	CCF
Residential	31,199,350
Commercial-Firm	21,291,110
Commercial-Inter.	3,570,260
Firm Industrial	584,180
Small Industrial	129,010
Contract Industrial	1,241,560
CNG Motor Vehicle Fuel	18,350
TOTAL VOLUMES SOLD	58,033,820
TRANSPORTED GAS	CCF
Commercial-Small Inter.	3,144,330
Commercial - Large	307,880
Small Industrial	1,528,440
Contract Industrial	7,379,590
TOTAL VOLUMES TRANSPORTED	12,360,240
CUSTOMER DATA	12-Month Average
Residential	32,927
Commercial-Firm	3,748
Commercial-Interrupt.	13
Firm Industrial	11
Small Industrial	3
Contract Industrial	1
CNG Motor Vehicle Fuel	2
TOTAL CUSTOMERS	36,705

MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.
South Dakota
Operating Revenues and Statistics - ELECTRIC
12 Months Ended December 1994

OPERATING REVENUES	
SALES OF ELECTRICITY	\$
Residential	\$5,461,041
Commercial & Industrial-Small	2,548,321
Commercial & Industrial-Large	1,489,606
Public Street & Highway Lighting	227,956
Other Sales to Public Authorities	139,070
Interdepartmental	1,088
TOTAL SALES OF ELECTRICITY	9,867,082
OTHER OPERATING REVENUES	\$
Misc. Service Revenue	3,287
Rent from Electric Property	203,271
Other Electric Revenue	1,982
Late Payment Revenue	8,174
Total other Operating Revenue	216,714
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	\$10,083,796
ELECTRICITY SOLD	MWH
Residential	61,124
Commercial & Industrial-Small	30,268
Commercial & Industrial-Large	23,784
Public Street & Highway Lighting	2,923
Other Sales to Public Authorities	2,428
Interdepartmental	12
TOTAL ELECTRICITY	120,539
CUSTOMER DATA	12-Month Average
Residential	6,892
Commercial & Industrial-Small	1,711
Commercial & Industrial-Large	60
Other	52
TOTAL CUSTOMERS	8,715

PEOPLE'S NATURAL GAS
South Dakota
Operating Revenues and Statistics-NATURAL GAS
12 Months Ended December 1994

OPERATING REVENUE	
Residential	\$320,370
Commercial-Firm	74,447
Industrial-Firm	7,712
TOTAL SALES REVENUE	\$402,529
Other Operating Revenue	
Miscellaneous Gas Service Revenues	2,195
TOTAL GAS REVENUES	\$404,724
DK THROUGHPUT SALES	
Residential	57,567
Commercial-Firm	14,063
Industrial-Firm	1,469
TOTAL GAS SALES	73,099
CUSTOMER DATA	
Residential	267
Commercial-Firm	7
Industrial-Firm	2
TOTAL CUSTOMERS	276



Northern States Power Company serves about 1.3 million customers in parts of South Dakota, Minnesota, North Dakota, Wisconsin, and Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

In South Dakota, the Company serves electricity to over 59,000 customers in thirty-six communities including Sioux Falls, Canton, Garretson, Dell Rapids, Salem, and Centerville. Peak demand for the South Dakota system was 300 megawatts in August 1991. Sioux Falls customers use about 85% of the South Dakota system load. South Dakota represents about 4% of total NSP system load.

Power is supplied to the system predominately from coal, nuclear, and hydro plants in Minnesota. The Pathfinder generating unit - a 60 MW gas-fired peaking facility along with the Angus C. Anson Plant - a 210 megawatt gas-fired combustion peaking facility which came on line September 20, 1994 operate in South Dakota.

NSP's service territory's once traditional agriculture economy (Morrells, Sioux Falls Stockyards) has been bolstered by non-agricultural expansions (examples); Credit Cards: Citibank, Sears Payment Systems, Manufacturing: Raven Industries, Hutchinson Technology, Gateway 2000; Medical: Sioux Valley, McKennan, Children's Care Hospital and School, and Veteran's Administration Hospitals; and a thriving regional retail activity.

Construction activity in Sioux Falls surpassed \$195 million during 1994.

NSP is assisting the "Good Thing Going" in the Sioux Falls area through keeping electric rates among the lowest one-third in the nation. The business environment is extremely competitive today - NSP helps business maintain competitiveness through low rates and assistance in energy management.

NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY
 South Dakota
 Operating Revenues and Statistics - ELECTRIC
 12 Months Ended December 1994

Operating Revenues	
SALES OF ELECTRICITY - \$	
Residential	\$30,899,239
Commercial & Industrial - Small	15,623,736
Commercial & Industrial - Large	25,958,219
Public Street & Highway Lighting	576,295
Other Sales to Public Authorities	1,287
TOTAL SALES OF ELECTRICITY	\$73,058,776
OTHER OPERATING REVENUES - \$	
Forfeited Discounts	119,751
Miscellaneous Service Revenue	195,082
Rent from Electric Property	84,363
Other Electric Revenues	287,358
TOTAL OTHER OPERATING REVENUE	\$686,554
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	\$73,745,330
Electricity Sold	
Sales of Electricity - MWH:	
Residential	407,052
Commercial & Industrial - Small	248,339
Commercial & Industrial - Large	550,392
Public Street & Highway Lighting	6,556
Other Sales to Public Authorities	-
TOTAL ELECTRICITY SOLD	1,212,339
Customer Date	12-Month Average
Residential	51,213
Commercial & Industrial - Small	7,034
Commercial & Industrial - Large	340
Other	84
TOTAL CUSTOMERS	58,671



NORTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY

Northwestern Public Service Company is an investor-owned electric and natural gas company with headquarters in Huron, South Dakota. Known throughout the region as NWPS, the company is listed on the New York Stock Exchange as NPS.

At the end of 1994, NWPS supplied electricity to 54,657 households and businesses in more than 100 eastern South Dakota communities. It served natural gas to 35,276 customers in 55 South Dakota communities and 38,251 in four Nebraska cities.

Northwestern's baseload electric generation is supplied by coal, and the company is a partner in three generating plants for a total of 202 megawatts of power.

Following the February 1994 election of Merle Lewis as chief executive officer, Northwestern Public Service Company reorganized its operations, positioning the company to take advantage of opportunities created by industry deregulation.

Throughout the year, NWPS evaluated and modified procedures to make the company more competitive. As part of a renewed focus on customer service, NWPS realigned its operations into three functional units: energy services, energy operations, and corporate services.

In July, Northwestern started construction of a \$6.2 million Operations Center in Huron that will centralize several operational and customer service functions. Slated for completion in the spring of 1995, the building will include the company's warehouse and stores, electric and gas meter shops, construction and division support functions, local division offices, and radio, relay and dispatch operations. Projections indicate the increases in efficiency and proceeds from the sale of existing facilities will eventually pay for the cost of the project.

NWPS continued to implement cost control measures in 1994. The company and its other utility partners in the Big Stone Plant

signed new coal supply contracts that will lower the Plant's expenses for coal and freight. The company will pass an estimated savings of \$1.8 million a year on to its electric customers until the contract expires at the end of 1999.

Northwestern's last general increase in natural gas rates was eight years ago. Since then, the cost of doing business has increased, and federal deregulation of the natural gas industry has shifted the responsibility for gas supply from interstate pipeline companies to local utility companies like NWPS. In May, the company applied to the Public Utilities Commission for an increase in natural gas revenues, and the PUC granted a portion of the request in November, 1994.

The last rate increase for NWPS electric customers was more than nine years ago and amounted to less than one percent. Rates have actually dropped in the last nine years as a result of changes in federal taxes. While the company cannot guarantee that a national movement to deregulate the electric industry will not create a need for rate relief, NWPS has no plans for requesting an electric rate increase in the near future.

NORTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
 South Dakota
 Operating Revenue and Statistic-ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS
 12 Months Ended December 1994

OPERATING REVENUES	ELECTRIC	OPERATING REVENUES	NATURAL GAS
SALES OF ELECTRICITY	\$	Residential	\$17,120,069
Residential	\$30,203,271	Commercial & Industrial-Small	8,295,876
Commercial & Industrial	37,206,306	Commercial & Industrial-Large	2,299,328
Public Lighting	916,526	Commercial&Industrial-Agency	2,167,815
Other Sales to Public Auth.	452,414	Com. & Ind.-Interruptible	1,495,085
TOTAL RETAIL	\$68,778,517	Com. & Ind.-Agency	2,885,428
Sales for Resale-Requirement	305,982	TOTAL SALES OF GAS	34,262,886
Sales for Resale-Nonrequire.	2,325,440	OTHER OPERATING REVENUE	\$
TOTAL SALES OF ELECTRICITY	\$71,409,939	Late Payment Charges	\$67,590
OTHER OPERATING REVENUE	\$	Miscellaneous	204,989
Late Payment Charges	138,868	Tranport Gas Billed	17,841
Miscellaneous Service Revenue	368,612	Other Gas Revenues	47
Rent from Electric Property	93,776	TOTAL OTHER OPERATING REVENUE	\$209,467
Other Electric Revenue	1,066,237	TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	\$34,553,353
TOTAL OTHER REVENUE	\$1,667,493	VOLUMES OF GAS SOLD	MMBTU
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	\$73,077,432	Residential	3,177,779
ELECTRICITY SOLD	MWH	Commercial & Industrial-Small	1,717,048
Residential	399,100	Commercial & Industrial-Large	559,204
Commercial & Industrial	603,096	Com. & Ind.-Agency	807,584
Public Lighting	10,369	Com. & Ind.-Interruptible	501,731
Other Sales to Public Auth	5,944	Com. & Ind.-Agency	1,061,595
Sales for Resale-Requirement	8,553	TOTAL VOLUMES SOLD	7,824,941
Sales for Resale-Nonrequire.	173,479	CUSTOMER DATA	12 Month Average
TOTAL ELECTRICITY SOLD	1,200,541	Residential	30,625
CUSTOMER DATA	12 Month Average	Commercial & Industrial-Small	4,406
Residential	45,051	Commercial & Industrial-Large	114
Commercial & Industrial	9,118	Com. & Ind.-Agency	6
Public Lighting	201	Com. & Ind.-Interruptible	111
Other Sales to Public Auth	268	Com. & Ind.-Agency	14
Sales for Resale-Requirement	4	TOTAL CUSTOMERS	35,276
Sales for Resale-Nonrequire.	15		
TOTAL CUSTOMERS	54,657		



FIRST-CLASS SERVICE IS A LONG-STANDING COMMITMENT

Otter Tail Power Company's service to South Dakota dates back to 1915. That's when Sisseton and White Rock became the first of 55 South Dakota communities to which the company now provides electric service.

Today, as then, our number one commitment is to provide abundant, reliable, fairly priced electricity to more than 11,000 retail customers in the northeastern section of the state. One indicator of our success is the fact that our average residential customer paid less per kilowatt-hour in 1994 than in 1984.

WE'RE GENERATING MORE THAN ELECTRICITY

Simple logic tells us that the success of our company is directly related to the success of the communities we serve. Our first Economic Development Department was established during the 1950's.

Over the past several years, however, we've greatly expanded our economic development activities. Working closely with the local economical development groups, state agencies, and our division office staffs, a professional economic development firm retained by the company has helped generate more than 5,000 new jobs in more than 100 communities throughout our three-state service area. A proportionate number of those jobs have been created in South Dakota.

Eleven South Dakota communities now participate in a loan pool program established in 1989. The pools are designed to provide funds for manufacturing operations that will create additional jobs in communities we serve. By the end of 1994 we had added \$775,000 to the \$2,100,000 total committed by Otter Tail and other community entities such as banks, savings and loan associations, and other service entities.

A third component of our expanded economic development commitment is our Commercial Development Partnership Program, designed to help new retail businesses in the start-up process. A requirement of the program is that the community involved must offer commitment similar to ours, such as tax abatement or credit for sewer, water and refuse collection. Businesses such as telephone companies and other energy providers are encouraged to participate. To date, nine South Dakota communities are participants.

PROPERTY TAX CONTRIBUTE TO STATE'S ECONOMY

The federal income tax is typically the largest bill we have. However, property tax payments to South Dakota taxing authorities were \$1,562,631 in 1994.

It's interesting to note what that means in terms of people. At year-end 1994 we served 8,717 residential customers in South Dakota. This means that our South Dakota property tax bill for the year averaged \$179 per residential customer of the company.

Demographers tell us that each customer represents between two and three persons. So we believe it is fair to say that we pay about \$72 in property taxes in South Dakota for each South Dakotan who uses our electricity.

To be specific, our 1994 liability for county, school, village and city, township and other property taxes was \$1,158,890 in Grant County, where Big Stone Plant is located.

OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY
South Dakota
Operating Revenue and Statistics - ELECTRIC
12 Months Ended December 1994

OPERATING REVENUES	\$
SALES OF ELECTRICITY	
Residential	\$6,021,569
Commercial & Industrial-Small	3,196,744
Commercial & Industrial-Large	4,149,845
Public Street & Highway Lighting	296,164
Other Sales to Public Authorities	184,197
Sales for Resale	122,835
TOTAL SALES OF ELECTRICITY	\$13,971,354
OTHER OPERATING REVENUE	
Forfeited Discounts	\$42,110
Miscellaneous	32,889
Rent for Electric Property	86,343
Other Electric Revenues	172,031
TOTAL OTHER OPERATING REVENUES	\$333,372
ELECTRICITY SOLD	MWH
Residential	94,912
Commercial & Industrial-Small	47,698
Commercial & Industrial-Large	87,800
Public Street & Highway Lighting	2,699
Other Sales to Public Authorities	4,077
Sales for Resale	5,195
TOTAL ELECTRICITY SOLD	242,372
CUSTOMER DATA	WITHOUT DUPLICATES
Residential	8,717
Commercial & Industrial-Small	2,384
Commercial & Industrial-Large	160
Other	124
TOTAL CUSTOMERS	11,385

SOUTH DAKOTA INTRASTATE PIPELINE COMPANY

**105 South Euclid
Pierre SD 57501**

South Dakota Intrastate Pipeline (SDIP) was formed in 1992 to transport natural gas from the Northern Border Pipeline in Edmunds County to Pierre, in Hughes County. SDIP also provides gas to interested communities and businesses along its route.

In March 1992 SDIP filed with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (SDPUC) for certification to construct and operate a pipeline consisting of 47 miles of 8" pipe, 106 miles of 6" pipe, 25 miles of 3" pipe, and the associated valves, meters, and fittings. The pipeline is designed to operate at a pressure of 1130 psig and was built to meet federal safety requirements and the requirements of the SDPUC. The SDPUC granted SDIP permission in July 1992 and an interim rate in January 1993, with a final rate approved December 1993 after construction costs were finalized. SDIP began construction April 1993 and went into operation September 1, 1993.

SDIP currently transports gas to ten communities along its pipeline route for a distribution company, Montana-Dakota Utilities. Revenues for 1994 were approximately \$1,067,805 and expenses were approximately \$1,242,724. The final cost of construction was approximately \$13,900,000. SDIP currently employs six people and hires one additional person during the summer months.

SOUTH DAKOTA INTRASTATE PIPELINE COMPANY

South Dakota

Operating Revenue and Statistics - Natural Gas

12 Months Ended December 1994

OPERATING REVENUES	\$
Transportation Revenue	\$426,162
Contract Revenue	619,749
Other Revenue (Interest)	21,894
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,067,805
VOLUMES OF GAS	CCF
Transported	186,435
TOTAL TRANSPORTED	186,435



US WEST's vision is to become the finest company in the world in connecting people with their world. To accomplish this, we are modernizing our facilities, re-engineering our operating systems, developing business partnerships, and expanding our products and services.

US WEST, Inc. was established in 1983 as the umbrella corporation for Northwestern Bell, Mountain Bell, and Pacific Northwest Bell, three local telephone companies which were divested from AT&T in 1984 and now are US WEST Communications. Today US WEST, Inc. is a diversified, global communications company engaged in telecommunications, directory publishing, marketing and entertainment services businesses in the United States and a number of foreign countries.

US WEST Communications is the company's largest entity, providing local telecommunications services to more than 25 million business and residence customers and long distance services within specified calling areas in 14 states: Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, New Mexico, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

OUR SOUTH DAKOTA OPERATIONS:

US WEST Communications has nearly 800 employees in South Dakota, with a 1994 payroll of more than \$24 million. The number of telephone access lines we serve increased by more than 3 percent in 1994, to 290,615 access lines in 171 towns and 50 counties. The services we provide include local telephone service, long distance services within South Dakota, South Dakota operator assistance, South Dakota directory assistance, and access to services provided by other companies.

Through our South Dakota construction program, US WEST Communications is laying the technology foundation to bring more communication services to homes and businesses. In the last six years, we have invested nearly \$250 million to modernize and grow the telecommunications network. At year-end 1994, the company's net plant investment in the state totaled \$363.9 million.

An extensive central office replacement program, initiated in 1990 as part of a service modernization agreement with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, was completed late last year. This program, which represents an investment of more than \$40 million, involved upgrading the mechanical switching equipment in 69 telephone exchanges. Today, all US WEST customers in South Dakota are served by computerized call-switching systems, which provide faster service, require less maintenance, and allow us to offer a number of call management features, e.g. call forwarding, call waiting, three-way calling and speed calling.

Included in the South Dakota modernization program is the expansion of US WEST's fiber optics network. Since 1984 we have installed more than 2,300 miles of fiber-optic cable, tiny strands of glass that carry calls on beams of light and allow customers to send much more information, much faster, with more accuracy. Today, virtually every community we serve is connected via the fiber optics network.

Improving customer service is the driving force behind a major customer service initiative announced by US WEST Communications since September 1993. In brief, the company is investing \$880 million pretax in technology, training, and streamlining of operations to provide faster, more flexible and more reliable service. The service improvements will be introduced over the next two years and will result in service when and how customers want it, using "one-stop" shopping.

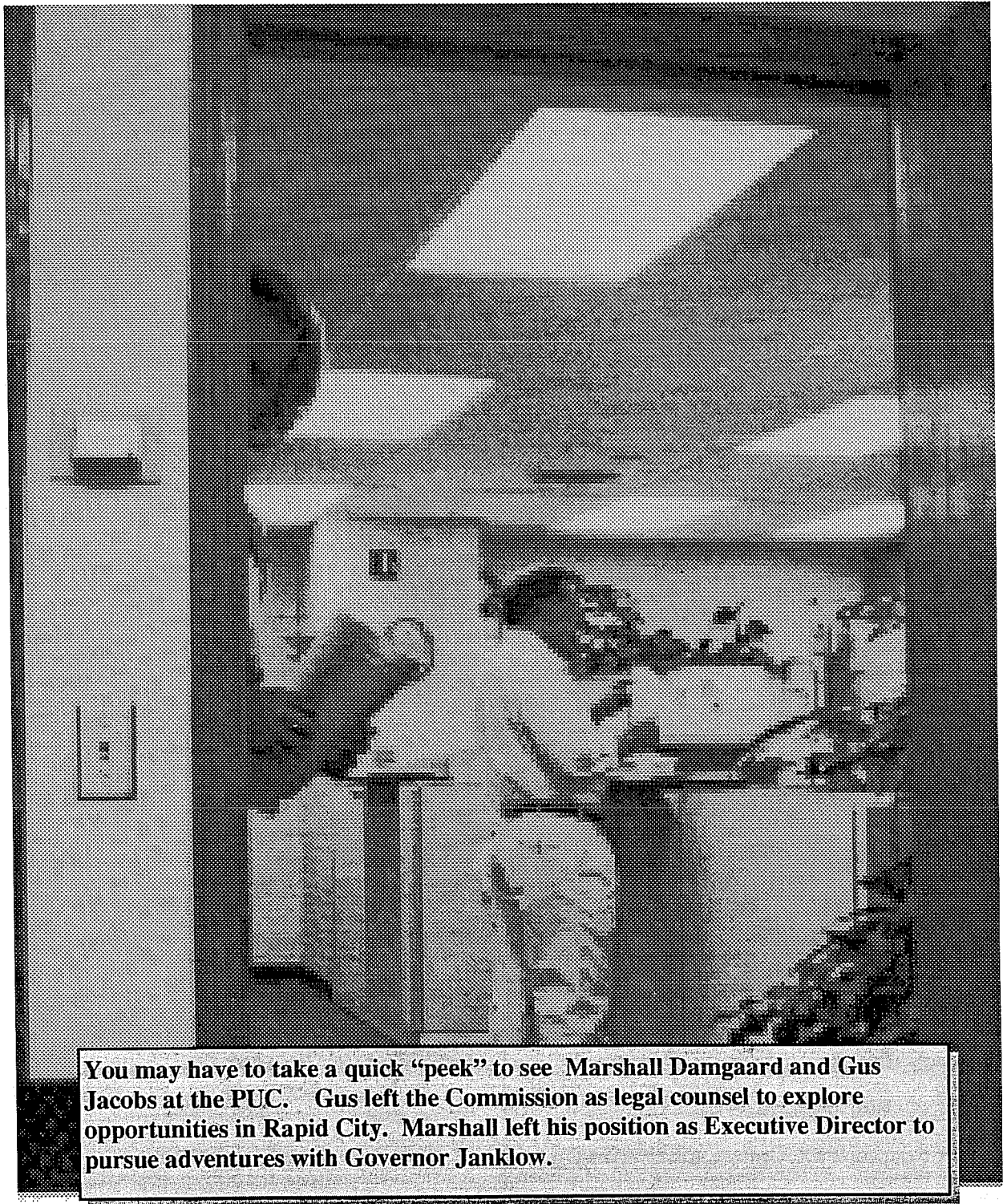
In December 1994, we announced that we would sell 67 telephone exchanges to a consortium of 20 South Dakota telephone companies. The properties account for about 17 percent of US WEST's 290,000 total telephone lines and include 47,500 customers. The consolidation of operations that would result from the sale will help us provide better, more efficient service to our remaining customers. With PUC and FCC approval, we expect to complete the transfer of ownership in the year-end 1995 timeframe.

The business of our business is to provide quality communication services, but we don't draw the line there. Our future depends, too, on the quality of life and economic health of the communities we serve. Through the US WEST grants and contributions program, we invested more than \$645,000 in 1994 to enhance the quality of life in South Dakota. US WEST Foundation contributions were made in the following areas: \$154,000 to educations; \$84,000 to health and human services; \$71,000 to arts and culture; \$222,000 to economic development, civic and community projects; and \$116,000 to match employee financial gifts and community service hours.

US WEST COMMUNICATIONS
South Dakota
Operating Revenue and Statistics - TELECOMMUNICATIONS
12 Months ended December 1994

REVENUES	
Local Service Revenues - \$	
Residential	\$35,647,399
Business	25,479,942
Pay Phone	2,289,926
Optional Service Revenue	14,545,148
TOTAL LOCAL SERVICE REVENUES	\$77,962,415
Access Service Revenues - \$	
Intralata	667,277
Interlata	3,715,777
Private Line	5,586,060
TOTAL SERVICE REVENUES	9,969,114
Toll Service Revenues	40,547,952
Other Revenues	(2,651,873)
Total Revenues	\$125,827,608
Intrastate Access Minutes: 106,075,497	Number of Local Central Offices: 107

CUSTOMER DATA	
Residential - flat	188,477
Residential - local measured service	22,264
Business - flat	54,839
Business - local measured service	2,773
Other Business (PBX, Centrex, Centron, WATS)	18,290
Pay Phones	3,275
Customer Owned Pay Phones	697
TOTAL NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS	290,615



You may have to take a quick “peek” to see Marshall Damgaard and Gus Jacobs at the PUC. Gus left the Commission as legal counsel to explore opportunities in Rapid City. Marshall left his position as Executive Director to pursue adventures with Governor Janklow.