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DOCKET NO.

In the Matter of — IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U
S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR
REVISIONS TO ITS ACCESS SERVICE
TARIFF

Public Utilities Commission of the State of South Dakota

DATE

MEMORANDA

2/26/97	Filed, and Accepted;
2/27/97	T.C. for Filing;
1/7/98	Order Approving Tariff Revisions,
1/7/98	Docket Closed.

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Mr. William Bullard, Executive Director
Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol Building
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Dear Mr. Bullard:

U S WEST Communications has attached for filing with the Commission the following pages from our Access Service Tariff:

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The purpose of this filing is to remove the Service Date Change Charge for Switched Access.

We would appreciate acknowledgment of receipt of this filing. A duplicate copy of this letter is attached for your convenience.

Sincerely,



Colleen E. Servold
Manager-Regulatory Affairs

Attachment

TELECOMMUNICATIONS NEW SERVICES CLASSIFICATION FILING

- 1) Requested Classification: ☒ Non-Competitive
 ☐ Emerging Competitive
 ☐ Fully Competitive
- 2) This service will be offered: ☒ Intrastate, IntraLATA
 ☐ Intrastate, InterLATA
 ☐ Interstate
- 3) Detailed Description of Service: Removal of Service Date Change Charge. Currently a non-recurring charge of \$15.00 is assessed for each Switched Access installation service date change.
- 4) Reason for Change: These charges are being eliminated.
- 5) Basis for Rates: Rates have been eliminated.
- 6) Quantification of Customer Impact: Affects Interexchange Carrier customers using the service.
- 7) Proposed Effective Date: April 1, 1997

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TERMS, CONDITIONS, RATES AND CHARGES

Applying to the provision of intrastate

ACCESS SERVICE

Within the operating territory of

U S WEST Communications, Inc.

in the State of

SOUTH DAKOTA
(Company Code 5145)

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5.2.2 ACCESS ORDER MODIFICATIONS

The customer may request a modification of its Access Order at any time prior to notification by the Company that service is available for the customer's use. The Company will make every effort to accommodate a requested modification when it is able to do so with the normal work force assigned to complete such an order within normal business hours.

If the modification cannot be made with the normal work force during normal business hours, the Company will notify the customer. If the customer still desires the Access Order modification, the Company will schedule a new service date. All charges for Access Order modifications will apply on a per-occurrence basis.

Any increase in the number of Switched Access Service facilities, lines, trunks or busy hour minutes of capacity will be treated as a new Access Order (for the increased amount only).

A. Service Date Change

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Access Order service dates for the installation of new services or rearrangements of existing services may be changed, but the new service date may not exceed the original service date by more than 120 calendar days. When, for any reason, the customer wishes to change the service date, the customer should notify the Company before the original service date to request a different service date. If the customer requested service date is more than 120 calendar days after the original service date, the order will be cancelled by the Company and reissued with the appropriate cancellation charges applied, unless the customer indicates that billing for the service is to commence as set forth in 5.2.3 following.

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A. Service Date Change (Cont'd)

A new service date may be established that is prior to the original Standard or Negotiated Interval service date if the Company determines it can accommodate the customer's request without delaying service dates for orders of other customers.

If the service date is changed to an earlier date, the customer will be notified by the Company that Expedited Order Charges as set forth in D. following will apply.

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B. Partial Cancellation Charge

Any decrease in the number of ordered Switched Access Service facilities, lines, trunks, busy hour minutes of capacity will be treated as a partial cancellation and the charges as set forth in 5.2.3, following will apply.

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C. Design Change Charge

The customer may request a design change to the service ordered. A design change is any change to an Access Order which requires engineering review. An engineering review is a review by Company personnel of the service ordered and the requested changes to determine what change in the design, if any, is necessary to meet the changes requested by the customer. Design changes include such things as a change of end user premises within the same serving wire center, the addition or deletion of optional features, functions or a change in the type of Transport Termination (Switched Access only), type of channel interface, type of Interface Group or technical specification package.

Design changes do not include a change of customer premises, end user premises to a different serving wire center, end office switch or Switched Access Service type. Changes of this nature will require the issuance of a new order and the cancellation of the original order with appropriate cancellation charges applied.

The Company will review the requested change, notify the customer whether the change is a design change, if it can be accommodated and if a new service date is required. If the customer authorizes the Company to proceed with the design change, a Design Change Charge will apply.

A Design Change Charge will apply, on a per order, per occurrence basis. This charge will also apply to change an incorrect address as long as the new address is in the same wire center as the incorrect address and the change is made prior to the issuance of the Design Layout Report (DLR). If a change of end user premises within the same serving wire center is requested, Expedited Order Charges may also apply as detailed in 5.2.2, D. The applicable design charge is:

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• Design Change Charge, per order	H28	\$50.00

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D. Expedited Order Charge

When placing an Access order for service(s) for which standard intervals exist, a customer may request a service date that is prior to the standard interval service date. A customer may also request an earlier service date on a pending standard or negotiated interval Access Order. If the Company agrees to provide the service on an expedited basis, an Expedited Order Charge will apply.

A customer may request a change of end user premises within the same serving wire center. When this occurs, the service date is changed to reflect the standard interval. If the customer requests an earlier service date, an Expedited Order Charge will apply.

Expedited Order Charges will not apply if the revised interval to a pending order is equal to or longer than the standard interval for that service.

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When an expedited service date is missed, the Expedited Order Charge will apply unless the missed service date is caused by the Company.

The Expedited Order Charge is based on the extent to which the Access Order has been processed at the time the Company agrees to the expedited service date. A list of these critical dates and the number of days between each date is found in the Service Interval Guide. The tables in the Service Interval Guide will be used to determine the Expedited Order Charge. The Expedited Order Charge is calculated as follows:

- Based on the critical dates associated with the Access Order, as defined in 5.2.3, B.4., following, the Company will determine the next critical date scheduled to be completed on the order.
- Using the table of 5.2.3, B.4., following, and the critical date as determined above, the Company will determine the percent of the provisioning interval not yet completed.

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- The Company will apply this percentage to the sum of all the nonrecurring charges associated with the order and divide this sum by the number of days remaining in the original service interval.
- The per day charges so developed will then be applied on a per-day-of-improvement basis, per order, but in no event shall the charge exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total nonrecurring charges associated with the Access Order.
- The Company will provide the customer with an estimate of the Expedited Order Charge before expediting an order.

If costs other than additional labor are to be incurred when an Access Order is expedited, the Company will develop, determine and bill the customer such costs in accordance with the special construction terms and conditions as set forth in Section 4 of the Company's Exchange and Network Services Tariff.

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6. SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE

6.1 GENERAL (Cont'd)

6.1.3 SPECIAL FACILITIES ROUTING

Any customer may request that the facilities used to provide Switched Access Service be specially routed. The regulations, rates and charges for Special Facilities Routing (i.e., Diversity) are as set forth in Section 11 following.

6.1.4 DESIGN LAYOUT REPORT

The Company will provide to the customer the makeup of the facilities and services provided from the customer's premises to the first point of switching. This information will be provided in the form of a Design Layout Report. The Design Layout Report will be provided to the customer at no charge, and will be reissued or updated whenever these facilities are materially changed.

6.1.5 ACCEPTANCE TESTING

At no additional charge, the Company will, at the customer's request, cooperatively test, at the time of installation, the following parameters: loss, C-notched noise, C-message noise, 3-tone slope, d.c. continuity and operational signaling. When the Switched Transport is provided with Interface Group 2, 6 and 9 as available, and the Transport Termination is two-wire (i.e., there is four-wire to two-wire conversion in Switched Transport), balance parameters (equal level echo path loss) may also be tested. When the Switched Transport is provided with Interface Groups 6 or 9, the Company will, at the customer's request, mutually negotiate, at the time of installation, the use of the customer's 108 type test line capabilities to conduct digital testing on 56 kbps, 64 kbps and 64 kbps Clear Channel service.

6.1.6 ORDERING OPTIONS AND CONDITIONS

Switched Access Service is ordered under the Access Order provisions set forth in Section 5, preceding. Also included in that section are other charges which may be associated with ordering Switched Access Service (e.g., Cancellation Charges, etc.).

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NA	AT&T filed to extend the Operator Services Promotion in its Message Telecommunications Service tariff. The extension is effective February 28, 1997.	02/27/97	NA
NA	Dial & Save of South Dakota, Inc. filed to increase the additional minute usage rate for its Residential Calling Program. The revisions are effective February 27, 1997.	02/27/97	NA

Important Notice: The Commission is compiling a list of internet addresses. If you have an internet address please notify the Commission by E-mailing it to Terry.Norum@tds.net or by faxing it to 605-773-3809. If you are faxing the address to the Commission, please include the word "FAX" in the subject line.

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South Dakota Public Utilities Commission State Capitol 500 E. Capitol Pierre, SD 57501-5070 Phone: (800) 332-1782 Fax: (605) 773-3809		TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE FILINGS These are the telecommunications service filings that the Commission has received for the period of: 02/21/97 through 02/27/97 If you need a complete copy of a filing faxed, overnight expressed, or mailed to you, please contact Delaine Kolbo within five days of this filing.	
DOCKET NUMBER	TITLE/STAFF/SYNOPSIS	DATE FILED	INTERVENTION DEADLINE
REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATION OF AUTHORITY			
TC97-018	Application by ATCALL, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to operate as a telecommunications company within the state of South Dakota. (Staff: TS/CH) Applicant proposes to provide 24-hour intrastate interexchange telecommunications services, 800 services, and postpaid and prepaid debit travel card services.	02/24/97	03/14/97
TC97-019	Application by MFS Internet of South Dakota, Inc. to amend its Certificate of Authority to provide local exchange services within the state of South Dakota. (Staff: TS/KC) MFSI-SD will provide service to customers through: (i) the resale of services and facilities provided by USWC, other authorized providers and entrant local exchange carriers, including affiliates; (ii) through use of facilities MFSI-SD has or will deploy; or (iii) through some combination thereof. MFSI-SD soon will enter into negotiations with USWC for the provision of wholesale services, interconnection, access to unbundled network elements, and interim number portability, subject to Sections 251 and 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, to enable MFSI-SD to begin operations.	02/25/97	03/14/97
NONCOMPETITIVE TELECOMMUNICATIONS FILINGS			
TC97-020	U S WEST Communications filed to remove the Service Date Change Charge for Switched Access. "Currently a non-recurring charge of \$15.00 is assessed for each Switched Access installation service date change." USWC requests an effective date of April 1, 1997. (Staff: TS/CH)	02/26/97	03/14/97
FULLY COMPETITIVE TELECOMMUNICATIONS FILINGS			
NA	U S WEST Communications filed to reduce the rate for Voice Messaging - Message Notifications and to make text changes to its Voice Messaging Service offering in its Exchange and Network Services Catalog. The revisions are effective 24, 1997.	02/21/97	NA
NA	U S WEST Communications filed to eliminate the Service Date Change Charge for Private Line Transport Services and to introduce a Dispatch Charge to its Private Line Services Catalog. Both are non-recurring charges. The revisions are effective April 1, 1997.	02/26/97	NA
NA	Parcel Consultants, Inc. filed to introduce a flat rate residential one plus long distance service and to make text changes. The revisions are effective February 28, 1997.	02/26/97	NA

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST)	ORDER APPROVING
COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR REVISIONS TO)	TARIFF REVISIONS
ITS ACCESS SERVICE TARIFF)	
)	TC97-020

On February 26, 1997, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing by U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST) for approval to remove the Service Date Change Charge for Switched Access. Currently a non-recurring charge of \$15.00 is assessed for each Switched Access installation service date change. U S WEST requests an effective date of April 1, 1997. No interventions have been filed.

Specific approval is sought for the following pages of U S WEST's Access Service Tariff.

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At its regularly scheduled December 18, 1997, meeting, the Commission considered U S WEST's application. Commission Staff recommended approval with an effective date upon entry of this Order.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-31-1.1, 49-31-3, 49-31-4, 49-31-12, 49-31-12.2, and 49-31-12.4. Upon review of U S WEST's filing to remove the Service Date Change Charge for Switched Access, the Commission concludes that the proposed tariff revisions as filed are fair and reasonable and should be approved. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED that U S WEST's proposal to remove its Service Date Change Charge for Switched Access shall be approved.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 7th day of January, 1998.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By Nelicio Xelico

Date 1/9/98

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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