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In the Matter of **IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U  
S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR  
REVISIONS TO ITS EXCHANGE AND  
NETWORK SERVICES TARIFF AND  
EXCHANGE AND NETWORK  
SERVICES CATALOG**

**Public Utilities Commission of the State of South Dakota**

DATE

MEMORANDA

- 4/30/97 Filed and docketed;
- 5/1/97 TC For Filing;
- 5/16/97 Petition to Intervene by MCI;
- 5/16/97 Petition to Intervene by AT&T;
- 6/13/97 Order Granting Intervention;
- 6/13/97 Order Consolidating Dockets;
- 6/17/97 Order for a copy of ~~Working Paper~~ <sup>Exhibits incorporated (TC97-014)</sup> of Consolidated;
- 6/23/97 referred to Consolidated Docket

This was consolidated with TC97-016

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

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMISSION

Dear Mr. Bullard:

U S WEST Communications has attached for filing with the Commission the following pages from our Exchange and Network Services Tariff:

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These revisions reflect the second phase of increases to the residential and business lines as agreed to in Docket TC94-121. Specifically the changes are as follows:

- 1 ) Increases the residential (1FR) rate by \$2.10, with the exception of Rate Group I, which reached the price ceiling of \$19.35. The \$2.10 includes the \$.60 agreed upon for the second portion of the Touchtone fold-in.
- 2 ) Increases the business lines and trunks by \$.90 to reflect the second half of the Touchtone fold-in, to a price ceiling of \$38.40 for the 1FB.

Also attached for Commission information is the following page from our Exchange and Network Services Catalog:

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This revision increases the monthly rate for the semi-public phones by \$.90 to reflect the second portion of the Touchtone fold-in.

U S WEST Communications is requesting an effective date of August 12, 1997. We would appreciate acknowledgment of receipt of this filing. A duplicate copy of this letter is attached for your convenience.

Sincerely,



Colleen E. Sevold  
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: This filing increases the 1FR by \$2.10 for each rate group except those whose price has reached the ceiling of \$19.35. It also increases the 1FB and trunk rates by \$.90 which is the second phase of the Touchtone fold-in.
  
- 4 ) Reason for Change: These rates are being increased to reflect the second phase of the rate increases agreed upon in Docket TC94-121. The 1FR reflects a \$2.10 increase, of which \$.60 is for Touchtone fold-in. The business rates are increased \$.90 for the second portion of the Touchtone fold-in.
  
- 5 ) Basis for Rates: Rates agreed to in TC94-121.
  
- 6 ) Quantification of Customer Impact: Affects all residential and business customers.
  
- 7 ) Proposed Effective Date: August 12, 1997

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5.2.1 MEASURED SERVICE

A. Budget Pac (Residence Only) (Cont'd)

3. Rates and Charges

- a. The maximum one-party Budget Pac monthly billing or fixed monthly rates and usage charges for sent paid local calls originating on the Budget Pac line will not exceed 150 percent of the current one-party residence flat rate charges. Sent paid local calls include Dial Station-to-Station, Operator Station-to-Station and Person-to-Person calls.
- b. The following rates and charges are applicable to individual line Budget Pac Service.

	USOC	NONRECURRING CHARGE	MONTHLY RATE
(1) Rate Groups A, C, E, G and I			
• Each line	R1M	\$25.00	\$12.55 (I)
(2) Rate Groups B, D, and F[1]			
• Each line			
- BRA	R1M	25.00	8.00
- OBRA	R1M	25.00	11.00

- c. The basic monthly rates for Budget Pac include usage allowances as follows:

	USAGE ALLOWANCE
• Each line	\$2.50

- (1) The method of applying the usage allowance will be as shown following:
- The usage allowance is applied only toward sent paid usage charges accumulated above.
  - No credit is given for any unused allowance during a billing month, nor is any unused allowance accumulated and/or carried forward over billing months.

[1] See Rates and Charges specified in 5.4.2 for applicable Touch-Tone charges.

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**5.2.1 MEASURED SERVICE**

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- c. The following services are not offered the option of subscribing to Hourly Usage Package Service:
  - Multiparty Service
  - Business Service

**3. Rates and Charges**

- a. The following rates and charges are applicable to individual line Hourly Usage Package Service.

(1) Rate Groups A, C, E, G and I

PACKAGE	USOC	NONRECURRING CHARGE	MONTHLY RATE
• 3 Hour Package	RWV,AWV	\$25.00	\$12.55 (I)
• 6 Hour Package	RWG,AWJ	25.00	14.65
• 9 Hour Package	RWH,AWQ	25.00	16.75 (I)

(2) Rate Groups B, D, and F[1]

• 3 Hour Package			
- BRA	RWV,AWV	25.00	8.00
- OBRA	RWV,AWV	25.00	11.00
• 6 Hour Package			
- BRA	RWG,AWJ	25.00	10.10
- OBRA	RWG,AWJ	25.00	13.10
• 9 Hour Package			
- BRA	RWH,AWQ	25.00	12.20
- OBRA	RWH,AWQ	25.00	15.20

- b. The Hourly Usage Package Service additional usage charge is for each sent paid local calling minute exceeding the package rate. The timing of local messages is as specified for Budget Pac Service.

	USAGE CHARGE
• Additional usage charge, per minute	\$0.02

[1] See Rates and Charges specified in 5.4.2 for applicable Touch-Tone charges.

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5.2.1 MEASURED SERVICE

C. Value Pac (Business Only) (Cont'd)

3. Rates and Charges

a. The following rates and charges are applicable to individual line Value Pac Service.

	USOC	NONRECURRING CHARGE	MONTHLY RATE
(1) Rate Groups A, C, E, G and I			
• Each line	BIM	\$47.00	\$28.65 (1)
(2) Rate Groups B, D, and F[1]			
• Each line			
- BRA	BIM	47.00	25.00
- OBRA	BIM	47.00	28.00

b. The basic monthly rate for Value Pac includes usage allowances as follows:

	USAGE ALLOWANCE
• Each line	\$5.00

The method of applying the usage allowance will be as shown following.

- The usage allowance is applied only toward sent-paid local usage charges as accumulated above.
- No credit is given for any unused allowance during a billing month, nor is any unused allowance accumulated and/or carried forward over billing months.

[1] See Rates and Charges specified in 5.4.2 for applicable Touch-Tone charges.



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## 5.2.4 FLAT RATE SERVICE

## A. Residence Flat Rate Service (Cont'd)

## 2. Monthly Rates

	MONTHLY RATE PER RATE GROUP				
	A	C	E	G	I
• One-party line	\$16.55 (1)	\$17.25 (1)	\$18.05 (1)	\$19.25 (1)	\$19.35 (1)
• Two-party line[1]	15.30 (1)	15.85	16.60	17.60	18.05
• Four-party line[1]	-	15.20 (1)	15.65 (1)	16.55 (1)	16.95 (1)

	MONTHLY RATE PER RATE GROUP[2]		
	B	D	F
• One-party line			
- BRA	\$12.00	\$12.70	\$13.50
- OBRA[3]	15.00	15.70	16.50
• Two-party line[1]			
- BRA	10.75	11.30	12.05
- OBRA[4]	13.00	13.55	14.30
• Four-party line[1]			
- BRA	-	10.65	11.10
- OBRA	12.40	12.75	13.20

[1] Service is obsolete. Offering limited to existing installations, subject to continuity of service for the same customer on the same premises.

[2] See Rates and Charges specified in 5.4.2 for applicable Touch-Tone charges.

[3] Available only where facilities permit.

[4] Current two-party Agri-Business customers will retain their service due to facility problems. One-party Agri-Business service is obsolete. This is intended not to be upgraded without applying excess construction charges specified in Section 4.

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**5.2.4 FLAT RATE SERVICE (Cont'd)**

**B. Business Flat Rate Service**

The following rates and charges are applicable to business flat rate service.

**1. Nonrecurring Charges**

	USOC	NONRECURRING CHARGE
• One-party line	1FB	\$47.00
• Incoming line	7FB	47.00
• Two-party line[1]	2FB	47.00

**2. Monthly Rates**

	MONTHLY RATE PER RATE GROUP				
	A	C	E	G	I
• One-party line	\$27.25 (1)	\$29.65 (1)	\$32.45 (1)	\$36.60 (1)	\$38.40 (1)
• Incoming line	24.90	27.05	29.55	33.30	34.95
• Two-party line[1]	25.20 (1)	27.20 (1)	29.60 (1)	33.10 (1)	34.60 (1)

[1] Service is obsolete. Offering limited to existing installations, subject to continuity of service for the same customer on the same premises.

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**5.2.5 LOCAL SERVICE OPTIONS**

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- k. The Initial Service Period described in Section 2 does not apply for *STAND-BY* Line Service.
- l. Nonrecurring charges apply to establish *STAND-BY* Line Service. In addition, nonrecurring charges, specified in Section 3 for USOC GCS, apply to change from an individual business line to *STAND-BY* Line Service.
- 3. Rates and Charges

The following rates and charges are applicable to *STAND-BY* Line Service.

a. Nonrecurring Charges

	USOC	NONRECURRING CHARGE
• <i>STAND-BY</i> Line Service, per line	1TM	\$47.00

b. Monthly Rates

	MONTHLY RATE PER RATE GROUP				
	A	C	E	G	I
• Per line	\$14.70 (1)	\$15.90 (1)	\$17.30 (1)	\$19.35 (1)	\$20.25 (1)

	MONTHLY RATE PER RATE GROUP [1]		
	B	D	F
• Per line			
- BRA	\$11.80	\$13.00	\$14.40
- OBRA	13.30	14.50	15.90

c. Incoming and Outgoing Usage

	CHARGE
• Per minute of use[2]	\$0.05

[1] See Rates and Charges specified in 5.4.2 for applicable Touch-Tone charges.

[2] Applies to connections of one minute or fraction thereof.

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**5.3.3 FLAT RATE TRUNKS**

**A. Business Trunks**

**1. Descriptions**

- Two-Way, 4-Wire Trunk: Includes E&M signaling, *DID* Service and hunting. Not available to Joint User Service customers.
- In-Only Analog *DID* Trunk provisioned for *DID* Call Transfer: Includes *DID* Service, hunting and reverse battery signaling. Certain switch limitations may apply.

**2. Rates and Charges**

**a. Nonrecurring Charges**

	<b>USOC</b>	<b>NONRECURRING CHARGE</b>
• Two-way trunk, each	TCG	\$47.00
• Inward trunk, each	TCK	47.00
• Inward trunk used with <i>DID</i> Service, each	TDD	47.00
• Outward trunk, each	TCM	47.00
• Two-way, 4-wire trunk, each	THHCX	47.00
• In-only analog <i>DID</i> trunk provisioned for <i>DID</i> Call Transfer, each	TRHIX	47.00

**b. Monthly Rates**

	<b>MONTHLY RATE PER RATE GROUP</b>				
	<b>A</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>I</b>
• Two-way trunk, each	\$36.25 (1)	\$38.65 (1)	\$41.45 (1)	\$45.60 (1)	\$47.40 (1)
• Inward trunk, each	33.90	36.05	38.55	42.30	43.95
• Inward trunk used with <i>DID</i> Service, each	33.90	36.05	38.55	42.30	43.95
• Outward trunk, each	36.25	38.65	41.45	45.60	47.40
• Two-way, 4-wire trunk, each	77.65	77.65	77.65	77.65	77.65
• In-only analog <i>DID</i> trunk for <i>DID</i> Call Transfer, each	77.65 (1)	77.65 (1)	77.65 (1)	77.65 (1)	77.65 (1)

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## RATE GROUP A[1]

TWO-WAY AND OUTGOING TRUNKS	12 TO 35 MONTHS	36 TO 59 MONTHS	60 TO 84 MONTHS
1 - 20 trunks[2]	\$36.25 (1)	\$36.25 (1)	\$36.25 (1)
21 - 50 trunks[2]	35.00	34.25	33.75
51 trunks and over			
1 Qtr mile from CO	33.42	33.05	32.87
2 Qtr miles from CO	33.79	33.36	33.14
3 Qtr miles from CO	34.14	33.65	33.41
4 Qtr miles from CO	34.59	34.03	33.74
5 Qtr miles from CO	35.01	34.37	34.06
6 Qtr miles from CO	35.42	34.72	34.37
7 Qtr miles from CO	35.94	35.15	34.75
8 Qtr miles from CO	36.35	35.49	35.06
9 Qtr miles from CO	37.07	36.09	35.60
10 Qtr miles from CO	38.74	37.48	36.85
11 Qtr miles from CO	39.38	38.01	37.33
12 Qtr miles from CO	41.71	39.96	39.08
13 Qtr miles from CO	43.44	41.40	40.38
14 Qtr miles from CO	44.11	41.96	40.88
15 Qtr miles from CO	45.31	42.96	41.78
16 Qtr miles from CO	47.92	45.13	43.74
17 Qtr miles from CO	48.70	45.79	44.33
18 Qtr miles from CO	49.34	46.32	44.81
19 Qtr miles from CO	49.94	46.81	45.25
20 Qtr miles from CO[3]	53.09 (1)	49.44 (1)	47.62 (1)

[1] EAS rates apply in addition to the Rate Stabilized Flat PBX Trunk.

[2] Any additional rate increments are not applicable for distance-sensitive Rate Stabilized flat PBX trunk.

[3] All Rate Stabilized trunks beyond this increment will be priced on an individual case basis.

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RATE GROUP A[1]

INCOMING AND DID TRUNKS	12 TO 35 MONTHS	36 TO 59 MONTHS	60 TO 84 MONTHS
1 - 20 trunks[2]	\$33.90 (1)	\$33.90 (1)	\$33.90 (1)
21 - 50 trunks[2]	32.65	31.90	31.40
51 trunks and over			
1 Qtr mile from CO	31.07	30.70	30.52
2 Qtr miles from CO	31.44	31.01	30.79
3 Qtr mile from CO	31.79	31.30	31.06
4 Qtr miles from CO	32.24	31.68	31.39
5 Qtr miles from CO	32.66	32.02	31.71
6 Qtr miles from CO	33.07	32.37	32.02
7 Qtr miles from CO	33.59	32.80	32.40
8 Qtr miles from CO	34.00	33.14	32.71
9 Qtr miles from CO	34.72	33.74	33.25
10 Qtr miles from CO	36.39	35.13	34.50
11 Qtr miles from CO	37.03	35.66	34.98
12 Qtr miles from CO	39.36	37.61	36.73
13 Qtr miles from CO	41.09	39.05	38.13
14 Qtr miles from CO	41.76	39.61	38.53
15 Qtr miles from CO	42.96	40.61	39.43
16 Qtr miles from CO	45.57	42.78	41.39
17 Qtr miles from CO	46.35	43.44	41.98
18 Qtr miles from CO	46.99	43.97	42.46
19 Qtr miles from CO	47.59	44.46	42.90
20 Qtr miles from CO[3]	50.74 (1)	47.09 (1)	45.27 (1)

[1] EAS rates apply in addition to the Rate Stabilized Flat PBX Trunk.

[2] Any additional rate increments are not applicable for distance-sensitive Rate Stabilized flat PBX trunk.

[3] All Rate Stabilized trunks beyond this increment will be priced on an individual case basis.

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## RATE GROUP C[1]

TWO-WAY AND OUTGOING TRUNKS	12 TO 35 MONTHS	36 TO 59 MONTHS	60 TO 84 MONTHS
1 - 20 trunks[2]	\$38.65 (1)	\$38.65 (1)	\$38.65 (1)
21 - 50 trunks[2]	37.40	36.65	36.15
51 trunks and over			
1 Qtr mile from CO	35.82	35.45	35.27
2 Qtr miles from CO	36.19	35.76	35.54
3 Qtr miles from CO	36.54	36.05	35.81
4 Qtr miles from CO	36.99	36.43	36.14
5 Qtr miles from CO	37.41	36.77	36.46
6 Qtr miles from CO	37.82	37.12	36.77
7 Qtr miles from CO	38.34	37.55	37.15
8 Qtr miles from CO	38.75	37.89	37.46
9 Qtr miles from CO	39.47	38.49	38.00
10 Qtr miles from CO	41.14	39.88	39.25
11 Qtr miles from CO	41.78	40.41	39.73
12 Qtr miles from CO	44.11	42.36	41.48
13 Qtr miles from CO	45.84	43.80	42.78
14 Qtr miles from CO	46.51	44.36	43.28
15 Qtr miles from CO	47.71	45.36	44.18
16 Qtr miles from CO	50.32	47.53	46.14
17 Qtr miles from CO	51.10	48.19	46.73
18 Qtr miles from CO	51.74	48.72	47.21
19 Qtr miles from CO	52.34	49.21	47.65
20 Ql. miles from CO[3]	55.49 (1)	51.84 (1)	50.02 (1)

[1] EAS rates apply in addition to the Rate Stabilized Flat PBX Trunk.

[2] Any additional rate increments are not applicable for distance-sensitive Rate Stabilized flat PBX trunk.

[3] All Rate Stabilized trunks beyond this increment will be priced on an individual case basis.

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RATE GROUP C[1]

INCOMING AND DID TRUNKS	12 TO 35 MONTHS	36 TO 59 MONTHS	60 TO 84 MONTHS
1 - 20 trunks[2]	\$36.05 (1)	\$36.05 (1)	\$36.05 (1)
21 - 50 trunks[2]	34.80	34.05	33.55
51 trunks and over			
1 Qtr mile from CO	33.22	32.85	32.67
2 Qtr miles from CO	33.59	33.16	32.94
3 Qtr miles from CO	33.94	33.45	33.21
4 Qtr miles from CO	34.39	33.83	33.54
5 Qtr miles from CO	34.81	34.17	33.86
6 Qtr miles from CO	35.22	34.52	34.17
7 Qtr miles from CO	35.74	34.95	34.55
8 Qtr miles from CO	36.15	35.29	34.86
9 Qtr miles from CO	36.87	35.89	35.40
10 Qtr miles from CO	38.54	37.28	36.65
11 Qtr miles from CO	39.18	37.81	37.13
12 Qtr miles from CO	41.51	39.76	38.88
13 Qtr miles from CO	43.24	41.20	40.18
14 Qtr miles from CO	43.91	41.76	40.68
15 Qtr miles from CO	45.11	42.76	41.58
16 Qtr miles from CO	47.72	44.93	43.54
17 Qtr miles from CO	48.50	45.59	44.13
18 Qtr miles from CO	49.14	46.12	44.61
19 Qtr miles from CO	49.74	46.61	45.05
20 Qtr miles from CO[3]	52.89 (1)	49.24 (1)	47.42 (1)

[1] EAS rates apply in addition to the Rate Stabilized Flat PBX Trunk.

[2] Any additional rate increments are not applicable for distance-sensitive Rate Stabilized flat PBX trunk.

[3] All Rate Stabilized trunks beyond this increment will be priced on an individual case basis.



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**RATE GROUP E[1]**

<b>TWO-WAY AND OUTGOING TRUNKS</b>	<b>12 TO 35 MONTHS</b>	<b>36 TO 59 MONTHS</b>	<b>60 TO 84 MONTHS</b>
1 - 20 trunks[2]	\$41.45 (1)	\$41.45 (1)	\$41.45 (1)
21 - 50 trunks[2]	40.20	39.45	38.95
51 trunks and over			
1 Qtr mile from CO	38.62	38.25	38.07
2 Qtr miles from CO	38.99	38.55	38.34
3 Qtr miles from CO	39.34	38.85	38.61
4 Qtr miles from CO	39.79	39.23	38.94
5 Qtr miles from CO	40.21	39.57	39.26
6 Qtr miles from CO	40.62	39.92	39.57
7 Qtr miles from CO	41.14	40.35	39.95
8 Qtr miles from CO	41.55	40.69	40.26
9 Qtr miles from CO	42.27	41.29	40.80
10 Qtr miles from CO	43.94	42.68	42.05
11 Qtr miles from CO	44.58	43.21	42.53
12 Qtr miles from CO	46.91	45.16	44.28
13 Qtr miles from CO	48.64	46.60	45.58
14 Qtr miles from CO	49.31	47.16	46.08
15 Qtr miles from CO	50.51	48.16	46.98
16 Qtr miles from CO	53.12	50.33	48.94
17 Qtr miles from CO	53.90	50.99	49.53
18 Qtr miles from CO	54.54	51.52	50.01
19 Qtr miles from CO	55.14	52.01	50.45
20 Qtr miles from CO[3]	58.29 (1)	54.64 (1)	52.82 (1)

[1] EAS rates apply in addition to the Rate Stabilized Flat PBX Trunk.

[2] Any additional rate increments are not applicable for distance-sensitive Rate Stabilized flat PBX trunk.

[3] All Rate Stabilized trunks beyond this increment will be priced on an individual case basis.

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**5.3.3 FLAT RATE TRUNKS**

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INCOMING AND DID TRUNKS	RATE GROUP E[1]		
	12 TO 35 MONTHS	36 TO 59 MONTHS	60 TO 84 MONTHS
1 - 20 trunks[2]	\$38.55 (1)	\$38.55 (1)	\$38.55 (1)
21 - 50 trunks[2]	37.30	36.55	36.05
51 trunks and over:			
1 Qtr mile from CO	35.72	35.35	35.17
2 Qtr miles from CO	36.09	35.66	35.44
3 Qtr miles from CO	36.44	35.95	35.71
4 Qtr miles from CO	36.89	36.33	36.04
5 Qtr miles from CO	37.31	36.67	36.36
6 Qtr miles from CO	37.72	37.02	36.67
7 Qtr miles from CO	38.24	37.45	37.05
8 Qtr miles from CO	38.65	37.79	37.36
9 Qtr miles from CO	39.37	38.39	37.90
10 Qtr miles from CO	41.04	39.78	39.15
11 Qtr miles from CO	41.68	40.31	39.63
12 Qtr miles from CO	44.01	42.26	41.38
13 Qtr miles from CO	45.74	43.70	42.68
14 Qtr miles from CO	46.41	44.26	43.18
15 Qtr miles from CO	47.61	45.26	44.08
16 Qtr miles from CO	50.22	47.43	46.04
17 Qtr miles from CO	51.00	48.09	46.63
18 Qtr miles from CO	51.64	48.62	47.11
19 Qtr miles from CO	52.24	49.11	47.55
20 Qtr miles from CO[3]	55.39 (1)	51.74 (1)	49.92 (1)

[1] EAS rates apply in addition to the Rate Stabilized Flat PBX Trunk.

[2] Any additional rate increments are not applicable for distance-sensitive Rate Stabilized flat PBX trunk.

[3] All Rate Stabilized trunks beyond this increment will be priced on an individual case basis.

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**RATE GROUP G[1]**

TWO-WAY AND OUTGOING TRUNKS	12 TO 35 MONTHS	36 TO 59 MONTHS	60 TO 84 MONTHS
1 - 20 trunks[2]	\$45.60 (1)	\$45.60 (1)	\$45.60 (1)
21 - 50 trunks[2]	44.35	43.60	43.10
51 trunks and over			
1 Qtr mile from CO	42.77	42.40	42.22
2 Qtr miles from CO	43.14	42.71	42.49
3 Qtr miles from CO	43.49	43.00	42.76
4 Qtr miles from CO	43.94	43.38	43.09
5 Qtr miles from CO	44.36	43.72	43.41
6 Qtr miles from CO	44.77	44.07	43.72
7 Qtr miles from CO	45.29	44.50	44.10
8 Qtr miles from CO	45.70	44.84	44.41
9 Qtr miles from CO	46.42	45.44	44.95
10 Qtr miles from CO	48.09	46.83	46.20
11 Qtr miles from CO	48.73	47.36	46.68
12 Qtr miles from CO	51.06	49.31	48.43
13 Qtr miles from CO	52.79	50.75	49.73
14 Qtr miles from CO	53.46	51.31	50.23
15 Qtr miles from CO	54.66	52.31	51.13
16 Qtr miles from CO	57.27	54.48	53.09
17 Qtr miles from CO	58.05	55.14	53.68
18 Qtr miles from CO	58.69	55.67	54.16
19 Qtr miles from CO	59.29	56.16	54.60
20 Qtr miles from CO[3]	62.44 (1)	58.79 (1)	56.97 (1)

[1] EAS rates apply in addition to the Rate Stabilized Flat PBX Trunk.

[2] Any additional rate increments are not applicable for distance-sensitive Rate Stabilized flat PBX trunk.

[3] All Rate Stabilized trunks beyond this increment will be priced on an individual case basis.

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**5.3.3 FLAT RATE TRUNKS**

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INCOMING AND <i>DID</i> TRUNKS	RATE GROUP G[1]		
	12 TO 35 MONTHS	36 TO 59 MONTHS	60 TO 84 MONTHS
1 - 20 trunks[2]	\$42.30 (1)	\$42.30 (1)	\$42.30 (1)
21 - 50 trunks[2]	41.05	40.30	39.80
51 trunks and over			
1 Qtr mile from CO	39.47	39.10	38.92
2 Qtr miles from CO	39.84	39.41	39.19
3 Qtr miles from CO	40.19	39.70	39.46
4 Qtr miles from CO	40.64	40.08	39.79
5 Qtr miles from CO	41.06	40.42	40.11
6 Qtr miles from CO	41.47	40.77	40.42
7 Qtr miles from CO	41.99	41.20	40.80
8 Qtr miles from CO	42.40	41.54	41.11
9 Qtr miles from CO	43.12	42.14	41.65
10 Qtr miles from CO	44.79	43.53	42.90
11 Qtr miles from CO	45.43	44.06	43.38
12 Qtr miles from CO	47.76	46.01	45.13
13 Qtr miles from CO	49.49	47.45	46.43
14 Qtr miles from CO	50.16	48.01	46.93
15 Qtr miles from CO	51.36	49.01	47.83
16 Qtr miles from CO	53.97	51.18	49.79
17 Qtr miles from CO	54.75	51.84	50.38
18 Qtr miles from CO	55.39	52.37	50.86
19 Qtr miles from CO	55.99	52.86	51.30
20 Qtr miles from CO[3]	59.14 (1)	55.49 (1)	53.67 (1)

- [1] EAS rates apply in addition to the Rate Stabilized Flat PBX Trunk.
- [2] Any additional rate increments are not applicable for distance-sensitive Rate Stabilized flat PBX trunk.
- [3] All Rate Stabilized trunks beyond this increment will be priced on an individual case basis.

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5.3.3 FLAT RATE TRUNKS

B.3.e. (Cont'd)

RATE GROUP I[1]

TWO-WAY AND OUTGOING TRUNKS	12 TO 35 MONTHS	36 TO 59 MONTHS	60 TO 84 MONTHS
1 - 20 trunks[2]	\$47.40 (1)	\$47.40 (1)	\$47.40 (1)
21 - 50 trunks[2]	46.15	45.40	44.90
51 trunks and over			
1 Qtr mile from CO	44.57	44.20	44.02
2 Qtr miles from CO	44.94	44.51	44.29
3 Qtr miles from CO	45.29	44.80	44.56
4 Qtr miles from CO	45.74	45.18	44.89
5 Qtr miles from CO	46.16	45.52	45.21
6 Qtr miles from CO	46.57	45.87	45.52
7 Qtr miles from CO	47.09	46.30	45.90
8 Qtr miles from CO	47.50	46.64	46.21
9 Qtr miles from CO	48.22	47.24	46.75
10 Qtr miles from CO	49.89	48.63	48.00
11 Qtr miles from CO	50.53	49.16	48.48
12 Qtr miles from CO	52.86	51.11	50.23
13 Qtr miles from CO	54.59	52.55	51.53
14 Qtr miles from CO	55.26	53.11	52.03
15 Qtr miles from CO	56.46	54.11	52.93
16 Qtr miles from CO	59.07	56.28	54.89
17 Qtr miles from CO	59.85	56.94	55.48
18 Qtr miles from CO	60.49	57.47	55.96
19 Qtr miles from CO	61.09	57.96	56.40
20 Qtr miles from CO[3]	64.24 (1)	60.59 (1)	58.77 (1)

[1] EAS rates apply in addition to the Rate Stabilized Flat PBX Trunk.

[2] Any additional rate increments are not applicable for distance-sensitive Rate Stabilized flat PBX trunk.

[3] All Rate Stabilized trunks beyond this increment will be priced on an individual case basis.

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**RATE GROUP I[1]**

INCOMING AND DID TRUNKS	12 TO 35 MONTHS	36 TO 59 MONTHS	60 TO 84 MONTHS
1 - 20 trunks[2]	\$43.95 (1)	\$43.95 (1)	\$43.95 (1)
21 - 50 trunks[2]	42.70	41.95	41.45
51 trunks and over			
1 Qtr mile from CO	41.12	40.75	40.57
2 Qtr miles from CO	41.49	41.06	40.84
3 Qtr miles from CO	41.84	41.35	41.11
4 Qtr miles from CO	42.29	41.73	41.44
5 Qtr miles from CO	42.71	42.07	41.76
6 Qtr miles from CO	43.12	42.42	42.07
7 Qtr miles from CO	43.64	42.85	42.45
8 Qtr miles from CO	44.05	43.19	42.76
9 Qtr miles from CO	44.77	43.79	43.30
10 Qtr miles from CO	46.44	45.18	44.55
11 Qtr miles from CO	47.08	45.71	45.03
12 Qtr miles from CO	49.41	47.66	46.78
13 Qtr miles from CO	51.14	49.10	48.08
14 Qtr miles from CO	51.81	49.66	48.58
15 Qtr miles from CO	53.01	50.66	49.48
16 Qtr miles from CO	55.62	52.83	51.44
17 Qtr miles from CO	56.40	53.49	52.03
18 Qtr miles from CO	57.04	54.02	52.51
19 Qtr miles from CO	57.64	54.51	52.95
20 Qtr miles from CO[3]	60.79 (1)	57.14 (1)	55.32 (1)

[1] EAS rates apply in addition to the Rate Stabilized Flat PBX Trunk.

[2] Any additional rate increments are not applicable for distance-sensitive Rate Stabilized flat PBX trunk.

[3] All Rate Stabilized trunks beyond this increment will be priced on an individual case basis.

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5.3.6 NETWORK ACCESS REGISTER (NAR)

A. Description

Network Access Registers permit the dialing of exchange and MTS calls to and from a CENTRON/Centrex Plus system. The number of simultaneous calls between the exchange or MTS network and a CENTRON/Centrex Plus system is limited by the number of NARs to which the customer subscribes. These facilities may be provided as two-way, one-way incoming, one-way outgoing or a combination thereof.

B. Rates and Charges

1. Nonrecurring Charges

	USOC	NONRECURRING CHARGE[1]
• In-only, each	EQB	\$10.00
• Two-way, each	EQA	10.00
• Out-only, each	EQC	10.00
• Out-only Hotel Guest, each	EQD	10.00

2. Monthly Rates

	MONTHLY RATE PER RATE GROUP				
	A	C	E	G	I
• In-only NAR, each	\$23.65 (1)	\$25.80 (1)	\$28.30 (1)	\$32.05 (1)	\$33.70 (1)
• Two-way, out-only and out-only Hotel Guest NARs, each	28.00 (1)	30.40 (1)	33.20 (1)	37.35 (1)	39.15 (1)

	MONTHLY RATE PER RATE GROUP		
	B	D	F
• In-only NAR, each			
- BRA	\$20.90	\$23.05	\$25.55
- OBRA	23.90	26.05	28.55
• Two-way, out-only and out-only Hotel Guest NARs, each[2]			
- BRA	25.25	27.65	30.45
- OBRA	28.25	30.65	33.45

[1] Applies to establish Network Access Registers.

[2] Includes Touch-Tone rate.

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**5.5 PUBLIC COMMUNICATION SERVICE - COIN AND COINLESS**

**5.5.7 PUBLIC ACCESS LINE (PAL) SERVICE**

**D. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)**

4. Charges for Public Access Line service are as follows.

a. Rate Groups A, C, E, G and I

	USOC	NONRECURRING CHARGE	MONTHLY RATE
• Flat PAL Service			
- Two-way service	1KY	\$80.00	\$35.65 (1)
- Outgoing only service	1GY	80.00	35.65
• Message PAL Service[1]			
- Two-way service	17Q	80.00	23.65
- Outgoing only service	16Q	80.00	23.65 (1)

b. Rate Groups B, D and F[2]

• Flat PAL Service			
- Two-way service			
- BRA	1KY	80.00	32.00
- OBRA	1KY	80.00	35.00
- Outgoing only service			
- BRA	1GY	80.00	32.00
- OBRA	1GY	80.00	35.00
• Message PAL Service[1]			
- Two-way service			
- BRA	17Q	80.00	20.00
- OBRA	17Q	80.00	23.00
- Outgoing only service			
- BRA	16Q	80.00	20.00
- OBRA	16Q	80.00	23.00

**CHARGE**

- Message charge, per message \$0.06

[1] Usage charges exceeding \$20.00 per line within a monthly billing period will be discounted 30%.

[2] See Rates and Charges specified in 5.4.2 for applicable Touch-Tone charges.



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**5.5 PUBLIC COMMUNICATION SERVICE - COIN AND COINLESS**  
**5.5.2 SEMIPUBLIC TELEPHONE SERVICE (Cont'd)**

**C. Rates and Charges**

1. Refer to individual exchanges in the Exchange and Network Services Tariff for applicable Rate Groups and exceptions.

USOC	NON- RECURRING CHARGE	MONTHLY RATE PER RATE GROUP				
		A	C	E	G	I
1SP,852	\$80.00	\$27.25 (1)	\$29.65 (1)	\$32.45 (1)	\$36.60 (1)	\$38.40 (1)

	USOC	NON- RECURRING CHARGE	MONTHLY RATE PER RATE GROUP [1]		
			B	D	F
• BRA	1SP,852	\$80.00	\$23.60	\$26.00	\$28.80
• OBRA	1SP,852	80.00	26.60	29.00	31.80

**2. Message Charges**

- a. The rates for toll messages from a public telephone are the established toll rates specified in 6.2.1.
- b. Applicable Directory Assistance is found in 6.2.4 of the Exchange and Network Services Tariff. Operator Service Charges found in 6.2.1 of this Catalog and 6.2.1 of the Exchange and Network Services Tariff, apply as appropriate.

**c. Local message**

	CHARGE
• Each	\$0.25

[1] See Rates and Charges specified in 5.4.2 of the Exchange and Network Services Tariff for applicable Touch-Tone charges.

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## TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE FILINGS

These are the telecommunications service filings that the Commission has received for the period of:

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DOCKET NUMBER	TITLE/STAFF/SYNOPSIS	DATE FILED	INTERVENTION DEADLINE
<b>PETITION FOR ARBITRATION</b>			
TC97-045	Sprint Communications Company L.P. petitions the Commission for arbitration of the unresolved issues in the interconnection negotiations between Sprint and U S WEST Communications.	04/25/97	05/15/97
<b>REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY</b>			
TC97-046	Application by Rapid City's Red Phone Book for a Certificate of Authority to operate as a telecommunications company within the state of South Dakota. (Staff: TS/CH) "The applicant will negotiate with incumbent local exchange service providers in order to resell local exchange service. When this has been completed a detailed statement will be provided to the public utilities commission."	04/29/97	05/16/97 <i>h/c</i>
TC97-047	Application by Easton Telecom Services, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to operate as a telecommunications company within the state of South Dakota. (Staff: TS/KC) "Applicant intends to provide local exchange service on a resale basis. The specific manner in which Applicant will provide local exchange service depends upon the result of negotiations with the incumbent local exchange carriers currently operating within the State."	04/29/97	05/16/97
TC97-048	Application by Associated Network Partner, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to operate as a telecommunications company within the state of South Dakota. (Staff: DJ/CH) "ANPI requests authorization to resell intraLATA and interLATA, intrastate, WATS and MTS type long distance services to retail providers, who will in turn resell those services to the public, in equal access areas throughout the state."	04/29/97	05/16/97
<b>NONCOMPETITIVE TARIFF FILING</b>			

TC97-049	Application by U S WEST Communications to reflect the second phase of increases to the residential and business lines as agreed to in Docket TC94-121. (Staff: HB/KC) "Specifically the changes are as follows: 1) Increases the residential rate by \$2.10, with the exception of Rate Group I, which reached the price ceiling of \$19.35. The \$2.10 includes the \$.60 agreed upon for the second portion of the Touchtone fold-in. 2) Increases the business lines and trunks by \$.90 to reflect the second half of the Touchtone fold-in, to a price ceiling of \$38.40 for the one-party flat business....[T]he monthly rate for the semi-public phones [is also increased] by \$.90 to reflect the second portion of the Touchtone fold-in. U S WEST Communications is requesting an effective date of August 12, 1997."	04/30/97	05/16/97
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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC  
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RE: APPLICATION BY U S WEST TO REFLECT THE SECOND PHASE OF  
INCREASES TO THE RESIDENTIAL AND BUSINESS LINES  
Docket: TC97-049

Dear Mr. Bullard:

Enclosed are original and ten copies of a Petition to Intervene in the above-entitled matter, which please file in your usual manner. Also enclosed is an extra cover sheet which please date stamp and return to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

With a copy of this letter, I am sending a copy of this petition to the service list.

Yours truly,

MAY, ADAM, GERDES & THOMPSON LLP



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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY ) DOCKET NO. 97-049  
U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS TO REFLECT )  
THE SECOND PHASE OF INCREASES TO THE )  
RESIDENTIAL AND BUSINESS LINES AS )  
AGREED TO IN DOCKET TC94-121 )

PETITION TO INTERVENE

Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:15.02, MCI Telecommunications Corporation ("MCI") by its undersigned counsel petitions the Commission as follows:

1. MCI is a certificated communications company under the jurisdiction of the Commission.

2. The Commission has opened a docket to review the application by U S WEST Communications, Inc., ("U S WEST"), to reflect the second phase of increases to residential and business lines pursuant to conditions for a rate increase stated in the Commission's order in Docket TC94-121. Such rate increases are subject to the provisions of the Federal Telecommunications Act. MCI plans in the near future to be a provider of local service in the state of South Dakota.

3. MCI has a direct interest in the outcome of this proceeding. As a long distance carrier of telecommunications services, and as a proposed entrant into the local service market, the proposed rate increase for U S WEST would have a direct impact on MCI and its ability to do business in South Dakota.

WHEREFORE MCI prays that the Commission permit its intervention and participation in this proceeding to examine and cross-examination witnesses and offer evidence on its own behalf.

Dated this 16th day of May, 1997.

MAY, ADAM, GERDES & THOMPSON LLP

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Robert K. Sahr of May, Adam, Gerdes & Thompson LLP hereby certifies that on the 16th day of May, 1997, he mailed by United States mail, first class postage thereon prepaid, a true and correct copy of the foregoing Petition to Intervene in the above-captioned action to the following at their last known addresses, to-wit:

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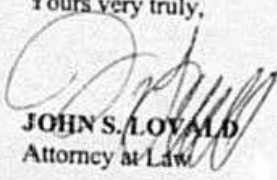
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Re: Docket TC97-049

Dear Mr. Bullard:

I enclose herewith an original and 10 copies of AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc.'s Petition to Intervene.

Yours very truly,

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION ) DOCKET TC97-049  
OF U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. )  
FOR SECOND PHASE INCREASE IN )  
BUSINESS AND RESIDENTIAL RATES )  
)

**AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MIDWEST, INC.'S  
PETITION TO INTERVENE**

AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. (AT&T), by and through its attorneys, requests pursuant to ARSD 20:0:01:15.02 that it be permitted to intervene and be granted status as a party in the above matter. In support of its petition to intervene, AT&T states as follows:

1. On April 30, 1997 U S West Communications, Inc. ("U S WEST") applied for the second phase increase in business and residential line rates reciting the Stipulation entered by Staff and U S WEST in TC94-121 as the authority for the requested increases.

2. AT&T is a telecommunications company certified by this Commission to do business in the State of South Dakota, including the provision of local exchange and interexchange service.

3. AT&T has a significant interest in participating in this docket in order to insure that the rights of AT&T and AT&T's customers are not negatively affected by changes in the rates charged by U S WEST for local exchange service.

WHEREFORE, AT&T respectfully requests that this Commission grant AT&T's petition to intervene and grant AT&T status as a party to this proceeding.



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DATED May 16, 1997

Respectfully submitted,

AT&T Communications of the Midwest,  
Inc.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have served a true and correct copy  
of AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MIDWEST, INC.'S PETITION TO  
INTERVENE upon the following:

SEE ATTACHED SERVICE LIST

by first class mail, postage prepaid, on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May,  
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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 )  
COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR REVISIONS TO )  
ITS EXCHANGE AND NETWORK SERVICES )  
TARIFF AND EXCHANGE AND NETWORK )  
SERVICES CATALOG )

**ORDER GRANTING  
INTERVENTION**

**TC97-049**

On April 30, 1997, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing by U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST) that reflects the second phase of increases to the residential and business lines as agreed to in Docket TC94-121. The changes requested in the application are as follows:

1. Increase the residential rate by \$2.10, with the exception of Rate Group I, which reached the price ceiling of \$19.35. The \$2.10 includes the \$ .60 agreed upon for the second portion of the Touchtone fold-in.
2. Increase the business lines and trunks by \$ .90 to reflect the second half of the Touchtone fold-in, to a price ceiling of \$38.40 for the one-party flat business. The monthly rate for the semi-public phones is also increased by \$ .90 to reflect the second portion of the Touchtone fold-in.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31, ARSD 20:10:01:15:02 and 20:10:01:15:05, and Commission's Order in TC94-121.

An intervention date of May 16, 1997, was established. Timely petitions to intervene have been received from MCI Telecommunications Corporation (MCI) and AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. (AT&T).

At its regularly scheduled meeting of June 3, 1997, the Commission found that the Petitions to Intervene were timely filed and demonstrated good cause to grant intervention. It is therefore

ORDERED that the Petitions to Intervene of MCI and AT&T are granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1997.

**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 William Kalke

Date 6/13/97

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg  
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson  
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Laska Schoenfelder  
LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE INVESTIGATION OF ) ORDER CONSOLIDATING  
U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. SERVICE ) DOCKETS  
QUALITY PERFORMANCE ) TC97-016

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST )  
COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR REVISIONS TO )  
ITS EXCHANGE AND NETWORK SERVICES ) **TC97-049**  
TARIFF AND EXCHANGE AND NETWORK )  
SERVICES CATALOG )

On February 20, 1997, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) opened TC97-016 to review U S WEST Communications, Inc.'s (U S WEST) service quality performance pursuant to the Commission's Order Approving Stipulation and Addendum in Docket TC94-121. In that docket, the Commission approved a rate increase for residential and business basic local exchange service. The Commission further decided that a proposed second increase may be implemented at the end of 18 months from the first increase depending on U S WEST's service quality performance.

On April 30, 1997, the Commission received a filing by U S WEST that reflects the second phase of increases. An intervention deadline of May 16, 1997, was established and MCI Telecommunications Corporation (MCI) and AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. (AT&T) each filed timely petitions to intervene. The Commission considered the petitions to intervene in docket TC97-049.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31.

Staff recommended that the Commission consolidate TC97-016 and TC97-049 because they are closely related and interdependent on each other. No parties objected to the consolidation.

On June 3, 1997, at a duly noticed meeting, the Commission decided to consolidate dockets TC97-016 and TC97-049. It is, therefore

ORDERED that dockets TC97-016 and TC97-049 shall be consolidated.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1997.

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