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DOCKET NO.

In the Matter of **IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR SOUTH DAKOTA NETWORK, INC.**

Public Utilities Commission of the State of South Dakota

DATE	MEMORANDA
6/3 97	Filed and Accepted;
6/5 97	T.C. Fax Filings;
6/19 97	Petition for Leave to Intervene by US West;
7/29 97	Order Granting Petition to Intervene; Order Assessing Filing Fee;
8/18 97	Protective Requirement;
11/12 97	Notice of Withdrawal of Intervention by US West;
11/13 97	Revised 1996 Cost Study;
11/19 97	Revised Rates of the SDN Tariff No. 1;
11/21 97	Memorandum to Commissioners Berg, Nelson and Lohsoepfelder;
12/1 97	Order Granting Withdrawal of Intervention;
1/12 98	Revised Rates of the SDN Tariff No. 1;
1/21 98	Order Approving Revenue Requirement and Tariff Revisions;
1/21 98	Docket Closed

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South Dakota
Network, Inc.

JAMES E. NIELSON
President, Board of Directors

2900 West 10th Street
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RICHARD K. SCOTT
General Manager, C.E.O.

May 30, 1997

Mr. William Bullard, Exec. Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
State of South Dakota
500 East Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

Dear Mr. Bullard,

Enclosed is a copy of our Intrastate Switched Access Cost Study pursuant to the rules established by the Commission. The following documentation, which is all considered Proprietary, is included:

- 1. A copy of the program disk.
- 2. (5) Paper copies of the PUC Summary Forms.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me.

Sincerely,
SOUTH DAKOTA NETWORK, INC.

James E. Nielson (by LEH)

James E. Nielson
President

cc: Rich Scott, SDN (with enclosures)
Brian Meyer, Meyer & Rogers
Doug Martin, Martin & Associates, Inc.

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
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**1996 Intrastate Cost Study
for
SOUTH DAKOTA NETWORK, INC.**

Prepared by:
Martin and Associates, Inc.
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Sincerely,
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Don Lee, Tariff Coordinator

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enclosure: Revised Tariff Pages
cc w/encl: Ben Dickens
Brian Meyer
Rich Coit
Rich Scott

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**SOUTH DAKOTA NETWORK, INC.
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES CLASSIFICATION FORM**

- 1) Requested Classification: Non-Competitive
 Emerging Competitive
 Fully Competitive
- 2) This service will be offered: Intrastate, IntraLATA
 Intrastate, InterLATA
 Interstate
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 lower revenue requirements.
- 4) Impact: There is no impact to the public.
- 5) Proposed Effective Date: July 1, 1997

SOUTH DAKOTA TARIFF NO. 1
ACCESS SERVICE

SDN, Inc.

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Title Page 1 and Pages 1 to 206 inclusive of this tariff are effective as of the date shown. Original and revised pages as named below contain all changes from the original tariff that are in effect on the date hereof.

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* Indicates revisions this issue

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Effective: July 1, 1997

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SDN, Inc.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE FILINGS

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

05/30/97 through 06/05/97

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
NONCOMPETITIVE TELECOMMUNICATIONS FILINGS			
TC97-059	In The Matter Of The Establishment Of Switched Access Rates For West River Cooperative Telephone Company. (Staff: HB/KC) West River Cooperative filed cost study revenue requirements that are included in the Local Exchange Carrier Association switched access rate filing (TC97-061).	05/30/97	06/20/97
TC97-060	In The Matter Of The Establishment Of Switched Access Rates For South Dakota Network, Inc. (Staff: HB/KC) South Dakota Network filed cost study revenue requirements and tariff sheet revisions for a rate reduction in Centralized Equal Access and switched transport. South Dakota Network is requesting an effective date of July 1, 1997.	06/02/97	06/20/97
TC97-061	In The Matter Of The Establishment Of Switched Access Rates For The Local Exchange Carrier Association. (Staff: HB/KC) The purpose of these revisions is to implement the changes in rates as necessitated by member companies' revenue requirements as set forth in Commission filings.	06/02/97	06/20/97
TC97-063	In The Matter Of The Establishment Of Switched Access Rates For Valley Telecommunications Coop. Assn. (Staff: TS/KC) Valley Telecommunications filed cost study revenue requirements that are included in the Local Exchange Carrier Association switched access rate filing (TC97-061).	06/04/97	06/20/97
TC97-064	In The Matter Of The Establishment Of Switched Access Rates For Midstate Telephone Company. (Staff: BK/KC) Midstate Telephone filed cost study revenue requirements that are included in the Local Exchange Carrier Association switched access rate filing (TC97-061).	06/04/97	06/20/97
TC97-065	In The Matter Of The Establishment Of Switched Access Rates For McCook Cooperative Telephone Company. (Staff: HB/KC) McCook Cooperative filed cost study revenue requirements that are included in the Local Exchange Carrier Association switched access rate filing (TC97-061).	06/04/97	06/20/97
TC97-066	Application by Brookings Telephone to revise the franchise service territory map to reflect the new service territory as a result of annexation. The annexations include property being claimed by Brookings Telephone and property not being claimed by Brookings Telephone which will be served by Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. (Staff: MB/TZ)	06/05/97	06/20/97

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR INTERCONNECTION WITH A RURAL TELEPHONE COMPANY

TC97-062	On or about June 1, 1997, Dakota Telecom, Inc., Dakota Telecommunications Systems, Inc., and Dakota Cooperative Telecommunications, Inc. (collectively Dakota) sent a bona fide request for interconnection services to Fort Randall Telephone Company. Pursuant to the requirements of The Telecommunications Act of 1996, a party making a bona fide request of a rural telephone company is required to notify the appropriate State commission. (Staff: HB/CH)	06/03/97	06/20/97
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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 Nelson at terry@prc.state.sd.us. Faxing the address to the Commission at 605-773-3809.

Re: Docket TC97-060

AT&T and FirsTel both requested a copy of this filing. I sent them a copy of the letter dated May 30, 1997, and two tariff sheets, with a notation that SDN's cost study was marked confidential. U S WEST also requested a copy of this filing and I told them to contact Martin & Associates.

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USWEST

William P. Heaston
Senior Attorney

VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

June 18, 1997

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

Mr. William Bullard, Jr.
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
State of South Dakota
500 East Capitol
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

Dear Mr. Bullard

Please find enclosed for filing an original and ten copies each of a Petition for Leave to Intervene in each of the following switched access rate dockets

TC97-059	West River Cooperative Telephone Company
TC97-060	South Dakota Network, Inc.
TC97-061	Local Exchange Carriers Association
TC97-063	Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Assn.
TC97-064	Midstate Telephone Company
TC97-065	McCook Cooperative Telephone Company

Please date stamp the extra copy of each filing enclosed and return in the enclosed self addressed stamped envelope. Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours truly,

William P. Heaston
William P. Heaston *mb*

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Enclosures

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT)
OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR)
SOUTH DAKOTA NETWORK, INC)

Docket No. TC97-060

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
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PETITION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE

Pursuant to SDCL 1-26-17.1 and ARSD 20.10.01.15.02, U S WEST Communications, Inc. ("USWC") petitions to intervene in this docket. This petition is based on the following consideration:

1. USWC believes that it is in its best interest to intervene in this case so as to be able to formally express its concerns relating to establishing switched access rates.

2. USWC is the largest purchaser of switched access from local exchange carriers. Pursuant to SDCL 1-26-17.1, U S WEST believes its intervention should be granted because of the pecuniary interests involved.

Accordingly, USWC respectfully requests that this petition be granted.

DATED this 18th day of June, 1997.

Respectfully submitted,

U S WEST Communications, Inc.

By



William P. Heaston
1801 California Street, Suite 5100
Denver, Colorado 80202
Telephone: (303) 672-2810
Facsimile: (303) 295-7049

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that on this 15th day of June, 1997, an original and ten (10) copies of the foregoing PETITION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE of U S WEST Communications, Inc. was sent United States First Class Mail, postage prepaid, to the following:

Mr. William Bullard, Jr.
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
State of South Dakota
500 East Capitol
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

and a true and correct copy was deposited into the United States Mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the following:

Mr. James E. Nielson, President
South Dakota Network, Inc
2900 West 10th Street
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

U S WEST Communications, Inc.

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT)
OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR SOUTH) ORDER GRANTING
DAKOTA NETWORK, INC.) PETITION TO INTERVENE;
) ORDER ASSESSING FILING
) FEE
) TC97-060

On June 2, 1997, South Dakota Network, Inc. (SDN) filed for approval by the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) its 1996 Intrastate Switched Access Cost Study.

On June 5, 1997, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 20, 1997, to interested individuals and entities. On June 19, 1997, the Commission received a Petition for Leave to Intervene from U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST). U S WEST stated that it is the largest purchaser of switched access from local exchange carriers and it believes that intervention should be granted due to the pecuniary interests involved.

SDCL 49-31-12.6 authorizes the Commission to require a deposit of up to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) in the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission's (SDPUC) regulatory assessment fee fund to defray Commission expenses incident to analyzing and ruling upon this type of filing.

On July 15, 1997, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 1-26-17.1, 49-1A-9, 49-31-12.6, 49-31-18, 49-31-19 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.02, 20:10:01:15.05, 20:10:27:07 and 20:10:27:14.

The Commission found that U S WEST's Petition to Intervene was timely filed and demonstrates good cause to grant intervention. The Commission further finds that pursuant to SDCL 49-31-12.6, SDN shall be assessed \$1,000 initially, subject to additional amounts as requested by the Executive Director up to the statutory limit. It is therefore

ORDERED that U S WEST's Petition to Intervene is granted, and it is further

ORDERED that SDN deposit an initial assessment of \$1,000 in the SDPUC regulatory fee fund and shall deposit any additional amounts as requested by the Executive Director.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 29th day of July, 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	<u>William Kelso</u>
Date	<u>7/29/97</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairmap

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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Mr. William Bullard, Jr.
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
State of South Dakota
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

**Re: In the Matter of the Establishment of Switched Access Rates for
South Dakota Network, Inc.
Docket No. TC97-060**

Dear Mr. Bullard:

Enclosed is an original and ten copies of a Protective Agreement executed by
U S WEST Communications, Inc. and South Dakota network, Inc.

Please file stamp an extra copy, enclosed, and return to me in the enclosed self-
addressed stamped envelope. Thank you.

Yours truly,

William P. Heaston
William P. Heaston *by MAB*

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF
SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR
SOUTH DAKOTA NETWORK, INC.

Docket No. TC97-060
PROTECTIVE AGREEMENT

SOUTH DAKOTA NETWORK, INC. (SDN) hereby states and agrees that it will, under the terms of the following Protective Agreement, allow inspection and review of certain data and information claimed by SDN to be of a confidential nature to the signatories of this Agreement. The information sought to be reviewed is the switched access cost study prepared for this docket, including supporting documentation sufficient to review the study.

Accordingly, IT IS AGREED:

1. All information and other matters furnished pursuant to the terms of the Agreement shall be treated by all persons afforded access thereto as constituting proprietary and confidential and privileged commercial and financial information (hereinafter referred to as "Confidential Information"), and shall neither be used nor disclosed except for the purposes stated herein and solely in accordance with this Agreement.
2. Access to any specific Confidential Information is authorized solely to those persons indicated by the parties as being their attorneys or agents in this matter, and is authorized solely for the purposes of providing information sufficient to cross-examine SDN witnesses, present rebuttal testimony, and oral and written argument on appeal, if

any, in this case concerning the switched access cost study relating to Docket No. TC97-060. The information will be provided in a sealed, stamped envelope (or other appropriate receptacle) and will be handled and protected as described hereafter.

3. Prior to making the Confidential Information available as contemplated in Paragraph 2 above, the signatories to this Agreement shall deliver a copy of this Agreement to any person seeking review of such information, and prior to disclosure, the person seeking review of such information shall execute a copy of the written agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A, which binds said person to the terms of this Agreement. Only those persons who have executed the attached Exhibit A may have access to such Confidential Information. Upon execution of Exhibit A, the originals shall be furnished to Brian B. Meyer, of Meyer & Rogers, P. O. Box 89, Onida, South Dakota, 57564, SDN's counsel.

4. All persons afforded access to any Confidential Information by reason of this Agreement shall neither use nor disclose the Confidential Information for the purposes of business or competition or any purpose other than the purposes as contemplated herein, and shall keep the Confidential Information secure in accordance with the purposes and intent of this Agreement.

5. Violation of this Agreement by any person bound by this Agreement, by reason of unauthorized use or disclosure or unreasonable failure to keep secure the Confidential Information from any person not bound by the Agreement, shall be cause for liability for damages and penalties as generally provided by law.

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6. The individual signing this Agreement on behalf of the parties acknowledges that said person has authority to bind the parties to this Agreement, and also agrees to be bound individually by the terms of this Agreement.

7. To the extent that reference is made to any Confidential Information by counsel or any person afforded thereto during any hearing in this docket, any public reference to such Confidential Information shall either be solely by title or its exhibit reference, or in such a manner as to not unnecessarily disclose the Confidential Information. "Public reference" means a reference that will not be placed in a sealed portion of the record. That part of the record of this proceeding containing Confidential Information, including all exhibits, writings, direct testimony, cross-examination, argument, responses to discovery procedures, and the like, shall be sealed for all purposes, except as may be further ordered by the Commission.

8. Signatories to this Agreement reserve the right to question or challenge any claim of SDN as to whether Confidential Information contains proprietary information or trade secrets.

9. Upon completion of this proceeding, including any judicial review, each copy of Confidential Information, calculations, data, documents, analyses, or other documentation containing any Confidential Information made available under the terms of this Agreement shall be destroyed or returned to SDN.

10. Upon completion of this proceeding, including any judicial review, the signatories shall confirm and certify, by letter from the signatory or its attorney, to SDN that all copies of Confidential Information and all notes, records (hard copy, magnetic, electronic, or otherwise), calculations, data, documents, or analyses (handwritten, computer-based, or otherwise), containing any Confidential Information, have been destroyed or have been returned to SDN.

SOUTH DAKOTA NETWORK, INC.:

By *[Signature]*
PRESIDENT

Date: 7/8/97

_____:

By *[Signature]*
USWEST COMMUNICATION

Date: 7/14/97

EXHIBIT A

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

DOCKET NUMBER TC97-060

I, _____, have been presented with a copy
of the **Protective Agreement** in Docket Number TC97-060 on this _____
day of _____, 1997.

I have requested review of the Confidential Information produced by
South Dakota Network, Inc., in Docket Number TC97-060 on behalf of _____

I hereby certify that I have read the above-mentioned **Protective Agree-
ment** and agree to abide by its terms and conditions.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 1997.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that an original and ten copies of a Protective Agreement executed by U S WEST Communications, Inc.'s and South Dakota Network, was sent via overnight delivery on the 15th day of August, 1997, to the following:

William Bullard, Jr.
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
State of South Dakota
500 East Capitol Avenue
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In addition, a true and correct copy was deposited into the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the following:

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Thomas J. Welk, Esq.
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November 11, 1997

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Re: Docket Nos. TC97-059, **TC97-060**, TC97-061, TC97-063,
TC97-064, TC97-065, TC97-118

Dear Mr. Bullard:

U S WEST Communications, Inc. hereby files an original and nine (9) copies of its Notice of Withdrawal of Intervention in each of the above dockets.

Please date stamp the additional copy enclosed and return in the self-addressed stamped envelope enclosed. Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours truly,

William P. Heaston
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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT)
OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR) DOCKET NO. TC97-060
SOUTH DAKOTA NETWORK, INC.)

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF INTERVENTION
BY U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

U S WEST Communications, Inc. ("U S WEST"), through the undersigned counsel,
submits notice of its withdrawal of intervention in this docket. U S WEST is withdrawing its
intervention after a satisfactory review of the Intrastate Access Separations Study filed by South
Dakota Network, Inc. with the Commission in this docket.

DATED this 10th day of November, 1997.

Respectfully submitted,

U S WEST Communications, Inc.

By: 

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that on this 11th day of November, 1997 an original and ten (10) copies of the foregoing NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF INTERVENTION BY U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC was sent United States First Class Mail, postage prepaid, to the following

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SOUTH DAKOTA NETWORK, INC.
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES CLASSIFICATION FORM

- 814325115
- 1) Requested Classification: Non-Competitive
 Emerging Competitive
 Fully Competitive

 - 2) This service will be offered: Intrastate, IntraLATA
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Issued: November 20, 1997

Effective: Upon Commission Approval

By: Darrell Henderson
President
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MEMORANDUM TO COMMISSIONERS BURG, NELSON AND SCHOENFELDER

FROM Harlan Best, Bob Knadle and Tammi Stangoehr

RE South Dakota Network, TC97-060

DATE November 21, 1997

South Dakota Network (SDN) filed an Intrastate Switched Access Cost Study pursuant to the administrative rules on June 2, 1997, based on the twelve months ended December 31, 1996. The cost study submitted by SDN developed a Local Switching rate element of \$0.0088, down from \$0.0100, and a Common Transport rate element of \$0.0089, down from \$0.0114. SDN filed tariff sheets implementing the rate decrease with an effective date of July 1, 1997.

On June 5, 1997, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 20, 1997, to interested individuals and entities. On June 19, 1997, the Commission received a Petition to Intervene from U S WEST Communications (USWC). Intervention was granted to USWC on July 29, 1997. USWC withdrew its intervention on November 12, 1997.

On July 29, 1997, the Commission ordered SDN to deposit an initial assessment of \$1,000 in the SDPUC regulatory fee fund and to deposit any additional amounts as required by the Executive Director. (Sue Cichos should be contacted with any questions regarding the assessments.)

In response to Staff's initial request for data, SDN submitted financial information and supporting data for the cost study on June 19, 1997. On September 24, 1997, the above staff members conducted an on-site investigation of SDN. Staff reviewed auditor reports for 1995 and 1996, board of director minutes for 1996 and 1997, supporting documentation for adjustments proposed by SDN to be included in the cost study, long term debt, the 1996 general ledger, the allocation methodology used for allocating costs between SDN and Express Communications, depreciation rates, minutes of use, traffic factor support, and further additional data was supplied by SDN.

Staff has reviewed SDN's cost study filing and all of the data responses and recommends that the organizational and start-up costs be removed from the SDN cost study. SDN was organized in late 1991 and early 1992. The organizational and start-up costs were amortized over a 5 year period starting in April 1992. SDN included the amortization costs in the cost study that was submitted. Staff removed from the cost study the amortization amounts associated with the final year of the write-off because it is a known and measurable change.

SDN has agreed to this treatment and submitted a revised cost study on November 13, 1997. The Local Switching rate element of \$0.0088 has been further reduced to \$0.0084 and the Common Transport rate element of \$0.0089 has been further reduced to \$0.0082. Staff would recommend approval of the revised cost study that was submitted on November 13, 1997.

Respectively submitted Harlan Best Bob Knadle Tammi Stangoehr

Harlan Best *Bob Knadle* *Tammi Stangoehr*

cc Darrell Henderson, President SDN
Larry Hettinger, SDN

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT) OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR SOUTH) DAKOTA NETWORK, INC.)))))	ORDER GRANTING WITHDRAWAL OF INTERVENTION TC97-060
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On June 2, 1997, South Dakota Network, Inc. (SDN) filed for approval by the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) its 1996 Intrastate Switched Access Cost Study.

On June 5, 1997, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 20, 1997, to interested individuals and entities. On June 19, 1997, the Commission received a Petition for Leave to Intervene from U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST). U S WEST was granted intervention by order dated July 29, 1997. On November 12, 1997, the Commission received a Notice of Withdrawal of Intervention by U S WEST.

On November 18, 1997, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered U S WEST's Notice of Withdrawal of Intervention. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 1-26-17.1, 49-31-18, 49-31-19, and ARSD 20.10.01.02.04, 20.10.01.15.02, and 20.10.01.15.05.

The Commission found that U S WEST's Notice of Withdrawal of Intervention should be granted. It is therefore

ORDERED that U S WEST's Notice of Withdrawal of Intervention is granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 1st day of December, 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 <u><i>William K. Kado</i></u>
Date <u><i>12/3/97</i></u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

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PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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Memo

To: IACs Serving South Dakota Network, Inc.
From: Don Lee, Tariff Coordinator *Don Lee*
Date: January 9, 1998
Subject: SDN Intrastate Tariff No. 1

Following are the revised rates of South Dakota Network, Inc. (SDN) which were filed with the PUC on January 8, 1998. The new rates are effective for usage beginning on January 8, 1998.

The rates are as follow:

Centralized Equal Access Service, Rate Per Access Minute	\$.0084
Switched Transport, Rate Per Access Minute	\$.0082

Please call Larry Hettinger at 605-995-2574 or me at 605-995-2573 if you have any questions.

DIL/srd

cc: William Bullard - PUC
Brian Meyer
Rich Coit - SDITC

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ACCESS SERVICE

SDN, Inc.

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CHECK SHEET

Title Page 1 and Pages 1 to 206 inclusive of this tariff are effective as of the date shown. Original and revised pages as named below contain all changes from the original tariff that are in effect on the date hereof.

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1	6th Revised*
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96	1st Revised
119	1st Revised
120	1st Revised
166	4th Revised*
169	2nd Revised
170	1st Revised
171	1st Revised
172	1st Revised

* Indicates revisions this issue

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ACCESS SERVICE

SDN, Inc.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.8 Rates and Charges

		<u>Rate</u> <u>Per Access Minute</u>	
6.8.1	<u>Centralized Equal Access Service</u>	\$0.0084	(R)
		<u>Rate</u> <u>Per Call Blocked</u>	
6.8.2	<u>Network Blocking</u>	\$0.0271	
		<u>Rate</u> <u>Per Access Minute</u>	
6.8.3	<u>Switched Transport</u>	\$0.0082	(R)
		<u>Rate</u> <u>Per Order</u>	
6.8.4	<u>Interim NXX Translation</u>	\$181.00	

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT)
OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR SOUTH) ORDER APPROVING
DAKOTA NETWORK, INC.) REVENUE REQUIREMENT
) AND TARIFF REVISIONS
) TC97-060

On June 2, 1997, South Dakota Network, Inc. (SDN) filed for approval by the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) its 1996 Intrastate Switched Access Cost Study and tariff revisions effective July 1, 1997. On November 13, 1997, SDN filed its revised Cost Study.

On June 5, 1997, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 20, 1997, to interested individuals and entities. On June 19, 1997, the Commission received a Petition for Leave to Intervene from U S WEST Communications, Inc (U S WEST). The Commission granted U S WEST's Petition to Intervene. The Commission also voted to assess a \$1,000 filing fee. On November 18, 1997, the Commission granted U S WEST's motion for withdrawal from this docket. The Commission considered this matter at its January 8, 1998, meeting. Commission Staff recommended approval of the revised revenue requirement and associated tariff sheets.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 1-26-17.1, 49-1A-9, 49-31-12.4, 49-31-12.6, 49-31-18, 49-31-19 and ARSD 20.10.01.15.02, 20.10.01.15.05, 20.10.27.07 and 20.10.27.08. Upon review of SDN's filings, the Commission found that the revised revenue requirement was fair and reasonable and the associated tariff sheets should be approved. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED that SDN's revised revenue requirement and associated tariff sheets are hereby approved and shall be effective for telecommunications services rendered on and after January 8, 1998.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 21st 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 Alaina Kiebo

Date 1/23/98

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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