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

Dear Mr. Bullard:

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

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This filing introduces Uniform Access Solution Service. Additional information regarding this filing is included on the attached sheet. U S WEST proposes an effective date of October 15, 1997. If you have any questions, please call me on 605-335-4596.

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

Sincerely,



Colleen E. Sebold  
Manager-Regulatory Affairs

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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: Uniform Access Solution provides customers a digital connection from their PBX or Call Distribution System to the Public Switched Network. Uniform Access Solution is purchased as an alternative to PBX trunks or DSS. Uniform Access Solution is composed of two elements: 1) the DS1 facility transmitting at 1.544 kilobits per second from the customer's CPE to the USWC central office and 2) a network connection. The network connection is an advanced "trunk" side arrangement with DID functionality that requires only one DID number to process calls for all channels.
- 4) Reason for Change: Uniform Access Solution offers an alternative to Digital Switched Service utilizing DID per trunk arrangements when only one number is required for switching of local exchange and toll network calls.
- 5) Basis for Rates: Rates are above cost.
- 6) Quantification of Customer Impact: Affects only customers ordering the service.
- 7) Proposed Effective Date: October 15, 1997

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15.3 UNIFORM ACCESS SOLUTION SERVICE

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A. Description

Uniform Access Solution (UAS) Service provides an arrangement that allows channels to function with one number per channel group. UAS includes a DS1 facility with common equipment and a network connection which provides switching for local exchange and toll network access. Each DS1 facility utilizes 1 through 24 channels configured with trunk-side termination and one number functionality.

B. Definitions

Channel Group

Denotes a set of channels that are traffic engineered as a unit for the establishment of connections between switching systems in which all of the communications paths are identical.

DS1 Facility and Common Equipment

The DS1 facility, transmits at a rate of 1.544 Mbit/s, and includes common equipment necessary to interface each of the channels into the CO switch. The DS1 signal provided to the customer's premises will have a loss not greater than 16.5 dB.

Network Connection

The network connection provides switching to the local exchange and toll networks, and includes the channel trunk-side configuration for the entire DS1 facility.

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C. Terms and Conditions

1. The type of DS1 facility installed will be determined by the Company. A fiber optic facility will be engineered if requested by the customer.
2. The minimum service period for UAS is one month.
3. The following services will not be provided with UAS:
  - PBX trunks specified in 5.3
  - Feature groups A, B, C or D
  - Other private line/access services and facilities unless specified herein
  - Basic exchange enhancement
  - Joint User Service
  - *SWITCHNET 56* Service
4. Temporary suspension of service is not available.
5. Loop Diversity and Avoidance, defined elsewhere, is available.
  - a. Customers subscribing to Loop Diversity must also subscribe to additional UAS Service for the secondary route.
  - b. Customer subscribing to Avoidance must pay DS1 transport channel rates between the local serving office and the alternate serving office.



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C. Terms and Conditions (Cont'd)

6. UAS Service may be provided on a Foreign Central Office basis.
7. UAS Service is not available for use by Commercial Mobile Radio Carriers and Private Mobile Radio Carriers in the provision of service to their customers, and Interexchange Carriers in the provision of access service to their customers. Other digital services are offered by the Company for interconnection specifically for these carriers.
8. UAS Service may be provisioned on an existing DS3 facility.
9. UAS Service Rate Stability Plan:
  - a. The UAS Service Rate Stability Plan is an optional payment arrangement, offered under contract between the Company and the customer, which allows customers to pay a guaranteed fixed monthly rate for UAS Service over a 3- to 10-year period. The Rate Stability Plan is subject to the terms of the Termination Liability/Waiver Policy set forth in 2.2.14.
  - b. If Waiver Policy conditions are met as specified in 2.2.14, termination charges will not apply if UAS Service is moved to an existing DS3 facility.

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##### D. Rates and Charges

UAS Service will be provided at the following rates and charges. The following nonrecurring charge applies to add or change UAS Service.

	USOC	NONRECURRING CHARGE	MONTHLY RATE
* One DS1 facility with common equipment, per facility			
- Month to Month	D1OXM	\$1,100.00	\$ 150.00
- Rate Stability Plan			
- 3 years	D1OX3	1,100.00	126.90
- 5 years	D1OX5	1,100.00	109.98
- 7 years	D1OX7	1,100.00	108.57
- 10 years	D1OXJ	1,100.00	105.75
* One DS1 facility with common equipment provisioned on DS3 Service, per each DS1 facility activated[1]	D3O	1,100.00	-
* Network Connection, per DS1 facility	NWO	1,200.00	1,100.00

[1] Also requires a DS3 facility and multiplexing specified elsewhere.

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## TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE FILINGS

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

09/12/97 through 09/18/97

If you need a complete copy of a filing faxed, overnight expressed, or mailed to you, please contact Delaine Koibo within five days of this filing.

DOCKET NUMBER	TITLE/STAFF/SYNOPSIS	DATE FILED	INTERVENTION DEADLINE
<b>REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY</b>			
TC97-156	Application by Discount Call Rating, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to operate as a telecommunications company within the state of South Dakota. (Staff: TS/KC) "The Applicant will offer outbound and inbound telecommunications services, directory assistance service, and calling card service. Applicant does not and will not offer alternative operator services."	09/15/97	10/03/97
TC96-054	Application by McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. to amend its Certificate of Authority to operate as a telecommunications company within the state of South Dakota. (Staff: TS/KC) "McLeodUSA currently offers local, long distance interexchange, MTS, WATS, virtual private network services, and private line telecommunications services via resale in South Dakota in several U S WEST exchanges. By this Application, McLeodUSA seeks authority to provide these same services on a facilities basis in all U S WEST Communications, Inc. exchanges in South Dakota, intrastate interexchange throughout South Dakota, and prepaid calling card services throughout South Dakota."	09/15/97	10/03/97
TC97-158	Application by United Services Telephone, LLC for a Certificate of Authority to operate as a telecommunications company within the state of South Dakota. (Staff: TS/KC) "UST proposes to offer outbound message telecommunications service and inbound toll-free (800/888) services to its customers through switched and dedicated access facilities provided by its underlying carriers. Applicant proposes to offer South Dakota intrastate long distance services in conjunction with interstate services."	09/16/97	10/03/97
<b>NONCOMPETITIVE TELECOMMUNICATIONS FILING</b>			
TC97-157	U S WEST Communications filed to introduce Uniform Access Solution Service in its Exchange and Network Services Tariff. "Uniform Access Solution provides customers a digital connection from their PBX or Call Distribution System to the Public Switched Network...Uniform Access Solution offers an alternative to Digital Switched Service utilizing DID per trunk arrangements when only one number is required for switching of local exchange and toll network calls. U S WEST proposes an effective date of October 15, 1997." (Staff: DJ/CH)	09/16/97	10/03/97

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 Neerum at [terry@pu.state.sd.us](mailto:terry@pu.state.sd.us). Faxing the address to the Commission at: 605-773-3809.

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC  
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Mr. Dave Jacobson  
Public Utilities Commission  
State Capitol Building  
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

Dear Dave:

Re: Docket TC97-157

U S WEST Communications requests the following page of our Exchange and Network Services Tariff to be added to the above listed docket:

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This page needs to be included to remove the language regarding the cancelled pages. No other changes have been made.

If you have any questions, please call me on 605-335-4596.

Sincerely,



Colleen E. Sevold  
Manager-Regulatory Affairs

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15. MISCELLANEOUS SWITCHED DIGITAL SERVICE OFFERINGS

15.2 SWITCHNET 56 SERVICE

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At the end of the fixed-service period, the customer may negotiate a new fixed-period service agreement, convert to month-to-month service or may terminate service. The monthly rates will be those rates in effect at the time the new service period begins. Should the customer not make a choice by the end of a fixed-service agreement, service rates will automatically revert to those in effect for the month-to-month option. If service is continued under any of the pricing plans, including non-stabilized month-to-month, nonrecurring charges will not apply.

If a rate decrease occurs during a customer's fixed-service period, the reduced rates will automatically be applied to the remaining term of the service agreement in effect at that time.

The Termination Liability/Waiver Policy, set forth in 2.2.14.B., applies.

3. Rates and Charges

SWITCHNET 56 Service has three rate elements; a nonrecurring charge, a monthly rate and usage charge that applies for all minutes of local use. Other intraLATA usage is based on voice usage rates.

	USOC	NONRECURRING CHARGE	MONTHLY RATE
• SWITCHNET 56 Service			
- Month-to-Month	SM6	\$460.00	\$52.80
- 1 Year Contract	SZ1	460.00	47.50
- 3 Year Contract	SZ3	460.00	42.75
- 5 Year Contract	SZ5	460.00	37.50
			CHARGE
• Usage per minute			\$0.02

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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 )	ORDER APPROVING REVISIONS TO TARIFF  TC97-157
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On September 16, 1997, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing by U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST) regarding revisions to its exchange and network services tariff. The filing introduces Uniform Access Solution Service. Uniform Access Solution provides customers a digital connection from their PBX or Call Distribution System to the public switched network; it offers an alternative to digital switched service utilizing DID per trunk arrangements when only one number is required for switching of local exchange and toll network calls.

The following tariff sheets were filed with regard to the Exchange and Network Services Tariff.

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On September 18, 1997, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of October 3, 1997, to interested individuals and entities.

At its duly noticed meeting on November 18, 1997, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the above-listed revisions to U S WEST's Exchange and Network Services Tariff.

The Commission finds that the rates, terms, and conditions contained in the uniform access solution service tariff are fair and reasonable.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves U S WEST's revisions to its Exchange and Network Services Tariff as described above.

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Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 10<sup>th</sup> 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 Melvin Kedo

Date 12/3/97

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg  
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson  
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Laska Schoenfelder  
LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner