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

SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
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Dear Mr. Bullard:

US WEST Communications has attached for filing with the Commission the following revised pages from our Access Service Tariff.

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Also enclosed, for Commission information only, are the following revised pages from our Private Line Services Catalog.

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These revisions will be effective May 22, 1998.

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: Cancellation charges apply when a customer cancels an order for installation prior to notification by U S WEST that the service is available for the customer's use. If a customer cancels an order, cancellation charges will be assessed based on a percentage of how far service provisioning has progressed. The percentages apply to the total non-recurring charges associated with the order and are tracked by critical date: that are followed in service provisioning. They reflect the amount of cost that U S WEST has incurred at various stages of provisioning a service. The cancellation date is the date U S WEST receives written or verbal notice from a customer that an order is to be canceled.

- 4) Reason for Change: To apply cancellation charges that reflect the amount of cost that U S WEST has incurred at various stages of provisioning a service.

- 5) Basis for Rates: To recover costs incurred in provisioning the order.

- 6) Quantification of Customer Impact: Affects only customers canceling their orders.

- 7) Proposed Effective Date: May 22, 1998

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1.6 EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS

ac	- Alternating current	
AML	- Actual Measured Loss	
ANI	- Automatic Number Identification	
APP	- Application Date	(N)
AT&T	- American Telephone and Telegraph Company	
BD	- Business Day	
B8ZS	- Bipolar with Eight Zero Substitution	
BHMC	- Busy Hour Minutes of Capacity	
CAROT	- Centralized Automatic Reporting on Trunks	
CCSAC	- Common Channel Signaling Access Capability	
CCSN	- Common Channel Signaling Network	
CBC	- Cellular Exchange Carrier	
CI	- Channel Interface	
CIC	- Carrier Identification Code	
CO	- Central Office	
COCTX	- Central Office Centrex	
Cont'd	- Continued	
CPE	- Customer Provided Equipment	
Ctx	- Centrex	
DA	- Directory Assistance	
dB	- Decibel	
dBmC	- Decibel Reference Noise C-Message Weighting	
dBmC0	- Decibel Reference Noise C-Message Weighted 0	
dBv	- Decibel(s) relative to 1 volt (reference)	
dBvL	- Decibel(s) relating to 1 volt (reference)	
dc	- Direct current	
DD	- Service Date	(N)
DLRD	- Design Layout Report Date	(N)
DTI	- Direct-Trunked Transport	
EDD	- Envelope Delay Distortion	
EF	- Entrance Facility	
EI	- Expanded Interconnection	
EICT	- Expanded Interconnection Channel Termination	
ELEPL	- Equal Level Echo Path Loss	
EML	- Expected Measured Loss	
EPL	- Echo Path Loss	
ERL	- Echo Return Loss	
ESS	- Electronic Switching System	
ESSX	- Electronic Switching System Exchange	
f	- Frequency	
F.C.C.	- Federal Communications Commission	
FID	- Field Identifier	
FX	- Foreign Exchange	

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1.6 EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS (Cont'd)

HC	- High Capacity	
Hz	- Hertz	
IAM	- Initial Address Message	
IC	- Interexchange Carrier	
ICB	- Individual Case Basis	
ICL	- Inserted Connection Loss	
kbps	- Kilobits per second	
kHz	- Kilohertz	
LATA	- Local Access and Transport Area	
LIDB	- Line Information Data Base	
Ma	- Milliamperes	
Mbps	- Megabits per second	
MHz	- Megahertz	
MOU	- Minutes of Use	
MRC	- Monthly Recurring Charge	
MTS	- Message Telecommunications Service(s)	
MTSO	- Mobile Telephone Switching Office	
NPA	- Numbering Plan Area	(D)
NRC	- Nonrecurring Charge	
NTS	- Non-Traffic Sensitive	
NXX	- Three-Digit Central Office Code	
OTPL	- Zero Transmission Level Point	
PAL	- Public Access Line	
PBX	- Private Branch Exchange	
PCM	- Pulse Code Modulation	
PI	- Priority Installation	(D)
POT	- Point of Termination	
POTS	- Plain Old Telephone Service	
PSP	- Payphone Service Provider	
PR	- Priority Restoration	
PTD	- Plant Test Date	(N)
RCC	- Radio Common Carrier	
rms	- Root-mean-square	
RSM	- Remote Switching Modules	
RSS	- Remote Switching Systems	

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1.6 EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS (Cont'd)

SCD	- Selective Carrier Denial	
SPOI	- Signaling Point of Interface	
SRL	- Singing Return Loss	
SSN	- Switched Service Network	
STP	- Signal Transfer Point	
SWC	- Serving Wire Center	
TES	- Telephone Exchange Service(s)	
TLP	- Transmission Level Point	
TSP	- Telecommunications Service Priority	
TSPS	- Traffic Service Position System	
TST	- Tandem Switched Transport	
USOC	- Uniform Service Order Code	(D)
VG	- Voice Grade	
V & H	- Vertical & Horizontal	(D)
WATS	- Wide Area Telecommunications Service(s)	(D)

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5. ORDERING OPTIONS FOR ACCESS SERVICES

5.2 ACCESS ORDER (Cont'd)

5.2.3 CANCELLATION OF AN ACCESS ORDER

A. A customer may cancel an Access Order for the installation of service at any time prior to notification by the Company that service is available for the customer's use. The cancellation date is the date the Company receives written or verbal notice from the customer that the order is to be canceled. The verbal notice must be followed by written confirmation within 10 days. If a customer or a customer's end user is unable to accept Access Service within 120 calendar days after the original service date, the customer has the choice of the following options:

- The Access Order shall be canceled and charges as set forth in D. and E., following will apply, or (T)
- Billing for the service will commence.

In such instances, the cancellation date or the date billing is to commence (depending on which option is selected by the customer), shall be the 121st day beyond the original service date of the Access Order.

B. Service Date Intervals are associated with the provisioning of an Access Order whether standard or negotiated as set forth in 5.2.1, preceding. Certain Critical Dates, as set forth in E., following, are used by the Company to monitor the service order provisioning progress. The Company includes these scheduled Critical Dates in the firm order confirmation associated with each Access Order provided to the customer. Cancellation charges are based on the estimated costs incurred by the Company at the time the order is canceled. The Company monitors which Critical Date was last scheduled and what percentage of the Company's provisioning costs have been incurred as of that Critical Date. A Cancellation Charge will not apply if the scheduled Critical Dates have not been provided to the customer.

Costs incurred in conjunction with the provision of Switched Access Service start on the Application Date defined in C., following. When a customer cancels an Access Order prior to the Application Date, no charges shall apply. When a customer cancels an Access Order or part of an Access Order, on or after the Application Date, a charge equal to the estimated costs incurred by the Company shall apply as set forth in D. and E., following.

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5.2.3 CANCELLATION OF AN ACCESS ORDER (Cont'd)

- C. The Critical Dates monitored by the Company for the purpose of calculating a Cancellation Charge are as follows:
1. Application Date (APP): The date the customer provides a firm commitment and sufficient information as detailed in 5.1.1, preceding, to the Company for entry into the Company's order distribution system. This is sometimes referred to as the order date. (M)
 2. Design Layout Report Date (DLRD): The date the Design Layout Report which contains the design for the service(s) ordered is forwarded to the customer. (T)
 3. Plant Test Date (PTD): The date acceptance testing is performed with the customer. (T)
 4. Service Date (DD): The date the service is due to be made available to the customer. This is sometimes referred to as the Due Date. (C)

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5.2 ACCESS ORDER

5.2.3 CANCELLATION OF AN ACCESS ORDER (Cont'd)

- D. The percentage of the total provisioning cost incurred by the Company at a particular Critical Date varies by the type of service as shown in E., following.

(D)
(T)
(T)

When a customer cancels an Access Order, or part of an Access Order, before the Service Date, the Company will calculate the Cancellation Charge by multiplying all the nonrecurring charges associated with the Access Order, or that part of the Access Order being canceled, by the percentage shown in E., following, based on the last monitored Critical Date which has occurred on the Access Order. When a customer cancels an Access Order or part of an Access Order on the Service Date, 100% of the nonrecurring charges plus minimum period charges apply.

(T-M)

Nonrecurring charges associated with an Access Order are used to calculate and bill the Cancellation Charge to the customer even when nonrecurring charges are waived.

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5.2.3 CANCELLATION OF AN ACCESS ORDER (Cont'd)

E. The Critical Dates monitored by the Company are as follows:

(M)
(N)

APP %	DLRD %	PTD %	DD %
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(C)

1. Switched Access Service

• Lineside Access[1]	21	56	71	[2]
• Trunkside Access[1]	15	65	73	[2]
• VG (EF and DTT)	13	44	77	[2]
• DS1 (EF and DTT)	10	48	81	[2]
• DS3 (EF and DTT)	10	48	81	[2]

(C)

F. When a customer cancels an order for the discontinuance of service, no charges apply for the cancellation.

(T)

G. If the Company misses a service date by more than 120 days due to circumstances over which it has direct control (excluding, e.g., acts of God, governmental requirements, work stoppages and civil commotions), the customer may cancel an Access Order without incurring cancellation charges.

(T)

[1] Excludes DS1 or DS3 EF and DS1 or DS3 DTT facilities.

(N)

[2] Minimum period charges and 100% of the nonrecurring charges apply.

(C)

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4. ORDER MODIFICATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES

4.1 GENERAL (Cont'd)

4.1.3 CANCELLATION OF APPLICATION FOR SERVICE

- A. A customer may cancel an order for the installation of service at any time prior to notification by the Company that service is available for the customer's use. The cancellation date is the date the Company receives written or verbal notice from the customer that the order is to be canceled. The verbal notice must be followed by written confirmation within ten (10) days. If a customer or a customer's end user is unable to accept service within 120 calendar days after the original service date, the customer has the choice of the following options:

- The order shall be canceled and charges as set forth in B., following, will apply, or
- Billing for the service will commence.

In such instances, the cancellation date or the date billing is to commence (depending on which option is selected by the customer), shall be the 121st day beyond the original service date of the order.

- B. Certain Critical Dates as specified in C., following, are used by the Company to monitor the service order provisioning process. Cancellation charges are based on the estimated costs incurred by the Company at the time the order is canceled. The Company monitors which Critical Date was last scheduled and determines what percentage of the Company's provisioning costs have been incurred as of that Critical Date. A list of Critical Dates and the number of days between each date is found in the Service Interval Guide.

Costs incurred in conjunction with the provision of Private Line Transport Service start on the Application Date as defined in C., following. When the customer cancels an order prior to the Application Date, no charges shall apply. When the customer cancels an order on or after the Application Date, a charge equal to the estimated costs incurred by the Company shall apply. Such charge is determined as specified in D., following.

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4. ORDER MODIFICATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES

4.1 GENERAL

4.1.3 CANCELLATION OF APPLICATION FOR SERVICE (Cont'd)

C. The Critical Dates monitored by the Company for the purpose of calculating a Cancellation Charge are as follows:

(M)
(C)

• Application Date (APP): The date the customer provides a firm commitment and sufficient information to the Company for entry into the Company's order distribution system. This is sometimes referred to as the order date.

• Design Layout Report Date (DLRD): The date the Design Layout Report which contains the design for the service(s) ordered is forwarded to the customer.

• Plant Test Date (PTD): The date acceptance testing is performed with the customer.

(C)

• Service Date (DD): The date the service is due to be made available to the customer. This is sometimes referred to as the Due Date.

(T)
(C)

D. The percentage of the total provisioning cost incurred by the Company at a particular Critical Date varies by the type of service as shown in E., following.

(N)
(N)

When a customer cancels an order, or part of an order, before the Service Date, the Company will calculate the Cancellation Charge by multiplying all the nonrecurring charges associated with the order, or that part of the order being canceled, by the percentage shown in E., following, based on the last monitored Critical Date which has occurred on the order. When a customer cancels an order, or part of an order, on the Service Date, 100% of the nonrecurring charges plus minimum billing period charges apply.

(T)(M1)

(T)

(C)

(C)

Nonrecurring charges associated with an order are used to calculate the Cancellation Charge even when nonrecurring charges are waived.

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4 ORDER MODIFICATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES

4.1 GENERAL

4.1.3 CANCELLATION OF APPLICATION FOR SERVICE (Cont'd)

E. The Critical Dates monitored by the Company are as follows:

	APP %	DLRD %	PTD %	DD %	(M) (N) (C)
• Low Speed Data	13	44	77	[1]	
• Voice Grade	13	44	77	[1]	
• Audio	13	44	77	[1]	
• Foreign Exchange	13	44	77	[1]	
• Foreign Central Office	13	44	77	[1]	
• Exchange Service Extensions[2]	13	44	77	[1]	
• Telephone Answering Service[2]	13	44	77	[1]	
• Digital Data	13	44	77	[1]	
• Simultaneous Voice Data Service	13	44	77	[1]	
• DS1	10	48	81	[1]	(C)

(M1)

(M)

[1] Minimum billing period charges and 100% of the nonrecurring charges apply. (N)

[2] Critical Dates applicable only when provisioned on an interoffice basis. (N)

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4.1 GENERAL

4.1.3 CANCELLATION OF APPLICATION FOR SERVICE (Cont'd)

- F. When a customer cancels an order for the discontinuance of service, no charges apply for the cancellation. (T)(M)
- G. If the Company misses a service date by more than 120 days due to circumstances over which it has direct control (excluding, e.g., acts of God, governmental requirements, work stoppages and civil commotions), the customer may cancel an order without incurring cancellation charges. (T)
- H. A request for cancellation after completion of an installation will be treated as a discontinuance of service. (T) (M)

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE FILINGS
These are the telecommunications service filings that the Commission has received for the period of
04/17/98 through 04/23/98

If you need a complete copy of a filing (and/or want it expressed or mailed to you), please contact Debra Kido within five days of this filing.

DOCKET NUMBER	TITLE/STAFF/SYNOPSIS	DATE FILED	INTERVENTION DEADLINE
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FORMAL COMPLAINT FILED

TC98-071	Elizabeth M. Lupp vs Utility Analysis, Inc. d/b/a Basic Long Distance. "On my January 10, 1998, U.S.WEST telephone bill discovered long distance charges from an unauthorized carrier. This ongoing situation has caused me to have to make several telephone calls. After lengthy discussions with U.S.Billing, Inc. they agreed to provide some rebates, with the first one having appeared on my bill. The next \$11 rebate being SWAPPED into the position of having to deal with the carrier's agent, my Utility Analysis, Inc. including abuses, from South Dakota until they can demonstrate they can and will actually protect consumer information. Request Utility Analysis, Inc. and their agents to immediately pay me \$5,000.00 for putting me and my friend in the emotionally distressing position of being defiled, led to, lied about, and snubbed. Additionally, I request you require Utility Analysis, Inc. and their agents to pay me \$1,000.00 for copies, postage, long distance charges, 900 number assistance, time, mileage, faxes, etc. (Staff: LITG7)	04/15/98	NA
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WAIVER OF SWITCHED ACCESS RULES

TC98-072	Palston by Fort Randall Telephone Company for an extension of the waiver of the switched access rules granted in TC98-072. The Commission that it be allowed to continue changing a seven cent switched access rate in all seven exchanges using calendar year 1998 data. Fort Randall did not acquire the Tandy Communications (Staff: HB/CH)	04/23/98	05-08-98
TC98-073	Palston by Vivan Telephone Company for an extension of the waiver of the switched access rules granted in TC98-125. Vivan requests that it be allowed to continue changing a seven cent switched access rate in the 1998 calendar year 1998 data. The request has no effect on the switched access rate being changed in the Vivan exchanges purchased from CTE. When not acquired the Lescroble, Gregory, Vivan and Clearfield exchanges until June 1, 1997, and it does not have 12 months of actual operations and traffic information for these four exchanges. (Staff: HB/CH)	04/23/98	05-08-98

NONCOMPETITIVE TELECOMMUNICATIONS FILING

NEGOTIATED INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT FILED			
TC98-074	Application by U.S.WEST Communications to apply cancellation charges when a customer cancels an order for installation prior to that service being ready for the customer's use. U.S.WEST filed to revise pages in its Access Service Tariff and its Private Line Service Catalog. (Staff: TSMC)	04/23/98	05/08/98
TC98-075	U.S.WEST Communications, Inc. filed for approval by the Commission the negotiated interconnection Agreement between U.S.WEST Communications, Inc. and COM4CHOICE, LLC. Any person wishing to comment on the parties' request for approval may do so by filing written comments with the Commission and the parties to the agreement no later than May 13, 1998. Parties to the agreement may file written responses to the comments no later than June 1, 1998. (Staff: TSMC)	04/23/98	Response Due 05/13/98

Important Notice: The Commission is compiling a list of relevant addresses. If you have an alternate address, please email the Commission by E-mailing: Staff@psc.state.sd.us or Faxing the address to the Commission at: (605) 773-3809.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO ITS ACCESS SERVICE TARIFF)	ORDER APPROVING REVISIONS TC98-074
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On April 23, 1998, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing by U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST) seeking approval of revisions to its Access Service Tariff. The purpose of the filing is to apply cancellation charges when a customer cancels an order for installation prior to notification by U S WEST that the service is available for the customer's use. Cancellation charges will be assessed based on a percentage of how far service provisioning has progressed. The percentages apply to the total non-recurring charges associated with the order and are tracked by critical dates that are followed in service provisioning. They reflect the amount of cost that U S WEST has incurred at various stages of provisioning a service. The cancellation date is the date U S WEST receives written or verbal notice from a customer that an order is to be cancelled. U S WEST requested an effective date of May 22, 1998. Also included in the filing were revised pages from the Private Line Services Catalog. These were filed for Commission information only.

The following tariff sheets were filed with regard to the Access Service Tariff:

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At its duly noticed meeting on May 12, 1998, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff recommended approval of the filing.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the above revisions to U S WEST's Access Service Tariff. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves the above-referenced U S WEST revisions to its Access Service Tariff.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 26th day of May, 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 Arlene Kalle

Date 5/26/98

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Laska Schoenfelder
LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner