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125 South Dakota Avenue, 8th Floor
Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57194

June 30, 1998

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 Access Service Tariff:

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This filing is being made to remove the availability of three digit Carrier Identification Codes from the Access Services Tariff per the Federal Communications Commission's order in Docket CC92-237. In that docket the FCC ordered Carrier Identification Codes to transition from three digits to four digits. Effective July 1, 1998, only four digit CICs, 10XXXX and 101XXXX dialing patterns will be permitted.

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

Sincerely,

Colleen E. Sevoid
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: This filing removes the availability of three digit Carrier Identification Codes from the Access Services Tariff.

- 4) Reason for Change: Pursuant to the FCC order in Docket CC92-237.

- 5) Basis for Rates: No rates are affected.

- 6) Quantification of Customer Impact: Affects carriers requesting new codes.

- 7) Proposed Effective Date: July 1, 1998

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS

2.6 DEFINITIONS

Certain terms used herein are defined as follows:

Access Code

The term "Access Code" denotes a uniform seven digit code assigned by the Company to an individual customer. The seven digit code has the form 950-XXXX or 101XXXX.

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Access Minutes

The term "Access Minutes" denotes that usage of exchange facilities in interstate or foreign service for the purpose of calculating chargeable usage. On the originating end of an interstate or foreign call, usage is measured from the time the originating end user's call is delivered by the Company to and acknowledged as received by the customer's facilities connected with the originating exchange. On the terminating end of an interstate or foreign call, usage is measured from the time the call is received by the end user in the terminating exchange. Timing of usage at both originating and terminating ends of an interstate or foreign call shall terminate when the calling or called party disconnects, whichever event is recognized first in the originating and terminating exchanges, as applicable.

Access Service Group (ASG)

The term "Access Service Group" denotes a group of like access services ordered to an end office or access tandem switch or to a dial tone office.

Access Tandem

The term "Access Tandem" denotes a Company switching system that provides a concentration and distribution function for originating or terminating traffic between end offices and the customer's point of termination.

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Calendar Day

The term "Calendar Day" denotes the days of the year from January 1 through December 31. When utilized in conjunction with determination of Standard Intervals, it denotes any day between January 1 through December 31 including Holidays.

Call

The term "Call" denotes a customer attempt for which the complete address code (e.g., 0-, 911, or 10 digits) is provided to the serving dial tone office.

Calling Party Number (CPN)

The term "Calling Party Number" (CPN) denotes the SS7 out of band signaling parameter which automatically transmits the calling party's ten-digit telephone number to the customer's premises for calls originating in the LATA.

Carrier Or Common Carrier

See "Interexchange Carrier".

Carrier Selection Parameter (CSP)

The term "Carrier Selection Parameter" (CSP) denotes the SS7 out of band signaling parameter which identifies whether the dialing end user accessed the customer's network through a presubscribed line or by dialing the customer's 101XXXX code.

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CCS

The term "CCS" denotes a hundred call seconds, which is a standard unit of traffic load that is equal to 100 seconds of usage or capacity of a group of servers (e.g., trunks).

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6. SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE

6.2 PROVISION AND DESCRIPTION OF SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE

6.2.2 FEATURE GROUP B (FGB)

A. Description (Cont'd)

6. The access code for non-8XX FGB switching is a uniform access code. The form of the uniform access code is 950-XXXX or 1 + 950-XXXX for carriers. These uniform access codes will be the assigned access numbers of all non-8XX FGB Switched Access Service provided to the customer by the Company. No access code is required for FGB switching used to provide 800 DB Access Service. The telephone number dialed by the customer's end users is of the form 1+8XX+NXX-XXXX.
7. FGB switching, when used in the terminating direction, may be used to access valid NXXs in the LATA, community information services of an information service provider, and other customers' services (by dialing the appropriate digits). When FGB is directly routed to an end office via DTT, only those valid NXX codes served by that end office may be accessed. When FGB is routed through an access tandem, only those valid NXX codes served by end offices subtending the access tandem may be accessed. The customer will also be billed additional non-access charges for calls to certain community information services (e.g., 976 Network Service, DIAL-IT or INFORMATION DELIVERY SERVICE), in accordance with the Information Provider's applicable service rates when the Company performs the billing function for that Information Provider. Additional non-access charges will also be billed for calls from an FGB trunk to another customer's service in accordance with that customer's applicable service rates when the Company performs the billing function for that customer. Calls in the terminating direction will not be completed to 950-XXXX (or 1 + 950-XXXX) access codes, local operator assistance (0- and 0+), Directory Assistance (411 or 555-1212, where available), service codes 611 and 911 or 101XXXX access code. FGB may not be switched, in the terminating direction, to Switched Access Service Feature Groups B, C and D.
8. The Company will establish a trunk group or groups for the customer at end office switches or access tandem switches where FGB switching is provided. When required by technical limitations, a separate trunk group will be established for each type of FGB switching arrangement provided. Different types of FGB or other switching arrangements may be combined in a single trunk group at the option of the Company.

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6.2 PROVISION AND DESCRIPTION OF SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE
6.2.3 FEATURE GROUP C (FGC)

A. Description (Cont'd)

6. No access code is required for FGC switching. The telephone number dialed by the customer's end user shall be a seven- or ten-digit number for calls in the North American Numbering Plan (NANP). For international calls outside the NANP, a seven- to twelve-digit number may be dialed. The form of the numbers dialed by the customer's end user is NXX-XXXX, 0 or 1 + NXX-XXXX, NPA + NXX-XXXX, 0 or 1 + NPA + NXX-XXXX, and, when the end office is equipped for International Direct Distance Dialing (IDDD), 01 + CC + NN or 011 + CC + NN.
7. FGC switching, when used in the terminating direction, may be used to access valid NXXs in the LATA, community information services of an information provider, and other customers' services (by dialing the appropriate codes) when the Services can be reached using valid NXX codes. When FGC is directly routed to an end office via DTT, only those valid NXX codes served by that office may be accessed. When FGC is routed through an access tandem, only those valid NXX codes served by offices subtending the access tandem may be accessed. Where measurement capabilities exist, the customer will also be billed additional non-access charges for calls to certain community information services, e.g., Information Delivery Service, in accordance with the Information Provider's applicable service rates when the Company performs the billing function for that Information Provider.

Additional non-access charges will also be billed for calls from a FGC trunk to another customer's service in accordance with that customer's applicable service rates when the Company performs the billing function for that customer. Calls in the terminating direction will not be completed to 950-XXXX (or 1 + 950-XXXX) access codes, local operator assistance (0- and 0+), Voice DA (411 or 555-1212), service codes 611 and 911 or 101XXXX access code. FGC may not be switched, in the terminating direction, to another Trunkside Switched Access Service Feature Groups B, C or D.

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8. The Company will establish a trunk group or groups for the customer at end office switches or access tandem switches where FGC switching is provided. When required by technical limitations, a separate trunk group will be established for each type of FGC switching arrangement provided. Different types of FGC or other switching arrangements may be combined in a single trunk group at the option of the Company.

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6.2 PROVISION AND DESCRIPTION OF SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE

6.2.3 FEATURE GROUP C (FGC)

A. Description (Cont'd)

9. The Company will provide 1+ interLATA sent-paid access from pay telephones utilizing Smart Public Access Lines via FGC for calls dialed as 1+ and/or 101XXXX 1+ in the following manner. 1+ interLATA sent-paid access from pay telephones utilizing Basic Public Access Lines Service shall be provided by FGD. (T)

a. Smart Public Access Line (PAL)

For traffic originating from a Smart PAL, the customer to whom such calls are routed shall order FGC trunks from end offices to the customer's premises via direct trunks or via Operator Access Tandems, with the Operator Trunk-Full Feature type of transport termination, as set forth in 6.3.2, following. The trunks must be dedicated, and the customer shall specify the number of trunks required at each end office from which the customer will receive 1+ sent-paid traffic.

The customer is responsible for providing all other operator services signaling capabilities, as described in the Operator Services Systems Generic Requirements (OSSGR) Technical Reference FR-271 and the LATA Switching Systems Generic Requirements (LSSGR) Technical Reference FR-64.

When the Company provides Operator Services Signaling (OSS) between an Operator Access Tandem and the customer's premises, the customer will be required to order a separate and final trunk group from the Operator Access Tandem to the customer's premises for each Numbering Plan Area (NPA) within a LATA to identify the originating NPA. Also, the customer must order a separate trunk group for each type of coin control signaling that is utilized among the equal access end offices subtending an Operator Access Tandem.

The Company will not block 101XXXX 1+ calls and will route 101XXXX 1+ interLATA sent-paid traffic in accordance to the end user request. It will be the responsibility of the 101XXXX 1+ dialed carrier to complete the casual 101XXXX 1+ interLATA sent-paid call or to provide a recorded message to the end user. (T)

The Company will perform normal acceptance testing for sent-paid services for Smart PALs. In addition, the Company will perform testing for coin control and Operator Trunk-Full Feature (i.e., coin collect, coin return, 1+ person-to-person, operator recall, overtime and information calls). Test tapes must be received from the customer that will be processing the 1+ interLATA sent-paid traffic 45 days prior to the routing of said 1+ traffic to that customer. The Company will provide optional testing, at the request of the customer, as set forth in Section 13, following. (T)

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6.2 PROVISION AND DESCRIPTION OF SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE

6.2.4 FEATURE GROUP D (FGD)

A. Description (Cont'd)

5. FGD switching, when used in the terminating direction, may be used to access valid NXXs in the LATA, community information services of an information service provider, and other customer services (by dialing the appropriate codes) when such services can be reached using valid NXX codes. When directly routed to an end office via DTT, only those valid NXX codes served by that office may be accessed. When routed through an access tandem, only those valid NXX codes served by end offices subtending the access tandem may be accessed. The customer will also be billed additional non-access charges for calls to certain community information services, e.g., Information Delivery Service, in accordance with the Information Provider's applicable service rates when the Company performs the billing function for that Information Provider.

Terminating FGD, when routed via TST, may also, at the option of the customer, access valid NXX codes served by offices in which originating FGD is not available. Rating of this optional service is as set forth in 6.7.1, D.1., following.

Additional non-access charges will also be billed for calls from an FGD trunk to another customer's service in accordance with that customer's applicable service rates when the Company performs the billing function for that customer. Calls in the terminating direction will not be completed to 950-XXXX (or 1 + 950-XXXX) access codes, local operator assistance (0- and 0+), Voice DA (411 and 555-1212), service codes 611 and 911 or 101XXXX access code. FGD may not be switched, in the terminating direction, to Switched Access Service Feature Group B, C or D. (T)

6. The Company will establish a trunk group or groups for the customer at end office switches or access tandem switches where FGD switching is provided. When required by technical limitations, or in the case of SWITCHNET 56, a separate trunk group will be established for each type of FGD switching arrangement provided. Different types of FGD or other switching arrangements may be combined in a single trunk group at the option of the Company.
7. The access code for FGD switching is a uniform access code of the form 101XXXX. These uniform access codes will be the assigned access numbers of all FGD access provided to the customer by the Company. No access code is required for calls to a customer over FGD Switched Access Service if the end user's telephone exchange service is arranged for presubscription to that Customer, as set forth in Section 13, following. (T)

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6.2.4 FEATURE GROUP D (FGD)

A.7. (Con't'd)

Where no access code is required, the number dialed by the customer's end user shall be a seven- or ten-digit number for calls in the North American Numbering Plan (NANP). For international calls outside the NANP, a seven- to twelve-digit number may be dialed. The form of the numbers dialed by the customer's end user is NXX-XXXX, 0, 00 or 1 + NXX-XXXX, NPA + NXX-XXXX, 0, 00 or 1 + NPA + NXX-XXXX, and, when the end office is equipped for International Direct Distance Dialing (IDDD), 01 + CC + NN or 011 + CC + NN.

When the 101XXXX access code is used, FGD switching also provides for dialing the digit 0 or 00 for access to the customer's operator, 911 for access to the Company's emergency reporting service, or at the customer's option, the end-of-dialing digit (#) for cut-through access to the customer's premises. (T)

8. When SWITCHNET 56 is provided with FGD, the standard FGD dialing pattern is used. This dialing pattern may vary according to the technology implemented in each specific U S WEST Communications end office and/or access tandem (i.e., in the originating direction, dialing #56 may be required dependent upon the switching technology.)
9. FGD switching will be arranged to accept calls from telephone exchange service locations without the need for dialing 101XXXX uniform access code. Each telephone exchange service line may be marked with a presubscription code to identify which 101XXXX code its calls will be directed to for interLATA service. Presubscription codes are applied as set forth in Section 13, following. (T)
10. When a customer has had FGB access in an end office and subsequently replaces the FGB access with FGD access, at the mutual agreement of the customer and the Company, the Company will, for a period of 90 days after the installation of the FGD access service (unless the customer requests a shorter period), direct calls dialed by the customer's end users using the customer's previous FGB access code to the customer's FGD access service. The customer must be prepared to handle normally dialed FGD calls as well as calls dialed with the FGB access code which requires the customer to receive additional address signaling from the end user. The customer must be prepared to handle both the FGB and FGD signaling on the same trunks. Such calls will be rated as FGD. (T)

Should the customer desire to maintain the routing of their FGB access code to their FGD access service past 90 days after the installation of FGD access service, the optional feature of 950 on FGD as set forth in 6.3.1, must be ordered.

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6.2.4 FEATURE GROUP D (FGD)

A. Description (Cont'd)

11. The Company will provide 1+ interLATA sent-paid access from equal access end offices to the customer's premises for calls dialed as 1+ and/or 101XXXX 1+ from pay telephones utilizing PAL Service, Smart and Basic, in the following manner. (T)

a. Smart PAL

For traffic originating from a Smart PAL, the customer to whom such calls are routed shall order FGD trunks from equal access end offices to the customer's premises via direct trunks or via Operator Access Tandems, with the Operator Trunk-Full Feature type of transport termination, as set forth in 6.3.2, following. The trunks must be dedicated, and the customer shall specify the number of trunks required at each end office from which the customer will receive 1+ sent-paid traffic.

The customer is responsible for providing all other operator services signaling capabilities, as described in the Operator Services Systems Generic Requirements (OSSGR) Technical Reference FR-271 and the LATA Switching Systems Generic Requirements (LSSGR) Technical Reference FR-64.

When the Company provides Operator Services Signaling (OSS) between an Operator Access Tandem and the customer's premises, the customer will be required to order a separate and final trunk group from the Operator Access Tandem to the customer's premises for each Numbering Plan Area (NPA) within a LATA to identify the originating NPA. Also, the customer must order a separate trunk group for each type of coin control signaling that is utilized among the equal access end offices subtending an Operator Access Tandem.

The Company will not block 101XXXX 1+ calls and will route 101XXXX 1+ interLATA sent-paid traffic in accordance to the end user request. It will be the responsibility of the 101XXXX 1+ dialed carrier to complete the casual 101XXXX 1+ interLATA sent-paid call or to provide a recorded message to the end user. (T)

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6.2.4 FEATURE GROUP D (FGD)

A.11.a. (Cont'd)

The Company will perform normal acceptance testing for sent-paid services for Smart PALs. In addition, the Company will perform testing for coin control and Operator Trunk-Full Feature (i.e., coin collect, coin return, 1+ person-to-person, operator recall, overtime and information calls). Test tapes must be received from the customer that will be processing the 1+ interLATA sent-paid traffic 45 days prior to the routing of said 1+ traffic to that customer. The Company will provide optional testing, at the request of the customer, as set forth in Section 13, following.

b. Basic PAL

For traffic originating from a Basic PAL, the Company shall provide 1+ interLATA sent-paid access from equal access end offices to the customer's premises via FGD trunks. For traffic originating from a Basic PAL dialed as 1+ and/or 101XXXX 1+, the customer to whom such calls are routed shall order or have existing FGD trunks with ANI optional feature, as set forth in 6.3.1, following.

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6.2 PROVISION AND DESCRIPTION OF SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE

6.2.9 900 ACCESS SERVICE (Cont'd)

Calls originating in a LATA in which the customer has not ordered 900 Access Service will be blocked. Only customers who order the Expanded 900 (i.e., 0+900+XXX-XXXX) Option will be able to receive 0+900 calls to NXX codes assigned to them. In addition, calls originating in a LATA for which 900 Access Service has been established will be blocked utilizing the blocking specifications as follows:

- 1+900+XXX-XXXX will be blocked from Smart Public Access lines, 0+, 101XXXX, Hotel/Motel Service (except those with customer-owned rating services) (T)
- 0+900+XXX-XXXX will be blocked from 101XXXX and Inmate Service. (T)

At the option of the customer, 900 Access Service traffic may be collected at suitably equipped end offices and/or access tandems. However, the customer must collect 900 traffic at all access tandems within the LATA. Network constraints do not permit multiple tandem arrangements for routing of 900 traffic.

For 900 Access Service provisioned as Feature Group C or D, the customer may establish a separate trunk group or combine 900 traffic with other traffic types for access from suitably equipped end offices and access tandems. For 900 Access Service provisioned with traditional signaling and answer supervision, network limitations requires routing of 900 traffic from suitably equipped end offices and access tandems via a dedicated trunk group. Additionally, only 900 traffic will be routed over the dedicated trunk group.

Measurement of 900 Access Service usage shall be in accordance with the regulations set forth in 6.7.7, following, for Feature Group C and D. Specifically, 900 Access Service originating usage shall be measured in the same manner as that specified for Feature Group C and D, whether provisioned separately (i.e., dedicated trunk group) or combined with other traffic types.

The Company must be notified 24 hours prior to any media stimulation. The Company maintains the right to apply protective controls, i.e., those actions such as call gapping, to ensure the provisioning of acceptable service to all telecommunications users of the Company's network services.

The nonrecurring charges for 900 Access Service are described in 6.7.1.G., following.

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6.3 COMMON SWITCHING AND TRANSPORT TERMINATION OPTIONAL
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6.3.1 COMMON SWITCHING OPTIONAL FEATURES (Cont'd)

G. Up to 7 Digit Outpulsing to Customer

I. Access Digits

This option provides for the end office capability of providing up to 7 digits of the uniform access code 950-XXXX or 1 + 950-XXXX to the customer's premises. The customer can request that only some of the digits in the access code be forwarded. The access code digits would be provided to the customer's premises using multifrequency signaling, and transmission of the digits would precede the forwarding of ANI if that feature were provided. It is available with Feature Group B.

H. Cut-Through

This option allows end users of the customer to reach the customer's premises by using the end-of-dialing digit (#). This option provides for connection of the call to the premises of the customer indicated by the 101XXXX code upon receipt of the end-of-dialing digit (#). The Company will not record any other dialed digits for these calls. This option is available with Feature Group D.

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I. Delay Dial Start-Pulsing Signaling

This option provides a method of indicating to the near-end trunk circuit readiness to accept address signaling information by the far-end trunk circuit. Delay dial is often referred to as an off-hook, on-hook signaling sequence. The delay dial signal is the off-hook interval and the start-pulsing signal is the on-hook interval. With integrity check, the calling office will not outpulse until a delay dial (off-hook) signal followed by a start-pulsing (on-hook) signal has been identified at the calling office. This option is available with Feature Group C.

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6.3.1 COMMON SWITCHING OPTIONAL FEATURES (Cont'd)

Q. InterLATA Toll Denial

This option provides the screening of all calls on terminating FGA lines and for the completion only of calls to 411, 611, 911, 800/800-type, 555-1212, Local Information Delivery Services and 0+ or 1+ intraLATA. All interLATA calls, 950-XXXX and 101XXXX are routed to a recorded announcement. (T)

This feature is provided in all Company end offices where technically available. It is available with Feature Group A. This feature does not affect calls placed on originating FGA lines.

Customers requesting Lineside Access without the InterLATA Toll Denial option, will be responsible for InterLATA calls recorded on FGA line(s).

R. 950 on FGD

Feature Group D (FGD) Access Service, as set forth in 6.2.4 preceding, may be ordered to route calls from a designated 950-XXXX access code to FGD access service. When a customer has FGD access service and does not have Feature Group B access service from a particular end office, 950 on FGD may be ordered to activate a customer's designated 950-XXXX access code in that end office. This will allow the Company to direct those designated 950-XXXX calls dialed by the customer's end users to the customer's FGD access service.

When a customer has both FGB and FGD access service and orders 950 on FGD in a particular end office, the Company will direct those designated 950-XXXX calls dialed by the customer's end users to the customer's FGD access service in that end office.

In both methods, the customer must be prepared to handle normally dialed FGD calls, as well as calls dialed with the designated 950-XXXX access code which requires the customer to receive additional address signaling. Such calls will be rated as FGD.

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6.3.1 COMMON SWITCHING OPTIONAL FEATURES (Cont'd)

S. Signaling System Seven (SS7) Out of Band Signaling

This option provides SS7 out of band signaling on a FGD transmission path group. This option provides the customer the ability to use out of band signaling to set up trunks on a per call basis. CCSAC Service as described in 20.2.1, following, is required between the customer's Signaling Point of Interface (SPOI) and the Company's Signal Transfer Point (STP) for SS7 out of band signaling in each LATA.

SS7 out of band signaling provides the automatic transmission of the following parameters:

- Access Transport Parameter (ATP) provides automatic transmission of information from the originating calling location through the Common Channel Signaling Network. Information supplied using ATP may consist of one or more of the following: Called Party Subaddress; Calling Party Subaddress; High and Low Layer Compatibility and Compatibility Checking by the called party's equipment. ATP is available when Feature Group D service is equipped with SS7 out of band signaling and Clear Channel Capability.
- Calling Party Number (CPN) is the automatic transmission of the calling party's ten-digit telephone number to the customer's premises for calls originating in the LATA. The ten-digit number consists of the Numbering Plan Area (NPA) plus the seven-digit telephone number. The Company will automatically transmit CPN with SS7 out of band signaling in those offices suitably equipped with the software that allows customers to elect to block their CPN information from being displayed to the called party. This software allows the customer to block their CPN on a per call basis, and transmits a "privacy indicator" as part of the CPN information.
- Carrier Selection Parameters (CSP) is the automatic transmission of a signaling indicator which signifies to the customer that the call being processed originated from a presubscribed line or by dialing the 101XXXX code.

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TC97-160	Sterling International Funding, Inc. d/b/a Reconex requests the Commission grant an Order for Application for Rehearing for a Certificate of Authority to provide basic local exchange service on a resold basis within South Dakota. The motion is supported by the Affidavit of William E. Braun, General Counsel. (Staff: TS/KC)	07/01/98	
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DOCKET NUMBER	TITLE/STAFF/SYNOPSIS	DATE FILED	INTERVENTION DEADLINE
REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY			
TC98-122	Application by ST Long Distance, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to operate as a telecommunications company within the state of South Dakota. (Staff: DJ/EM) "The Applicant proposes to resell Message Toll Service, inbound Wide Area Telecommunications Service (800/888) and calling card services."	06/29/98	07/17/98
FORMAL COMPLAINT FILED			
TC98-123	Susan Schamber vs DTG Internet Services. "We have been internet customers of DTG since Feb. 11, 1998. We had very good service until the end of March. At that time our internet began cutting out on us approximately every 2 minutes. DTG has record of how long our connection times were. We have made numerous calls to both DTG and our phone company, Golden West, trying to find out what the problem is and getting it resolved. Golden West tells me DTG has new modems and these modems can't keep up with the demand and DTG says they've had the modems since November with no problems until this time." What do you think the Commission should do to solve this problem? "We would like to know who is disconnecting our internet. We aren't getting straight answers. DTG should also quit advertising the \$14.95 unlimited rate if they can't give that service. I also want our bill credited since we are not receiving adequate service." (Staff: SW/CH)	06/09/98	
TC98-124	Don and Jenny Malsom vs U S WEST Communications. The problem with the telephone line goes "back at least 10" years. The sheriff's office receives 911 calls from their location when none were dialed, noise on the line is reported to U S WEST and when the repairman checks the line it is okay, Caller ID does not work, and calls can not "get thru to us." What do you think the Commission should do to solve this problem? "We are told we need new telephone lines - our equipment is too outdated - we request modern equipment like all others are on." (Staff: SW/KC)	06/29/98	
NONCOMPETITIVE TELECOMMUNICATIONS FILING			
TC98-125	U S WEST Communications filed "to remove the availability of three digit Carrier Identification Codes (CICs) from the Access Services Tariff per the Federal Communications Commission's order in Docket CC92-237. Effective July 1, 1998, only four digit CICs, 10XXXX and 101XXXX dialing patterns will be permitted." (Staff: HB/EM)	07/01/98	07/17/98
APPLICATION FOR REHEARING			

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST)	ORDER APPROVING
COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF)	REVISIONS
REVISIONS TO ITS ACCESS SERVICE TARIFF)	TC98-125

On July 1, 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 "remove the availability of three digit Carrier Identification Codes from the Access Services Tariff per the Federal Communications Commission's order in Docket CC92-237. In that docket the FCC ordered Carrier Identification Codes to transition from three digits to four digits. Effective July 1, 1998, only four digit CICs, 10XXXX and 101XXXX dialing patterns will be permitted."

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

<u>Section</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Release</u>
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6	49	4
6	49.1	3
6	49.2	3
6	57	5
6	64	3
6	69	4
6	71	3

On August 4, 1998, at a duly noticed meeting, 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 14th day of August, 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 *William Kalas*

Date *8/14/98*

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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