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CONSUMER COMPLAINTS

CT99-040 In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Jane Ham, Custer, South Dakota, against Qwest Communications, Inc. Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services.

The Complainant alleges the Company switched telecommunications services from AT&T to Qwest on August 3, 1999, without authorization. Complainant states she wants to resume service with AT&T, she wants Qwest to pay a \$1,000 fine plus an additional \$500 in damages.

Consumer Representative: Leni Healy

Staff Attorney: Camron Hoseck

Date Filed: 09/17/99

Intervention Deadline: n/a

ELECTRIC

Et199-916 in the Matter of the Filing by Otter Tail Power Company for Approval of Energy-Only Lighting Tariff.

Otter Tail Power Company is filing to revise the South Dakota Electric Tariff to include a price code for an energy only, outdoor lighting service.

Staff Analyst: Keith Senger Staff Attorney: Camron Hoseck

Date Filed: 09/20/99

Intervention Deadline: 10/08/99

NATURAL GAS

NG99-006 In the Matter of the Filing by MidAmerican Energy Company for Approval of Natural Gas Optional Off Peak Firm Service Rider.

MidAmerican is developing this surcharge rider on the interruptible tariffs to accommodate the seasonal customer currently on these rates. MidAmerican is requesting approval from the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission that these tariffs become effective October 20, 1999.

Staff Analyst: Michele Farris Staff Attorney. Karen Cremer

Date Filed: 09/20/99

Intervention Date: 10/08/99

Upon its own motion and pursuant to its August 26, 1999, order, the Commission opens this docket to determine whether to reclassify intraLATA toll and wide-area telephone services from "emerging competitive" to "fully competitive" as permitted by SDCL 49-31-3.2.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best

Staff Attorney: Camron Hoseck

Date Filed: 09/22/99

Intervention Deadline: 10/08/99

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 4th day of October, 1999.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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William Bullard, Executive Director South Dakota Public Utilities Commission 500 East Capitol Street Pierre, SD 57501-5070 via Federal Express

Re:

CC99-099; Inquiry into Declassification of U S WEST's intraLATA Toll and

Wide-Area Telephone Services

Dear Mr. Bullard:

Enclosed you will find an original and three (3) copies of Sprint's Petition to Intervene in the above docket. Please return a file stamped copy to me using the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Thank you for your consideration, and please call with any concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

Andrew Jones

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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PETITION OF SPRINT TO INTERVENE

Sprint Corporation ("Sprint") respectfully requests intervention in the above matter. Sprint has substantial interests in the outcome of these proceedings, and participation herein will ensure that Sprint is afforded opportunity to protect those interests.

Respectfully submitted this A day of October, 1999.

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Andrew M. Jones, E.q.

8140 Ward Parkway, 5E

Kansas City, MO 64114

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On this 7th day of October, 1999, a copy of the above was served, by U.S. mail, upon:

US WEST
Thomas J. Welk
Boyce, Murphy, McDowell & Greenfield, L.L.P.
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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

RE:

In the Matter of the Inquiry of Whether to Reclassify US West Communications. Inc.'s IntraLATA Toll and Wide-Area Telephone Services, Docket No. TC99-099

Dest Mr. Bullard:

Enclosed please find an original and three copies of the *Petition to Intervene* of the Telecommunications Resellers Association in the above referenced proceeding.

Questions may be directed to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Telecommunications Resellers Association

Andrew O. Isar

Enclosures

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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PETITION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE OF
THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS RESELLERS ASSOCIATION UNLITIES COMMISSION

The Telecommunications Resellers Association ("TRA"), on behalf of its members and pursuant to ARSD §§20:10:01:15.02 and 20:10:01:15.03, hereby respectfully petitions the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission for leave to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding. In support of its application, TRA submits the following:

- 1. TRA is a national trade organization representing more than 750 telecommunications service providers and suppliers throughout the United States. TRA's members are generally small to medium-sized telecommunications service providers. TRA members offer a variety of value-added competitive interexchange, local, wireless, Internet, and enhanced services to the public. Several TRA members are authorized by the Commission to provide competitive local and interexchange services in the state of South Dakota.
- 2. As local and interexchange service providers who currently compete or may compete with US West Communications, Inc. ("US West"). TRA members have a direct and substantial interest in the matters raised by the Commission's investigation into whether to reclassify US West's intraLATA toll and wide-area telephone services from emerging competitive to fully competitive. There are no other parties to this proceeding who can adequately address the concerns of TRA or provide the unique perspective of its membership.

- 3. TRA wishes to intervene for the specific purpose of monitoring this proceeding and submitting comments as appropriate. TRA does not intend to sponsor witnesses not engage in discovery or cross-examination of witnesses. The proposed intervention by TRA will not unduly broaden the issues involved in this proceeding or prejudice other parties.
- 4. The name and address of the individual to receive documents and communications regarding this proceeding is:

Andrew O. Isar
Director – State Affairs
Telecommunications Resellers Association
3220 Uddenberg Lane, Suite 4
Gig Harbor, WA 98335
Telephone: 253.851.6700

Facsimile: 253.851.6474
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WHEREFORE, the Telecommunications Resellers Association respectfully requests that the Commission grant its Petition for Leave to Intervene in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

Telecommunications Resellers Association

BY

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Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 4th day of October, 1999.

BOYCE, MURPHY, McDOWELL & GREENFIELD, LLP.

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Hon Steven L. Zinter Circuit Court Judge P.O. Box 1238 Pierre, SD 57501

In The Matter Of The Inquiry of Whether to Reclassify US WEST Communications, Inc.'s InterLATA Toll and Wide-Area Telephone Services

Docket No. TC99-099 Our File No. 2104,047

Dear Judge Zinter:

Please find enclosed the following original documents:

- 1. Motion for Admission of Non-Resident Attorney;
- 2. Motion for Admission by Resident Practicing Attorney, and
- 3. Order Admitting Non-Resident Attorney Alex M. Duarte.

If the Order is acceptable to you, please sign and forward all the documents to the clerk for filing. I have also enclosed a check for filing fees.

Sincerely yours,

BOYCE MURPHY, McDOWELL &

-GREENMAND, L.J.P.

Thomas J. Welk

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Pursuant to SDCL 16-18-2, I, Alex M. Duarte, hereby seek move for the permission of this Court to appear as a non-resident attorney representing U S WEST Communications, Inc. before the Public Utilities Commission in Docket No. TC99-099, In the Matter of the Inquiry of Whether to Reclassify U S WEST Communications, Inc.'s IntraLATA Toll and Wide Area Telephone Services.

Under oath I state the following:

- 1. I am an employee of U S WEST Communications, Inc. and my address is 1801 California St., Suite 5100, Denver, Colorado 80202.
- 2. I am associated in this matter with Thomas J. Welk, of Boyce, Murphy, McDowell & Greenfield, P. O. Box 5015, Sioux Falis, South Dakota 57117-5015.
- 3. I am a member in good standing with the State Bar of the States of Colorado and California.
- 4. I have not been the subject of disciplinary action by the bar or courts of the States of Colorado or California or of any state during the preceding five years.

- 5. I have not been denied admission to the courts of any state or to any federal court during the preceding five years.
- of members of the state bar of South Dakota, and will at all times abide by and comply with the same so long as the hearing in this matter is pending and I am still employed as counsel therein.
- 7. I am not in private practice and I am appearing on behalf of U S WEST Communications, Inc. by whom I am employed on a full-time basis, and this appearance in this count is part of my duties as such an employee without additional compensation being paid for such appearance.

This sworn motion contains nothing further.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of October, 1999.

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The commission appoints 5-3-2000.

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DOCKET NO. TC99-099

MOTION FOR ADMISSION BY RESIDENT PRACTICING ATTORNEY

Pursuant to SDCL 16-18-2, I, Thomas J. Welk, move for the admission of Alex M.

Duarte to participate in this action representing U S WEST Communications, Inc. before the Public Utilities Commission of the State of South Dakota. I state to the Commission as follows:

- I am a resident of South Dakota and a member of the State Bar of South Dakota in good standing. I am actually employed and associated with and will personally participate with Mr. Duarte in this action.
- 2. I find Mr. Duarte to be a reputable attorney and recommend his admission to practice before this Court.

DATED this ______ day of October, 1999.

Thomas J. Welk

BOYCE, MURPHY, McDOWELL & GREENFIELD

P.O. Box 5015

Sioux Falls, SD 57117-5015

Attorney for U S WEST Communications, Inc.

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ORDERED that the Motion for Ad	mission for Alex M. Duarte, a non-resident attorney, to
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Dated this, day of Octob	per, 1999.
	BY THE COURT:
	Hon. Steven L. Zinter Circuit Court Judge Sixth Judicial District
ATTEST: Mary Erickson, Clerk	
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October 20, 1999

William Bullard
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

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Re: In the Matter of the Complaint filed by William and Eileen Reidy, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Against Sprint Communications Company, L.P. Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services

CT99-032

In the Matter of the Inquiry of Whether to Reclassify U S West Communications Inc.'s Intralata Toll and Wide-Area Telephone Services TC99-699

Dear Director Bullard:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matters are Orders signed by the Honorable Steven L. Zinter, Sixth Circuit Court, admitting Andrew Jones to the Bar to appear in the above-referenced matters. All communications should continue to be provided to Mr. Jones.

Sincerely,

TIESZEN LAW OFFICE, LLP

Thomas H. Harmon

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cc w/enc: Andrew Jones

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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Based upon the Motion of Non-Resident and the Motion of Resident Attorney, it is hereby

ORDERED that Andrew Jones be and hereby IS ADMITTED to the Bar of this Court for the purpose of appearing before the Public Utilities Commission in the abovecaptioned matter. Mr. Jones shall observe, comply with, and be responsible to follow the Rules of this Court, the rules of the South Dakota Supreme Court, the laws and the Constitution of the State of South Dakotz.

Dated this \(\sum_{\text{day}} \) of October, 1999.

BY THE COURT:

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William Bullard, Jr., Executive Director South Dakota Public Utilities Commission 500 E. Capitol Avenue Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070

RE: Docket No. TC99-099

In the Matter of the Inquiry of Whether to Reclassify US WEST's IntraLATA

Toll and Wide-Area Telephone Services

Dear Mr. Bullard:

Enclosed are an original and ten copies of the following:

Direct Testimony of David L. Teitzel Motion for Confidential Treatment

The documents will also be forwarded electronically.

Please stamp and return the enclosed extra copy of this letter in the enclosed addressed, postage paid envelope.

Sincerely,

Marjorie Herlth

Secretary to Alex Duarte

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4		with us west communications.
5	Pa.	My name is David L. Teitzel. My business address is 1600 7th Avenue, Room
6		2904, Seattle, Washington, 98191. Lam employed by U S WEST Communications.
7		Inc. (U S WEST) as Director-Product and Market Issues.
9	Q.	PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND
10		EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE.
11	A.	I received a Bachelor of Science degree from Washington State University in 1974
12		in Industrial Psychology. Since that time, I have been continuously employed by
13		U S WEST and its predecessor company, Pacific Northwest Bell. I have held a
14		number of management positions in various departments, including Regulatory
15		Affairs, Network and Marketing. As a Marketing product manager, i was
16		responsible for product management of Basic Exchange, Cen rex and intraLATA
17		Long Distance services. I have also served as a Market Manager for US WEST
19		Dex. I was named to my present position in March 1998.

South Dakota PUC Docket TC99-099 Direct Testimony of David L. Teitzel Page 2

1 O. HAVE YOU TESTIFIED IN SOUTH DAKOTA PREVIOUSLY?

- 2 A. Yes, I testified in Docket TC98-187' in April of this year, filed direct testimony in
- 3 Docket TC 99-098' and filed direct and rebuttal testimony in Docket TC 99-053'.
- I have also served as an expert witness for US WEST in Iowa, Minnesota, New
- 5 Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, Colorado, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

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II. PURPOSE OF TEST:MONY

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9 Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?

I am filing this testimony to address changes in the South Dakota marketplace 10 A. which have intensified the level of competition for intrastate long distance and 22 Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) services. On October 4, 1999, the 12 Commission issued a procedural schedule in Docket TC99-099 directing US 13 WEST to file direct testimony on October 22, 1999 containing factual support as to 15 why these services should be reclassified as "fully competitive." The evidence 15 16 presented in my testimony clearly indicates that the South Dakota intrastate long 17 distance market has become sufficiently competitive to warra it reclassification of this service from the current "emerging competitive" category to "fully 18 19 competitive" status.

¹ South Dakota catalog/tariff procedures

² Reclassification of Directory Assistance as fully competitive

³ Recovery of implementation costs of intrastate dialing parity

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I	Q.	WHAT CRITERIA MUST BE ADDRESSED IN DETERMINING
2		WHETHER INTRASTATE LONG DISTANCE SERVICES SHOULD BE
3		RECLASSIFIED AS FULLY COMPETITIVE?
Ą.	A.	The guidelines in SDCL 49-31-3.2 direct the Commission to consider the following
5		criteria when determining how a telecommunications service should be classified:
6		1) The number and size of alternative providers of the service and affiliation
7		to other providers.
8		2) The extent to which services are available from alternative providers in the
9		relevant market.
0		3) The ability of alternative providers to make functionally equivalent or
11		substitute services readily available at competitive rates, terms and conditions
12		of service.
13		4) The market share, the ability of the market to hold prices close to the cost,
1.º		and other economic measures of market power.
15		5) The impact on Universal Service.
16		I will discuss the current market factors relevant to each of the se categories which
17		support reclassification of U S WEST's intrastate long distance services.
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1	III	. THE NUMBER AND SIZE OF ALTERNATIVE PROVIDERS OF THE
2		SERVICE AND THE AFFILIATION TO OTHER PROVIDERS
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4	Q.	HOW MANY PROVIDERS CURRENTLY HOLD CERTIFICATES TO
5		PROVIDE INTRASTATE LONG DISTANCE SERVICES IN SOUTH
6		DAKOTA?
7	A.	In Docket TC 98-187, US WEST presented a variety of exhibits in demonstrating
3		the scope of competition currently in existence in a variety of South Dakota
9		telecommunications markets. Exhibit 27 (attached to this testimony as Exhibit
0		DLT-01) identified approximately 250 providers certificated to offer intrastate long
i		distance services in South Dakota.
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3	Q.	OF THIS TOTAL NUMBER OF CERTIFICATED LONG DISTANCE
4		PROVIDERS, HOW MANY ARE CURRENTLY OFFERING SERVICES IN
5		SOUTH DAKOTA?
6	A.	A total of 25 carriers, in addition to U S WEST, elected to be included in the notice
7		of intrastate dialing parity implementation (Exhibit DLT-02) and represent readily
8		available alternatives to U S WEST's long distance services. In addition, our
19		records indicate that a total of 48 carriers are now actively serving the state.
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21	Q.	WHAT IS YOUR ASSESSMENT OF THE RELATIVE SIZE OF THE
22		PROVIDERS KNOWN TO BE OFFERING INTRASTATE SERVICES IN
23		SOUTH DAKOTA?
24	A.	The carriers listed in the South Dakota dialing parity notice include a broad range of

providers. Three of these providers are AT&T, MCI Worldcom and Sprint, the

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1		largest and best capitalized of the long distance carriers in the world. Additionally,
2		GTE. Frontier and McLeod Communications are all competitors of substantial
3		scope and resources who are actively competing in South Dakota. The remainder of
4		competitive providers on the dialing parity notice includes providers without the
5		level of name recognition of AT&T, MCI and Sprint but who are offering services
6		on a national basis. Clearly, the interexchange carriers now serving the South
7		Dakota market include the largest carriers in the country and have significant
8		resources at their disposal in providing services well into the future.
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10	Q.	WHAT AFFILIATIONS ARE YOU AWARE OF THAT WILL INFLUENCE
11		CARRIERS' ABILITY TO SERVE THE SOUTH DAKOTA LONG
12		DISTANCE MARKET?
13	A.	A variety of mergers and alliances have occurred or have been announced which
14		will have impacts in South Dakota, including:
15		* AT&T's merger with TCG and TCI
16		* MCI's merger with Worldcom
17		* MCIWorldcom's merger Sprint
18		* McLeod's purchase of Dakota Telecom Group (DTG)
19		* McLeod's announced marketing affiliation with AT&1
20		* FirsTel's merger with Pam Oil
21		* Midco's announced marketing affiliation with TCI for delivery of high
22		speed internet access
23		Each of these affiliations will enhance the carriers' ability to focus on the South
24		Dakota market in delivering long distance services. For example, McLcod's
25		affiliation with AT&T will enable AT&T to leverage McLeod's expanding

Î		customer base by co-branding their services, and McLeod will certainly benefit
2		from AT&T's brand recognition as well as through wholesale incentives and
3		discounts AT&T is likely to provide McLeod. Similarly, FirsTel's merger with
4		Pam Oil provides the merged company the opportunity to spread its fixed costs over
5		a larger customer base and enables the firms to channel energies that were devoted
6		to competing against one another into a common marketing focus. These providers
7		all offer intrastate long distance services in South Dakota, and the affiliations
8		outlined above will clearly intensify the level of competition in this market.
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10		IV. THE EXTENT TO WHICH SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE FROM
Î		ALTERNATIVE PROVIDERS IN THE RELEVANT MARKET
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13	Q.	WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THIS DOCKET, HOW DO YOU DEFINE
14		THE RELEVANT MARKET?
15	Α.	U S WEST's intrastate long dis ance and WATS services in South Dakota should
16		be viewed as the relevant market for purposes of this docket.
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13	Q.	ARE INTRASTATE LONG DISTANCE SERVICES GENERALLY
19		AVAILABLE FROM ALTERNATIVE PROVIDERS IN THE RELEVANT
20		MARKET?
21	A.	Yes. Intrastate long distance service is now available from at least 48 alternative
22		providers within U S WEST's service territory in South Dakota. Additionally,
23		WATS services are currently available throughout South Dakota from, at a
24		minimum, AT&T, MCI Worldcom and Sprint.

1	Ų.	ARE INTRASTATE LUNG DISTANCE SERVICES AVAILABLE PRUM
2		PROVIDERS OTHER THAN INTEREXCHANGE CARRIERS?
3	A.	Yes. The competitive local exchange earriers (CLECs) currently offering services
4		in South Dakota also provide intrastate long distance services. In Docket TC 98-
5		187, US WEST filed Exhibit A (attached to this testimony as Exhibit DLT-03)
6		which depicted the primary local exchange providers offering services in
7		US WEST's service territory. Included in this exhibit, US WES's identified
8		Dakota Telecom Group (DTG), Black Hills Fibercom, Northern Valley
9		Communications, FirsTel, Midco and McLeod USA. Each of these providers offers
10		intrastate long distance services in addition to their local exchange products. It is
11		important to note that virtually any current U S WEST residence or business
12		customer in South Dakota now has the option of subscribing to the services of one
13		of these alternative providers.
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15	Q.	in addition to the services of traditional providers, are
16		OTHER LONG DISTANCE ALTERNATIVES AVAILABLE TO SOUTH
17		DAKOTA CUSTOMERS?
18	A.	Yes. US WEST introduced Exhibit N (attached to this testimony as Exhibit DLT-
19		04) in Docket TC 98-187 which included a copy of an on-line promotion for the
20		Net2Phone Direct internet telephony service. This service has been introduced
21		relatively recently and provides all South Dakota consumers with yet another
22		alternative long distance calling service and features prices as low as \$0.05 per
23		minute.
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⁴ Exhibit N, P. 4

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		V. THE ABILITY OF ALTERNATIVE PROVIDERS TO MAKE
2		FUNCTIONALLY EQUIVALENT OR SUBSTITUTE SERVICES READILY
3		AVAILABLE AT COMPETITIVE RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF
4		SERVICE
6	Q.	WITH THE ADVENT OF INTRASTATE DIALING PARITY ON JULY 32,
7		1999, IS IT ACCURATE TO STATE THAT FUNCTIONALLY
8		EQUIVALENT INTRASTATE LONG DISTANCE SERVICES ARE NOW
9		AVAILABLE FROM ALTERNATIVE PROVIDERS?
10	A.	Yes. All South Dakota customers now have the ability to preselect a specific carrier
1		for their intrastate calling needs, and no longer must dial a special access code to
12		reach that carrier. When a customer preselects a carrier other than U S WEST to
13		carry his or her intrastate calls, the customer simply dials "l" and the telephone
14		number of the person he or she wishes to call. In the dialing parity environment,
15		placement of an intrastate long distance call via an alternative carrier is functionally
16		identical to the placement of that call with US WEST.
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19	Q.	ARE INTRASTATE LONG DISTANCE SERVICES READILY
20		AVAILABLE FROM ALTERNATIVE PROVIDERS AT COMPETITIVE
21		rates, terms and conditions?
22	A.	Yes. As a point of reference, US WEST's average rate for a direct dialed three
23		minute, thirty-mile call on a weekday in South Dakota is \$0.253. The price for the
24		same call on a Sunday is \$0.152. In Docket TC 98-187, U S WEST provided
25		Exhibit V (attached to this testimony as Exhibit DLT-05) which contained

ı		marketing materials from D.O., A. D.I., Dimenic, W.C. and Premiercom musuumg
2		intrastate long distance prices currently available to all South Dakota customers
3		ranging from \$0.05 per minute (DTG's price for "on net" calling) to MCI's One
4		Savings rate of \$0.12 per minute for evening and weekend calls. In addition.
5		Exhibit DLT-06 displays the price points and terms associated with MCI's "One
6		Extra" calling plan in South Dakota which features intrastate pricing of \$0.12 pcr
7		minute for calls placed between noon and 11:59 P.M. any day of the week.' Exhibit
8		DLT-07 is a summary of AT&T's One Rate Online calling plan in South Dakota
9		which features a rate of \$0.15 per minute for intrastate calling and \$0.10 for
0		interstate calling. There is no minimum usage requirement or monthly fee
li		associated with this plan. Clearly, a wide variety of alternative intrastate long
12		distance services are now available to all South Dakota customers at rates, terms
13		and conditions very competitive with those offered by U S WEST.
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15	4	vi. The market share, the ability of the market to hold
16		PRICES CLOSE TO COST AND OTHER ECONOMIC MEASURES OF
17		MARKET POWER
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19	Q.	WHAT EFFECT HAS THE ADVENT OF INTRASTATE LONG DISTANCE
20		COMPETITION HAD UPON US WEST'S MARKET SHARE?
21	A.	Since U S WEST does not have the ability to quantify the proportion of intrastate
22		long distance minutes currently being carried via dedicated facilities and the internet

⁵ MCI's One Extra plan requires the customer to place a minimum of \$5.00 on long distance calls per month to qualify for this plan. The \$5.00 minimum can be attained by aggregating intrastate and interstate calling. There is no recurring monthly fee associated with this plan.

i		in South Dakota, it is not possible to accurately assess 0.5 web 1.5 share of the
2		overall intrastate market. However, Confidential Exhibit DLT-08 is a quantification
3		of the trend of U S WEST's share of the intrastate long distance market as measured
4		by U S WEST's proportion of the total minutes of use U S WEST can measure
5		which is attributable to U S WEST direct dialed toll, dial around competition and
6		dialing parity competition.
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8	Q.	WHAT CONCLUSIONS DO YOU DRAW FROM THE TREND IN "TOTAL
9		MARKET" MINUTES OF USE IDENTIFIED IN CONFIDENTIAL
0		EXHIBIT DLT-03?
l	A.	The trend data suggest that the volume of measurable intrastate minutes passing
12		through U S WEST's switches has declined by approximately 46% between January
13		1996 and July 1999, while the level of minutes of use carried on a dial around basis
14		remained relatively constant. This evidence suggests that U S WEST's
15		participation in the intrastate long distance market in South Dakota has been in a
16		sharp decline, even prior to the advent of dialing parity on July 22, 1999.
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18	Q.	BETWEEN JANUARY 1996 AND AUGUST 1999, WERE ANY
19		INTRASTATE LONG DISTANCE ROUTES CONVERTED INTO
20		EXTENDED AREA SERVICE ROUTES, REDUCING THE MEASURABLE
21		us west long distance minutes reported?
22	A.	Within this timestrame, there were only two EAS route conversions which had a
23		negligible impact on intrastate long distance call volumes in South Dakota.
24		Specifically, these conversions were Dell Rapids and Colton, which are Independent
25		exchanges with EAS calling into Sioux Falls.

1	Q.	DO YOU BELIEVE THE SOUTH DAKOTA INTRASTATE CALL
2		VOLUMES, IN THE AGGREGATE MARKET, ARE DECLINING?
3	A.	No. I must emphasize that the usage data reflected in Confidential Exhibit DLT-08
4		contains only minutes of use which U S WEST is physically capable of measuring.
5		To the extent intrastate long distance minutes of use are carried in a manner which
6		U S WEST cannot track, such as via dedicated facilities, internet telephony or
7		wireless services, these data do not accurately assess trends in the overall market.
8		In fact, the annual growth rate in the long distance market on a national basis has
9		been estimated at approximately 10%.
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11	Q.	IF THE OVERALL INTRASTATE LONG DISTANCE MARKET IN
12		South dakota has grown, how would you estimate
13		U S WEST'S ACTUAL MARKET SHARE?
14	A.	Using a conservative estimate of 5% as an annual growth rate from July 1997
15		through July 1999, U S WEST's share of the overall market would have been
16		XXX% (Confidential Exhibit DLT-09). While it is not possible to precisely
17		measure U S WEST's true market share in the South Dakota intrastate long distance
18		market, I believe this calculation is a more accurate reflection of U S WEST's
19		actual share of the overall market.
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21	Q.	DO YOU HAVE EVIDENCE THAT ALTERNATIVES TO US WEST'S
22		NETWORK NOW EXIST TO SOUTH DAKOTA CONSUMERS FOR
23		THEIR INTRASTATE LONG DISTANCE CALLING NEEDS?

⁶ Wireless Long Distance Market Trends, Page 3, March 1998. Copyright 1999, Faulkner Information Services

1 Yes. Alternative technologies, such as private dedicated facilities, wireless services and internet protocol telephony are now readily available in the South Dakota 2 market and represent cost-effective means of transporting long distance calls within 3 the state. For example, South Dakota Network, Inc. highlights in its web page 4 (Exhibit DLT-10) that its current fiber network "...encompasses over 4000 miles 5 within South Dakota" and that its list of satisfied customers include "...commercial, 6 governmental, carrier/cellular and residential customers..." This network is 7 available in all major South Dakota markets as indicated in the map of the current 8 9 South Dakota Network facilities in this exhibit. The presence of a bypass network as massive as that owned by South Dakota Network presents a very real opportunity 10 for U S WEST's customers to migrate away from U S WEST's network for their 11 intrastate calling needs. 12 13 IN YOUR OPINION, HAS THE INTRASTATE LONG DISTANCE 14 MARKET IN SOUTH DAKOTA EVOLVED TO THE POINT AT WHICH 15 16 COMPETITIVE FORCES WILL REGULATE PRICES! 17 Α. Yes. I cited previously in this testimony prices as low as \$0.05 per minute for 18 intrastate long distance in South Dakota. A wide variety of traditional and non-19 traditional long distance competitors and bypass providers is now entrenched in South Dakota, and competitive pricing, quality and the ability to package will 20

clearly be the primary drivers of competitors' ability to win, or retain, customers.

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VII. THE IMPACT ON UNIVERSAL SERVICES

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- 3 O. WHAT IMPACT MIGHT RECLASSIFICATION OF US WEST'S LONG
- 4 DISTANCE SERVICES AS FULLY COMPETITIVE HAVE UPON THE
- 5 UNIVERSAL SERVICE CONCEPT IN SOUTH DAKOTA?
- A. I believe reclassification of U S WEST's long distance services will stimulate

 additional competition in the intrastate long distance market and thereby increase

 downward pressure on prices. In addition to local exchange services, many South

 Dakota customers regularly use U S WEST's intrastate long distance and WATS

 services, and to the extent prices for these services are reduced in response to the

 competitive market, these customers' telecommunications expenditures will be

reduced in keeping with the vision of affordable universal service.

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VIII. CONCLUSION

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- 17 Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR TESTIMONY.
- A. The South Dakota intrastate long distance market currently features a broad range of at least 48 well financed and aggressive competitors offering very attractive price points. With the advent of dialing parity on July 22, 1999, customers have the option of preselecting a carrier other than U S WEST to carry their intrastate long distance calls, and need only dial a "1" plus the desired telephone number to reach the called party. There is no technical distinction between intrastate calls placed via U S WEST facilities and those of a competitive preselected carrier. On November

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2, 1992, the Commission entered an order in docket number TC 92-026 entitled "in Ĭ the Matter of the Investigation into the Reclassification of Telecommunications 2 Services", in which the Commission determined that all intraLATA long distance 3 services, with the exception of those provided by U S WEST, should be classified 4 as "fully competitive" due primarily to the fact the intrastate dialing parity was not 5 then available. Dialing parity is now in place, and the level and extent of б 7 competition in the South Dakota intrastate long distance market clearly warrants reclassification by the Commission of US WEST's long distance and WATS 3 services as "fully competitive." 9 10

11 O. DOES THIS COMPLETE YOUR TESTIMONY?

12 A. Yes, it does.

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NOTICE OF ALTERNATIVES FOR SOUTH DAKOTA IN-STATE CALLING

You may now choose from among many companies, including U S WEST, to handle your South Declaration in-state long distance calls effective July 22, 1999. Currently, U S WEST Communications is your provider for 1+ directly dialed calls within South Dakota.

If you choose to make a change, that change will only apply to calls made within South Daketa. This change will have no impact on long distance calls you place to locations outside South Daketa.

Should you decide to make a change, you may do so by contacting the business office of the company you wish to select. A list of companies you can choose from, including their toll free number, is with this notice. You may change your in-state long distance provider one time through September 1999, without incurring a carrier change charge. After that date appropriate service charges will apply

If you do not elect to make a change, U S WEST will continue to be your provider for all two long distance calls you make within South Dakota.

No action on your part is necessary if you want your in-state calls to remain with U.S. WEST, just as they are today.

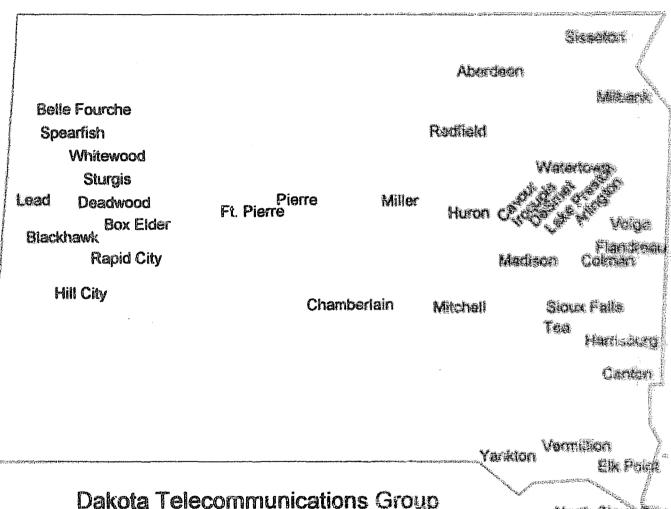
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Level 3 Communications	(877) 453-8333	(877) 453-8083
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Mcleod USA/Consolidated Communications	(800) 500-8000	(200) 500-2000
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Vartec Telecom, Inc.	(800) 583-6767	(800) 583-6767
Midco Communications, Inc.	(605) 334-1200	(605) \$24-1306
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CGI Long Distance Services	(800) 300-4045	(800) 100-1048
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To provides long distance telephone services in six states: South Dakota, North Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Iowa. We serve about 3,200 residential users and about 1,350 small business customers. Unlike most long distance companies, DTG offers flat rate service. You get the same low rate at all times--24 has a day, 7 days a week--guaranteed.

DTG's Long Distance

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You get 6-second billing.

DTG Is A South Dakota Phone Company

traces its roots to the Hurley Telephone Company in 1902. Our company is based warrants frene. We are owned by thousands of stockholders who live in South Dakota. We have purchased the Old City Hall in Canton. When that building is remodeled and new network is built, we will start serving our Canton customers face to face. We movide excellent customer service because we like serving our neighbors. If you have excellent or concerns about your account, help is just a toll free call away.

Telephone Calling Features

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\$5.95 / Month Caller ID (# only) \$5.00 / Month Call Forwarding \$3.00 / Month Speed Calling \$3.50 / Month 3-Way Calling Entire package
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For 3 Months
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Save \$6.00 on installation and \$15.45 every month.

Additional calling features provided by DTG

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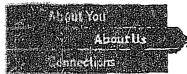


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South Dakota In-State Local Toll and Long Distance Rates

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MCI can have you money on your local toil calls. With MCI One Savings, you can save 41% over US West's average basic rate for evening and weekend calls.

\$0.12 a minute on evenings and weekends.

* 30.25 a minute during the day (Monday - Friday 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.)

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No per call surcharge. No monthly fees.

Use 10-10-998 and pay only 5¢ per minute every 5th call you place. Pay only 10c per minute for all other state-to-state calls.

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Long Distance Index

Which carrier is best for me? - To further simplify the quest for the best long distance rates, we have created a comprehensive table of our best carners for instate calls, interstate calls, and international calls - no guesswork, no fine print, just the bottom line!

Section Best Rate Index - Here is a list of the 48 contiguous United States and their corresponding best rate counterparts.

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3. Arkansas	\$0.094	PremierCom
4. California	\$0.035	LD Direct
5. Colorado	\$0.086	<u>PremierCom</u>
6. Connecticut	\$0.058	LD Direct
7. Delaware	\$0.078	Planet Earth
8. Florida	\$0.071	PremierCom
9 Georgia	\$0.069	LD Direct
10 Idaho	\$0.079	LD Direct
11. Illinois	\$5.071	PremierCom
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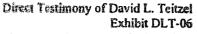
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4. Germany	50.142	PromiseNet
& Japan	\$0.262	PromiseNet
6. Russia	\$0.561	PromiseNet
7. Israel	\$0.369	PromiseNet
a Hong Kong	\$0.254	PromiseNet PromiseNet
Q. France	\$0.232	PromiseNet
10. Taiwan	\$0.450	Qwesvl.C
11 Vietnam	\$0.900	QwesvLCi
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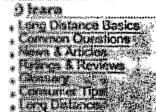
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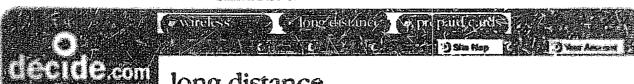
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Company Background

A privately held company incorporated in 1989, South Dakota Network (SDN), is owned by a number of South Dakota's Independent Telephone Companies.

Our product portfolio includes offerings such as Frame Relay, ATM, Private Line, IXC Switching, and Internet Services. SDN's network is interconnected with 7 regional fiber optic network providers, giving SDN a virtual 19 state network to assist our customers with their transport needs. SDN's list of satisfied commercial, governmental, carrier/cellular and residential customers who utilize these services continues to expand as 1997 sales increased to over \$6 million dollars.

Mission Statement

Our objective is to become the leader of network services within the state of South Dakota. Our commitment to our customers is first and foremost, and with that vision in mind, SDN defines it's mission statement as:
....whenever it makes economic and strategic sense, SDN will develop strategies that will assist its customers in executing their business plans.

Corporate Headquarters South Dakota Network 2900 West 10th St. Sixux Falls, SD 57104

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South Dakota Network and it's owners have built a 100% fiber optic metwork that encompasses over 4000 miles within South Dakota. Take a lock at some of the features of our network:

 It connects 160+ markets with over 125,000 access lines to a Nortel SuperNode 500 Switching system.

The network utilizes the advanced capabilities of Signaling System

The network is monitored 7 x 24 at our Sioux Falls location
 Our network is fully protected through SDN's utilization of Synchronous Optical Network (SONET) technology.
 Intersects all major South Dakota markets (Rapid City, Sioux Falls,

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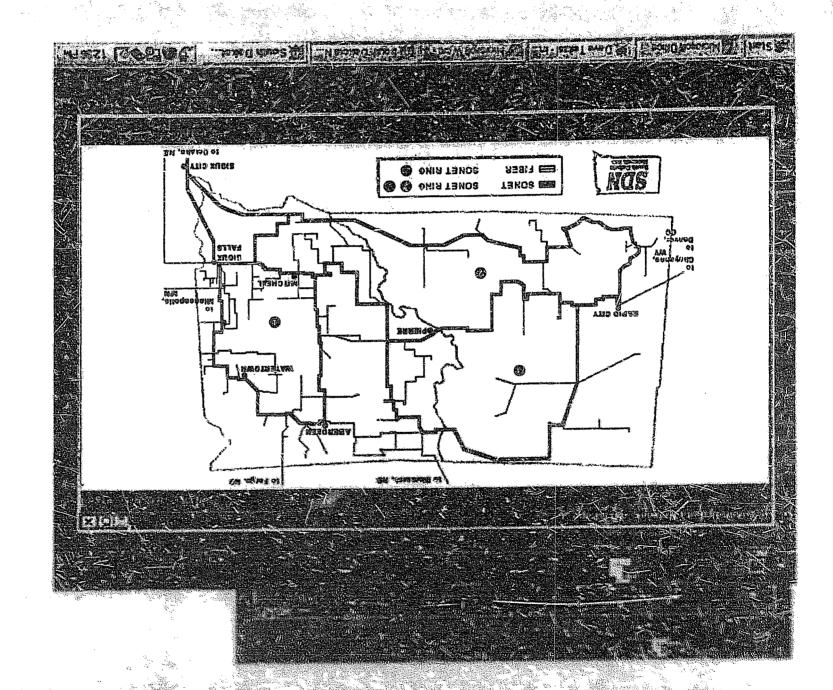
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SDN's network is interconnected to 7 regional fiber optic network providers creating a virtual 19 state regional fiber network.

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE INQUIRY OF WHETHER TO RECLASSIFY)	
US WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S)	DOCKET NO. TC99-059
INTRALATA TOLL AND WIDE-AREA)	
TELEPHONE SERVICES:)	

REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT OF INFORMATION

Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:41, U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST), through the undersigned counsel, requests confidential treatment as follows:

- 1) Confidential protection is sought for Confidential Exhibits DLT-08 and DLT-09 to the Direct Testimony of David L. Teitzel, which includes information regarding US WEST's intrastate minutes of use trends and US WEST's estimates of its intrastate long distance warker share.
- 2) The exhibits must be protected for the life of this dischet. When the dischet is closed, all protected information must be returned to U S WEST.
- 3) The person to be notified is Colleen Sevold, U.S. WEST Communications, Inc., 125 S. Dakota Avenue, 8th Floor, Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57194, telephone (505) 135-45-56.
- 4) The claim for protection is based on ARSD 20:10:01:39 (4) and SDCL 37-39-1(4).
- 5) The exhibits contain sensitive commercial information regarding US WEST's intrastate minutes of use trends and US WEST's estimates of its intrastate long distance states share, disclosure of which would provide actual and potential competitors with information which could provide them with a unique and unfair competitive advantage. Accordingly,

US WEST respectfully requests that the Commission grant this request for confidence protection.

Dated this 2/st day of October, 1999.

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ESTIMATE OF U S WEST'S SHARE OF THE MEASURABLE INTRASTATE LONG DISTANCE MARKET IN SOUTH DAKOTA ASSUMING A FIXED GROWTH RATE OF 5% PER YEAR IN YEARS 1998 AND 1999

TIMEFRAME	Total market Measurable <u>Minutes of USE</u>	ANNUAL GROWTH TREND	ESTIMATED TOTAL MARKET
July 1997	16,801,224*	n/a	16,801,224
July 1998	16,801,224	1.05	17,641,295
July 1999	17,641,285	1.05	18,523,349

U S WEST Switched MOU July 1999: 7,411,350*

U S WEST July 1999 share of estimated total market: 7,411,340/18523,349 - 40%

^{*} Note: Source - Confidential Exhibit DLT-08 Actuals

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CONSUMER COMPLAINTS

in the Matter of the Complaint filed by Myrna Mork, Pierpont, South Daketa, against One Star Long Distance, Inc. Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services.

On December 14, 1999, the Commission received a complaint from Myrna Mork of Pierpont, Small Dakota, against One Star regarding unauthorized switching of services. The complainant alleges that her long distance provider was switched to One Star without her authorization.

Staff Analyst: Keith Senger Staff Attorway: Camron Hoseck

Date Received: 12/14/99 Cete Filed: 12/16/99 Intervention Date: N/A

Watertown, South Dakota, against OLS, Inc. Regarding Switching Telecommunications Services Through Deceptive Tactics.

The Complainants indicate that they received two calls concaming their telephone service and that they indicated they did not want to switch. When they received their billings, they were assessed change fees and toll charges from OLS, Inc.

Sast Analyst: Leni Healy Sast Altorray: Karen Cremer

Exits Received and Filed: 12/17/99

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CTW-083 In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Rodney Mick on behalf of Farmers
Union Coop Elevator, Kennebec, South Dakota, against U S Republic
Communications, Inc. Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services.

The camplainant states that an unauthorized switch was made from AT&T to US Paparatic Communications, Inc. Complainant requests reimbursement from US Republic

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Construction, Blunt, South Dakota, against Sprint Communications

Company L.P. Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services.

The Complainant indicates that his long distance service was switched without his substitution. For relief, the Complainant requests that the Commission apply all appropriate rules and laws.

Staff /kmilyst: Heather Forney
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(250-46) In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Tim Sachtjen, Pierre, South Delote, equinst Owest Communications, Inc. Recerding Billing Issues.

The Completiment claims he was offered 5 cents per minute for intenstate long distance. Leter the was it is a 9 cents per minute decreasing to 5 cents per minute departing on the waste of the call. He was also charged for calls which were not answered. The Completiment requires that the company be investigated.

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Self Analysi: Keith Senger Self Anorway: Keren Cremer

Date (12/17/99)

Edward Centine: 01/07/2000

Astivation Communications, Inc. has filed a request for a Certificate of Authority to operate as a provider of resold and facilities-based local exchange and interexchange telecommunications will focus on the provision of digital authorities line and other advanced services to residential and business customers. Authorities are provide local dial tone, switched access, and interexchange services.

Sall Avalyst: Michele Farris Stall Attorney: Camron Hoseck

Date Fled: 12/22/99

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Mr. William Bullard, Jr. Executive Director South Dakota Public Utilities Commission State Capital Avenue 500) East Capitol Building Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070

Re:

Request to Withdraw Application of Owast Communications Corporation to Provide Local Exchange Service in 311, Docket No. TC99-118

Dear Mr. Bullard:

Owest Communications Corporation ("Qwest"), hereby requests withdrawal of the above referenced application for authority to provide local telecommunications services in South Dakota. The withdrawal of the subject application should be without projudice to Court a ability to re-file such application on a later date. Please find an original and ten (16) comes of this request for withdrawal. Also enclosed is a duplicate of this filing. Please data-states the duplicate and return in the postage pre-paid envelope provided. Please contact the understand if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted.

Elaine D. Critides

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Keith Senger

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF) ORDER PERMITTING OWNEST COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION) WITHDRAWAL OF FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO) APPLICATION AND PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICES IN) CLOSING DOCKET SOUTH DAKOTA

On December 21, 1999, Qwest Communications Corporation (Qwest) find an application with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for a certificate of authority to provide services throughout U S WEST territories within the state of ficulty Dekote.

On March 14, 2000, Qwest requested that its application for a certificate of authority be withdrawn.

At its regularly scheduled March 28, 2000, meeting, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-31-3 and ARSD Chapter 20:10:24. The Commission found that Qwest's request to withdraw its request for a certificate of authority is reasonable and closed the docket. It is therefore

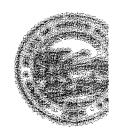
ORDERED that this docket is closed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 310th day of March, 2000.

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Re: In the Matter of the Inquiry of Whether to Reclassify U S WEST Communications, Inc. 's IntraLATA Toll and Wide-Area Telephone Services Docket TC99-099

Dear Tom:

Enclosed you will find original Stipulation and Settlement Agreement in the desire captioned matter.

Very truly yours,

Camron Hoseck Staff Attorney

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IN THE MATTER OF THE INQUIRY TO RECLASSIFY U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS INC.'S INTRALATA TOLL AND WIDE-AREA TELEPHONE SERVICES

STIPULATION AND SETTLEMENT ACREEMENT

U S WEST Communications, Inc. ("U S WEST") and the Staff of the South Dakes. Public Utilities Commission ("Staff"), collectively referred to as the "Parties," baseline than they have resolved all issues relevant to the Scuth Dakota Public Utilities Commission's impairy whether to reclassify U S WEST's intraLATA toll and wide-area telephone services. The Parket respectfully submit this Stipulation and Settlement Agreement ("Slipulation" or "Agreement") for approval by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission")

RECITALS

- On or about August 26, 1999, the South Dakota Public Utilizing Commission by A. order initiated this docket to inquire whether to reclassify U.S. WEST's intral_ATA toll and water area telephone services in Docket No. TC98-187 (In the Matter of the Patrice for the Cales Directing U S WEST Communications, Inc. to File Updates to its Exchange and National Services Catalog, Access Service Catalog, Advanced Communications Services Catalog and Private Line Transport Services Catalog)
- И. On September 23, 1999, the Commission electronically transmitted across of the filing and the intervention deadline of October 8, 1999 to interested parties and entities. Takes metitions to intervene were filed by Sprint and the Telecommunications Resolute Association are or about October 8, 1999.

The Parties have engaged in settlement negotiations in an attempt to resolve any large may have regarding this docket. This Agreement reflects the results of those and resolves all of the issues which were or could have been contested among the large manning this docket.

WHEREFORE, the Parties agree and stipulate to the following:

I SPECIFIC PROVISIONS

The Parties agree that U S WEST's intraLATA toll and wide-area telephone services are competitive, and thus that such intraLATA toll and wide-area telephone should be from emerging competitive to fully competitive pursuant to SDCL 49-31-1.3 and 49-31-32 and ARSD 20-10:24:11 et seq. The factual basis for this agreement is set forth below.

TACTUAL BASIS FOR THIS AGREEMENT

A Pully competitive services are defined in SDCL 49-31-1.3. SDCL 49-31-3.2 that the Commission, in determining how a telecommunications service should be shall consider the following:

- (1) The number and size of alternative providers of the service and the affiliation to other providers;
- (2) The extent to which services are available from alternative providers in the relevant market area:
- (3) The ability of alternative providers to make functionally equivalent or substitute services readily available at competitive rates, terms and conditions;
- (4) The market share, the ability of the market to hold prices close to cost, and other economic measures of market power; and
- (5) The impact on universal service.

- US WEST's intraLATA toll and wide-area telephone services are presently conserging competitive services by Commission order dated November 2, 1992 in TCV2-026 (In the Matter of the Investigation into the Reclassification of
- As set forth in the prefiled testimony of David Teitzel (at pages 4-6), there are services afternative providers of intrastate long distance services in South Dakota. There are least 250 providers certified to offer intrastate long distance services in South Dakota. Pactor, a total of 25 carriers, in addition to U S WEST, elected to be included in the services distance services. In addition, U S WEST's records indicate that a total of 48 metrics are now actively serving South Dakota. These carriers include the three largest long distance enters in the world, AT&T, Sprint and MCIWorldCom, as well as other long distance of additions in the world, AT&T, Sprint and MCIWorldCom, as well as other long distance with the services and McLeodUSA. Some of these long distance carriers are also affiliated with the services. These alternative providers have made themselves known to customers in the bakota. These alternative providers have made themselves known to customers in the services have spent millions of dollars in advertising their long distance offerings.

(CLECs) such as Dakota Telecom Group (DTG), Black Hills Fibercom, Northern Valley Communications, FirsTel and McLeodUSA. There are also long distance alternatives such as laternet telephone services, like Net2Phone Direct.

- As set forth in the prefiled testimony of David Teitzel (at pages 8-9), these managements afternative providers have the ability to make functionally equivalent or substitute long distance services readily available at competitive terms and conditions. Now that dialing parity has been implemented, all South Dakota customers now have the ability to preselect a specific carrier for their intrastate calling needs, and no longer must dial a special access code to reach that carrier, but may simply dial "1" and the telephone number. In the dialing parity convironment, placement of intrastate long distance calls via an alternative carrier is functionally identical to the placement of that call with U S WEST. Moreover, intrastate services are readily available from alternative providers at competitive terms and conditions. There are numerous examples of intrastate long distance call prices that show that intrastate long distance services are available to all South Dakota customers at rates, terms and conditions competitive with those offered by U S WEST.
- With respect to market share, and as set forth in the prefiled testimony of David Tested (at pages 9-12), U S WEST's trend data suggest that the volume of measurable intrastate minutes passing through U S WEST's switches has declined by approximately 46% between 1996 and July 1999. In addition, alternatives to U S WEST's network now exist to which Dakota customers for their intrastate long distance calling needs, such as private dedicated feedings, wireless services and Internet protocol telephony. The wide variety of traditional and the standard distance competitors and bypass providers is now entreached in South

Descrit, and competitive pricing, quality and the ability to package will be the primary drivers of competitors' ability to win, and retain, customers

- G Finally, as set forth in the prefiled testimony of David Teitzel (at page 13), reclassification of U S WEST's long distance services will stimulate additional competition in the remarket long distance market and thereby increase downward pressure on prices. This competition is in keeping with the vision of affordable universal service.
- For all the reasons set forth above, reclassification of U S WEST's intrastate long
- The Parties stipulate that the prefiled testimony in this case may be reviewed by the Commission in considering this Agreement.
- J The Parties stipulate that U S WEST will continue to impute access charges to

IV. GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. This Agreement is made for settlement purposes only. No Party concedes the validity or correctness of any regulatory principle or methodology directly or indirectly in this Agreement. Furthermore, this Agreement does not constitute agreement, by any Party, that any principle or methodology contained within this Agreement may be applied to any situation other than the above-captioned case in South Dakota. Notwithstanding, this Agreement does not preclude informal consultation by representatives of the Parties to consider using the same or a similar settlement approach in similar dockets in other states. No precedential effect or other significance, except as may be necessary to enforce this agreement or a Commission order constanting the Agreement, shall attach to any principle or methodology contained in the Agreement

- B. The Parties expressly reserve the right to advocate positions different from those stated in this Agreement in any proceeding other than the one necessary to enforce this Agreement or a Commission order concerning the Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement shall constitute a waiver by any Party with respect to any matter not specifically addressed in this Agreement.
- C. This Agreement shall not become effective and shall be of no force and effect until issuance of a final Commission order approving it in its entirety or which centains modification(s) of the terms and conditions that are acceptable to all of the Parties hereto. In the event the Commission modifies this Agreement in any manner unacceptable to any Party hereto, that Party may withdraw from the Agreement and shall so notify the Commission and the other Parties within ten (10) days of the date of the order. In the event a Party exercises its right to withdraw from the Agreement, this Agreement shall be null and void and of no effect and no force in this or any other proceeding in South Dakota. Should the Commission reject the Stipulation, the Parties will proceed to litigate the entire matter before the Commission as if the Agreement had not been presented.
- D. In the event this Agreement becomes null and void or in the event the Commission does not approve this Agreement, this document, as well as the negotiations or discussions undertaken in conjunction with the Agreement, shall not be admissible into evidence in these or any other proceedings or dockets.
- E. The Parties state that the results of the compromises and settlements reflected in this Agreement are just, reasonable and in the public interest.
- F. This Agreement may be executed in separate counterparts. The commercents taken as a whole shall constitute the entire agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated 485 2nd day of November, 1999.

Thomas J. Welk

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Dated the Stranger Day of November, 1999.

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Public Utilities Commission

DEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

THE MATTER OF THE INQUIRY OF)	ORDER GRANTING
WHETHER TO RECLASSIFY U S WEST)	INTERVENTION
COMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S INTRALATA TOLL)	
AND WIDE-AREA TELEPHONE SERVICES	•	TC99-999

Upon its own motion and pursuant to its August 17, 1999, order, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) opened this docket to determine whether to reclassify intraLATA toll and wide-area telephone services from "emerging competitive" to "fully competitive" as permitted by SDCL 49-31-3.2.

On September 23, 1999, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of October 8, 1999, to interested individuals and enditines. On October 8, 1999, Sprint Corporation (Sprint) and Telecommunications Resollers Association (TRA) filed Petitions for Leave to Intervene. At its negatiarly acheduled November 1, 1999, meeting, the Commission considered the requests for intervention.

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

The Commission found that the petitions to intervene were timely filed and demonstrated good cause to grant intervention. It is therefore

ORDERED that the requests of Sprint and TRA for intervention are hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 4th day of November, 1999.

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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Re: CT99-099; Reclassification of U S WEST's intraLATA and WATS services

Dear Mr. Bullard:

Sprint provides this letter in response to staff attorney Camron Heseck's letter to Sprint dated November 4, 1999 in the above docket. Mr. Hoseck's letter included a Stipulation and Settlement Agreement signed by Commission Staff and US WEST.

While Sprint was not involved in all discussions leading up to the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement, Sprint did make known to Staff and US WEST its concerns with regard to imputation by US WEST of switched access charges in connection with US WEST's intraLATA toll and WATS services. Paragraph J., Part III of the Stipulation notes US WEST's continued imputation of access charges in providing intraLATA toll and WATS services. With inclusion of this provision in the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement, and in any Commission Order so approving, Sprint is satisfied with the result herein.

Thank you for your consideration, and please call me with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely

Andrew Jones

Camron Hoseck Tom Welk Andrew Isar Tom Harmon

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE	MATTER	of Ti	he inc	Jury	OF)	ORDER CANCELLING
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At its August 17, 1999, meeting, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) voted to direct the Executive Director to open a docket to consider whether to have intraLATA toll and wide-area telephone services for U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST) reclassified from emerging competitive to fully competitive (Commissioner Schoenfelder, dissenting). Pursuant to SDCL 49-31-3.2, when determining how a telecommunications service is to be classified, the Commission shall consider the following:

- (1) The number and size of alternative providers of the service and the affiliation to other providers;
- (2) The extent to which services are available from alternative providers in the relevant market;
- (3) The ability of alternative providers to make functionally equivalent or substitute services readily available at competitive rates, terms, and conditions of service;
- (4) The market share, the ability of the market to hold prices close to the cost, and other economic measures of market power; and
- (5) The impact on universal service.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-31-3.2 and 49-31-3.4. Pursuant to SDCL 49-31-3.4, in any proceeding to reclassify a telecommunications service, the telecommunications company providing the service has the burden of proving that the classification is appropriate if the proceeding is commenced by the Commission on its own motion.

By order dated October 4, 1999, a hearing was scheduled for 9:00 a.m., on Movember 22, 1999, in Room 412, State Capitol Building, 500 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dateda. U S WEST and Commission Staff entered into a Stipulation and Settlement Agreement in this matter and the Agreement was approved by the Commission on Movember 15, 1999, so therefore the hearing is cancelled. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the hearing scheduled for November 22, 1999, is cancelled.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 1840 day of November, 1999.

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Inquiry of Whether to Reclassify US West Communications. RE: Inc.'s IntraLATA Toll and Wide-Area Telephone Services, Docket No. TCS9-039

Dear Mr. Bullard:

The Telecommunications Resellers Association ("TRA"), on behalf of its members, expresses its deep disappointment in the Commission's summary adoption of the property Stipulation and Settlement Agreement ("Stipulation") between U S WEST Communications, Inc. ("U S West") was the Staff of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("Staff") in the above-referenced proceeding, this week. The Stipulation, which represents little more than a wholesale reiteration of U.S. West's purported demonstration of the existence of competition, hardly demonstrates that the requirements of SDCL 49-31-1.2. for reclassification of U S West's toll services have been satisfied, and was adopted in virtual obscurity.

Ostansibly the Stipulation finds that U S West's intraLATA toll and wide-area telephase services ("WATS") are fully competitive, not because the record in this proceeding clearly demonstrates the existence of meaningful toll competition, pursuant to SDCI, 49-31-12, but because US West says these markets are competitive ("As set forth in the prefiled testimony of David Teitzel ..." at para. C; "Further as set forth in the prefiled testimony of David Teitzel" D. and again at para E, "As set forth in the prefiled testimony of David Teitzel ..."). Numbers is there any indication of evidence U S West provided to enable the Commission to consider the ability of alternative providers to make functionally equivalent or substitute services at connectitive rates (SDCL 49-31-3.2(3)) or, moreover, what market share or "expressionic resource of market power" (SDCL 49-31-3.2(4)) exist to support U S West's contention that toll and WATS services are in fact competitive. We have only US West's bald assertions that the men existence of competitive providers, coupled with the existence of intraLATA toll disline party equate to "competition." This cursory evidence supports a logic which, when taken to its conclusion. matanal would similarly Sinding

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the local market too should be deemed competitive, based solely on the presence of new local market entrants who have an "ability" to provide functionally equivalent or substitute

West's repeated argument that a given number of market competitors (or interconnection access lines served by competitors, or other quantitative data) translate into competition is specious and makes a case only for potential not actual competition. Potential appetition caused be relied upon to impose the type of market pressure necessary to prevent a final appetition caused be relied upon to impose the type of market pressure necessary to prevent a final acceptance from abusing its entrenched market power. This point has been made repeatedly in the Federal Communications Commission's rejection of early incumbent Bell acceptance company applications for in-region interLATA market entry under Section 271 of the lacendariations Act of 1996. Nevertheless, the existence of competition cannot simply be applicated away as TRA believes has occurred in this proceeding, but must be factually and applications of SDCL 49-31-1.2.

the manner in which this Stipulation was approved. Although TRA was proved leave to intervene in this proceeding, no effort was made by U S West or Staff to include TRA in Stipulation discussions. Apparently no such courtesy was extended to Sprint, the other intervence in this proceeding. Additionally, TRA received no procedural notice advising of the Commission's November 16, 1999 hearing, but instead received an informal telephonic notice than an informal telephoni

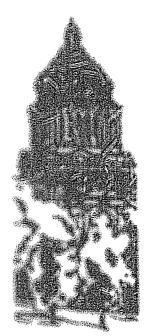
The continued to seek recourse for violation of its due process rights. Rather, TRA wishes a opposition to the Stipulation for the record, and urges the Commission to ensure that parties continue to have ample opportunity to participate in Commission proceedings, those pertaining to further deregulation of U S West or its services, before the commission section is taken.

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November 23, 1999

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Re: In the Matter of the Inquiry of Whether to Reclassify U S WEST Communications, Inc.'s IntraLATA Toll and Wide-Area Telephone Services Docket TC99-099

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Dear Mr. Isar.

This is a response which I am sending to you on behalf of the staff of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission to your November 19, 1999, letter to William Bullard, the Executive Director for the Commission.

As I am sure you are aware, there is an old principle in the law that says one cannot sit on one's hands and then later complain of the action which has occurred. It appears to me that this is the situation in which you have placed your organization. The staff has attempted to treat you fairly and to keep you fully apprised of what its actions were in this matter. As early as October 25, 1999, I sent a letter to you and the representatives from Sprint telling you that we were entering into negotiations with U S WEST and that it was up to you if you wished to enter into any settlement negotiations. Nothing was heard from you. If my recollection is correct, in my conversations with the representative of U S WEST, he heard nothing from you either.

My phone notes indicate that in the latter part of October, I had a discussion with Dena Kovak and explained to her what staff's position was and the fact that no Stipulation had yet been reached:

On November 2, 1999, I had another conversation with this individual and discusse with her what options might be available to your organization as an intervenor are I further agreed to send a copy of the Stipulation that was entered into between the utest and U.S. WEST.

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On Hovember 4, 1999, all intervenors were, in fact, sent a copy of the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement.

As to whether or not your organization got a copy of the agenda of the Commission's November 15, 1999, meeting, I do not know. It was my impression that one had been sent; however, I consider that it was. However, having not heard anything from your organization, I did talk to Ms. Kovak an hour or so before the time of the meeting and asked her what your organization's position was. Because she indicated she did not have the agenda or know of this meeting. I offered her every opportunity to appear at the meeting and make a presentation on the first of your organization. She was given the name of the contact person here with the Commission as well as the call-in number. Had you felt that your organization's rights were so severely projudiced at that time, you were certainly given the opportunity to appear via the conference before the Commission and make your position known.

that Sprint, acting upon the same notices as we gave you was able to participate and to the extent it felt necessary. It is also notable that your Petition for Intervention stated that you was able to participate and that you did not intend to sponsor witnesses, engage in the extent of cross-examine witnesses. Despite the stated and limited intent of your reservention, staff treated your organization as any other intervenor and, in fact, afforded your organization as any other intervenor and, in fact, afforded your organization as any other intervenor and, in fact, afforded your organization as any other intervenor and, in fact, afforded your organization as any other intervenor and, in fact, afforded your organization as any other intervenor and, in fact, afforded your organization as any other intervenor and, in fact, afforded your organization as any other intervenor and in fact, afforded your organization as any other intervenor and in fact, afforded your organization as any other intervenor and in fact, afforded your organization as any other intervenor and in fact, afforded your organization as any other intervenor and in fact, afforded your organization as any other intervenor and in fact, afforded your organization as any other intervenor and in fact, afforded your organization as any other intervenor and in fact, afforded your organization as any other intervenor and in fact, afforded your organization as any other intervenor and in fact, afforded your organization as any other intervenor and in fact, afforded your organization as any other intervenor and in fact, afforded your organization as any other intervenor and in fact, afforded your organization as any other intervenor and in fact, afforded your organization as any other intervenor and in fact, afforded your organization as any other intervenor and inte

suggest that in the future if you wish that your organization's position be considered, that you find night of intervention which you were granted in this case more serious treatment and become an active participant as we afforded you every opportunity to do in this case. To now question the way in which you feel you were treated and the final outcome of this docket is totally waterfield.

Very truly yours.

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE INQUIRY OF WHETHER TO RECLASSIFY U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S INTRALATA TOLL AND WIDE-AREA TELEPHONE SERVICES

ORDER RECLASSIFYING
U S WEST'S INTRALATA
TOLL AND WIDE-AREA
TELEPHONE SERVICES AS
FULLY COMPETITIVE;
ORDER APPROVING
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
TC99-059

At its August 17, 1999, meeting, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) voted to direct the Executive Director to open a docket to consider whether to have intraLATA toll and wide-area telephone services for U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST) reclassified from emerging competitive to fully competitive (Commissioner Schoenfelder, dissenting). Pursuant to SDCL 49-31-3.2, when determining how a telecommunications service is to be classified, the Commission shall consider the following:

- (1) The number and size of alternative providers of the service and the affiliation to other providers;
- (2) The extent to which services are available from alternative providers in the relevant market;
- (3) The ability of alternative providers to make functionally equivalent or substitute services readily available at competitive rates, terms, and conditions of service;
- (4) The market share, the ability of the market to hold prices close to the cost, and other economic measures of market power; and
- (5) The impact on universal service.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-31-3.2 and 49-31-3.4. Pursuant to SDCL 49-31-3.4, in any proceeding to reclassify a telecommunications service, the telecommunications company providing the service has the barden of proving that the classification is appropriate if the proceeding is commenced by the Commission on its own motion. On October 8, 1999, Sprint Corporation (Sprint) and Telecommunications Resellers Association (TRA) filed Petitions for Leave to Intervene. At its November 1, 1999, meeting, the Commission granted the requests for intervention. U S WEST filed testimony on October 22, 1999. The hearing was scheduled for November 22, 1999.

On November 3, 1999, the Commission received a Stipulation and Settlement Agreement entered into between U.S. WEST and Commission Staff. In the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement, U.S. WEST and Commission Staff agreed that U.S. WEST's

The Commission received a letter from Sprint stating that with the inclusion of the Commission received a letter from Sprint stating that with the inclusion of the Commission notes U S WEST's continued imputation of access charges, Sprint was selected with the result. TRA did not respond until after the Commission approved the selected and Agreement. TRA was given the opportunity to participate in the settlement repolations and was sent a copy of the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement. Although stated that it did not have sufficient notice of the Commission meeting, TRA was sent a copy of the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement that afternoon. TRA chose not to approve the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement that afternoon. TRA chose not to participate in the meeting.

At the November 15, 1999, meeting, the Commission considered the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement. The Commission voted to approve the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement. After consideration of the criteria listed in SDCL 49-31-3.2 and based upon the interest backet, the Commission finds that U S WEST's intraLATA toll and competitive to fully competitive. The Commission finds the reclassification is in the patic interest because there are numerous alternative providers of intraLATA toll and telephone services in South Dakota. Further, the Commission notes that since telephone services in South Dakota. Further, the Commission notes that since telephone services in South Dakota. Further, the Commission notes that since telephone services in South Dakota customers now have the ability to preselect a specific carrier for their intraLATA toll calls by dialing "1" plus the

it is therefore

ORDERED, that U S WEST's intraLATA toll and wide-area telephone services shall be reclassified as fully competitive; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement shall be separated and shall be incorporated by reference into this Order the same as if it had been set forth in its entirety herein.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this & Th day of December, 1999.

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