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June 27, 2000

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 page from our Exchange and Network Services Tariff:

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This change is made to increase the Federal Lifeline Program benefit by \$.85. This increase is the result of the FCC's order dated May 31, 2000 in which they increased the monthly credit from \$5.25 to \$6.10. This change becomes effective July 1, 2000.

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

Sincerely,



Colleen E. Sevold
Manager-Regulatory Affairs

Attachment

TELECOMMUNICATIONS NEW SERVICES CLASSIFICATION FILING

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

- 2) This service will be offered: Intrastate, IntraLATA
 Intrastate, InterLATA
 Interstate

- 3) Detailed Description of Service: The Lifeline Program provides assistance to low income consumers needing assistance with their phone bills.

- 4) Reason for Change: The Federal Communications Commission has increased the amount credited to Lifeline consumers from \$5.25 to \$6.10.

- 5) Basis for Rates: Based on FCC order dated May 31, 2000.

- 6) Quantification of Customer Impact: Affects all Lifeline consumers.

- 7) Proposed Effective Date: July 1, 2000

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5. EXCHANGE SERVICES

5.2 LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

5.2.6 TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

A.3. (Cont'd)

- e. The Lifeline Assistance Plan credit will begin with the first billing date after the Company is notified by applicants who qualify for benefits or when new service is established by a qualifying customer.
- d. Nonrecurring charges will not apply to establish this program on existing service.
- e. This credit shall apply only to a customer's principal residence line.

4. Credit

	USOC	MONTHLY CREDIT[1]
* Lifeline Assistance Plan Credit	ASGFX	\$6.10 (1)

[1] The total monthly credit consists of the \$4.35 baseline FCC Lifeline support and an additional \$1.75 FCC Lifeline support.

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South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
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For the Period of June 22, 2000 through June 28, 2000

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CONSUMER COMPLAINTS

CT00-079 In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Fairy Gardner, Witten, South Dakota, against Excel Telecommunications, Inc. Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services and Billing for Services.

The complainant alleges that her phone services were switched without her authorization and she received bills from Excel for unauthorized charges. The complainant is requesting compensation for the harassment.

Staff Analyst: Charlene Lund
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Docketed: 06/22/00
Intervention Deadline: NA

CT00-080 In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Theodore Kamstra, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, against McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services.

On June 26, 2000, the Commission received a formal complaint from Theodore Kamstra on behalf of TECS indicating that its telecommunications service was switched without authorization.

Staff Analyst: Leni Healy
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Docketed: 06/28/00
Intervention Deadline: NA

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

TC00-101 In the Matter of the Establishment of Switched Access Revenue Requirement for Vivian Telephone Company d/b/a Golden West Communications, Inc.

Vivian Telephone Company, Vivian, South Dakota, filed a switched access cost study developing a revenue requirement that is included in the revenue requirement used to determine the switched access rates for the Local Exchange Carrier Association.

Staff Analyst: Heather K. Forney
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer

Date Docketed: 06/26/00
Intervention Deadline: 07/14/00

TC00-102 In the Matter of the Establishment of Switched Access Rates for the Local Exchange Carriers Association.

The Local Exchange Carrier Association filed tariff sheets implementing the switched access rates necessitated by revisions to its member companies' revenue requirements and switched access minutes of use.

Staff Analyst: Keith Senger
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Docketed: 06/27/00
Intervention Deadline: 07/14/00

TC00-103 In the Matter of the Filing by U S WEST Communications, Inc. for Approval of Revisions to its Exchange and Network Services Tariff.

U S WEST Communications has filed for approval of Revisions to its Exchange and Network Services Tariff. The change is made to increase the Federal Lifeline Program benefit by \$.85. This increase is the result of the FCC's order dated May 31, 2000, in which they increased the monthly credit from \$5.25 to \$6.10. The change becomes effective July 1, 2000.

Staff Analyst: Michele Faris
Staff Attorney: Cannon Hosack
Date Docketed: 06/26/00
Intervention Date: 07/14/00

TC00-104 In the Matter of the Application of PT-1 Counsel Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Telecommunications Services in South Dakota.

PT-1 Counsel is seeking a Certificate of Authority to provide resold interexchange telecommunications services in South Dakota. The applicant is a switch-based reseller which intends to offer 1+ and 101XXXX direct outbound dialing, 800/888 toll-free inbound dialing, travel card services, and prepaid calling card services.

Staff Analyst: Heather Forney
Staff Attorney: Cannon Hosack
Date Docketed: 06/26/00
Intervention Deadline: 07/14/00

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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)	REVISED TARIFF PAGES
REVISIONS TO ITS EXCHANGE AND)	
NETWORK SERVICES TARIFF)	TC00-103
)	

On June 28, 2000, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST) for approval of a revision to its Exchange and Network Services Tariff. The purpose of the filing is to increase the federal Lifeline program benefit by \$.85. The increase is the result of the FCC's order dated May 31, 2000, in which it increased the monthly credit from \$5.25 to \$6.10. The change became effective July 1, 2000.

On June 29, 2000, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 14, 2000, to interested individuals and entities. No parties sought intervention.

The following tariff sheet was filed with regard to the Exchange and Network Services Tariff:

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At its duly noticed meeting on July 20, 2000, 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 revision to U S WEST's Exchange and Network Services Tariff. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves the above-referenced U S WEST revision to its Exchange and Network Services Tariff.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 21st day of July, 2000.

<p>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</p> <p>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.</p> <p>By: <u><i>Alvin Kalbo</i></u></p> <p>Date: <u>7/24/00</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Pam Nelson

PAM NELSON, Vice Chair

Laska Schoenfelder

LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner