

**Telecommunications Orders - Issued 1996**

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST          COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR REVISIONS TO ITS          EXCHANGE AND NETWORK SERVICES TARIFF AND          EXCHANGE AND NETWORK SERVICES CATALOG.</b>	) ) ) )	<b>ORDER APPROVING TARIFF          REVISIONS          TC96-049</b>
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On March 14, 1996, U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST) filed an application with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for approval of the following pages of its Exchange and Network Services Tariff and Exchange and Network Services Catalog:

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The purpose of the filing was to reprice Local and Toll Operator Services. The filing also established a new class of call, Payphone-Dialed Station-to-Station, established different charges for mechanized versus operator assisted calling card calls and also introduced a new charge-Operator Dialed Surcharge.

On March 14, 1996, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 29, 1996, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and a regularly scheduled May 14, 1996, meeting, the Commission considered U S WEST's request for approval of its filing. U S

WEST implemented the catalog revisions on April 15, 1996, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-12.5. Commission Staff recommended granting approval.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, specifically under SDCL 49-31-1.1, 49-31-1.2, 49-31-4, 49-31-12, 49-31-12.2, 49-31-12.4 and 49-31-12.5. Upon review of U S WEST's filing, the Commission concludes that the proposed tariff revisions are fair and reasonable and should be approved. (Commissioner Burg dissenting). As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED that U S WEST's proposed tariff revisions are hereby approved as filed and are effective for telecommunications services rendered on and after May 14, 1996, for the noncompetitive services and April 15, 1996, for the emerging competitive services.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 29th day of May, 1996.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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.

KENNETH STOFFERAHN, Chairman

JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner  
(Dissenting)

LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner

By: Delaine Kolbo  
Date: May 29, 1996

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