BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT) POST REMAND OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR U S) PROCEDURAL ORDER WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.) TC96-107

On May 12, 1998, the Honorable Steven L. Zinter of the Circuit Court, Sixth Judicial Circuit, entered an Order of Affirmance and Remand in Hughes County Civil action 97-462. Subsequent to the entry and notice of entry of that Order, the parties to this docket entered into a stipulation allowing the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) to consider Exhibits 154 and 160 from the administrative hearing without the necessity of a further hearing.

The Commission having received and filed the above-referenced stipulation desires the parties to submit written briefs as to their respective positions regarding those Exhibits 154 and 160 and to file proposed amendments to the findings of fact and conclusions of law which have been entered in this docket. The Commission has authorized its executive director to enter such an Order; it is hereby Ordered that:

- 1. The parties to this docket shall submit simultaneous briefs not to exceed 15 pages in length with regard to the evidence contained in Exhibits 154 and 160 within 30 days of the date of this Order; and
- 2. Reply briefs not to exceed 5 pages in length shall be filed within 15 days of the service of the initial briefs; and
- 3. Proposed modifications to the findings of fact and conclusions of law which have been previously entered by the Commission in this docket shall be filed by the parties with either the initial or reply brief. Any modifications shall be either submitted separately or, if incorporated into the findings of fact and conclusions of law which have already issued by the Commission, they shall be typed in such a manner that the changes are apparent.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this day of July, 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.

Date:

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION: Commissioners Burg, Nelson and

Schoenfelder

WILLIAM BULLARD, JR.

Executive Director