

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

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF) | ORDER GRANTING |
| PAM COMMUNICATIONS TO OFFER) | INTERVENTION AND |
| NEGOTIATED RATES) | DIRECTING EXECUTIVE |
|) | DIRECTOR TO SET |
|) | PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE |
|) | TC96-205 |

On December 19, 1996, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from PAM Communications to offer negotiated rates. PAM Oil, Inc. d.b.a PAM Communications has requested that the Commission waive its tariff filing requirements for competitive local telecommunications service providers. On December 26, 1996, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of January 10, 1997, to interested individuals and entities.

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

Petitions to Intervene have been received from the following parties on the respective dates as follows:

AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. (AT&T), January 10, 1997
MCI Telecommunications Corporation (MCI), January 13, 1997

At a regularly scheduled meeting of January 14, 1997, the Commission found that the Petition of AT&T to intervene was timely filed and demonstrated good cause to grant intervention, and that the Petition of MCI, although not timely filed due to inclement weather, shall be granted as in the public interest. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Petitions to Intervene of AT&T and MCI are hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED, that the Executive Director shall set a procedural schedule in this matter.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 15th day of January, 1997.

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| CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE | |
| The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon. | |
| By: | <u><i>Aldine Kalbo</i></u> |
| Date: | <u>1/16/97</u> |
| (OFFICIAL SEAL) | |

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Laska Schoenfelder
LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner