

subject of this docket shall be disclosed to the public and it may either approve or reject the application. The Final Decision made by the Commission may be appealed by the parties to the Circuit Court and the South Dakota Supreme Court as provided by law. It is therefore

ORDERED that a hearing shall be held on (1) Commission staff's motion regarding confidentiality of the purchase price and (2) this joint application for approval of the above referenced telephone exchange within the state of South Dakota at the time and place specified above. It is further

ORDERED that prefiled testimony shall be filed pursuant to the following schedule:

Applicants will file initial testimony on or before November 28, 1997.

Applicants will be allowed to offer rebuttal at the hearing.

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, this hearing is being held in a physically accessible location. Please contact the Public Utilities Commission at 1-800-332-1782 at least 48 hours prior to the hearing if you have special needs so arrangements can be made to accommodate you.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 21 day of November 1997.

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>Helaine Keebs</u>
Date:	<u>11/21/97</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:
Commissioners Burg, Nelson and
Schoenfelder

William Bullard, Jr.
WILLIAM BULLARD, JR.
Executive Director