

The order of the proceeding will be in the following sequence: (1) AT&T; (2) U S WEST; (3) Staff; and (4) remaining Intervenors.

The hearing will be conducted pursuant to SDCL Chapter 1-26. All parties have the right to attend and represent themselves or be represented by an attorney. However, such rights and other due process rights shall be forfeited if not exercised at the hearing. If you or your representative fail to appear at the time and place set for the hearing, the decision of whether or not the motion is granted will be based on arguments and authority presented at the hearing. A final decision may be issued by default pursuant to SDCL 1- 26-20.

The Commission, after examining the arguments and authorities presented by the parties, shall make a ruling on the granting of AT&T's motion. A Final Decision 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 AT&T's motion to disapprove the rate increase and close the docket at the time and location mentioned above.

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 17th day of January, 1997.

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.

Commissioners Burg, Nelson and
Schoenfelder

By: _____

Date: _____

WILLIAM BULLARD, JR.

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

Executive Director

(1)TAG members include Midco Communications, TCIC Communications, TeleTech, FirsTel, and Tel Serv.

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