

Telecommunications Orders - Issued 1997

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY U S WEST) ORDER GRANTING
INTERPRISE AMERICA, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF) LATE FILED
AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS) INTERVENTION
SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA.)
) TC96-199**

On December 12, 1996, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application by U S West Interprise America, Inc. (Applicant) for a Certificate of Authority to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services within the state of South Dakota. Applicant proposes to offer high speed data communications services such as Private Line Data and fast packet services for the purpose of Network Integration for Local and Wide Area Networks (LANs/WANs). An intervention deadline of December 27, 1996, was established and Dakota Cooperative Telecommunications, Inc. (DCT), Dakota Telecom, Inc. (DTI), Dakota Telecommunications Systems, Inc. (DTS), AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. (AT&T), and the South Dakota Independent Telephone Coalition, Inc. (SDITC) timely filed for intervention. The Applicant filed a response to each of the above-mentioned petitions to intervene on January 6, 1997. A regularly scheduled meeting of January 14, 1997, the Commission granted intervention to DCT, AT&T and SDITC. The Commission approved MCI Telecommunications Corporation's (MCI) late filed Petition to Intervene on February 11, 1997. On February 26, 1997, the Commission received a late filed petition to intervene from Sprint Communications Company L.P. (Sprint).

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

On March 4, 1997, the Commission, at a regularly scheduled meeting, pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:15.02, found that denial of Sprint's petition would be detrimental to the public interest and that Sprint should be allowed to intervene. It is therefore

ORDERED that the Petition for Late Filed Intervention of Sprint is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 13th day of March 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 ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

By: _____

Date: _____

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER,
Commissioner

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