

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	
MCIMETRO ACCESS TRANSMISSION)	ORDER GRANTING
SERVICES, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF)	INTERVENTION
AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN)	TC97-022
SOUTH DAKOTA)	

On March 7, 1997, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application by MCImetro Access Transmission Services, Inc., (MCImetro) for a Certificate of Authority to operate as a telecommunications company within the state of South Dakota. Applicant proposes to provide a full-range of telecommunications services, including, but not limited to, resale, various intrastate private line services and switched services, local exchange and IntraLATA toll services. Initially, MCImetro plans to provide services by reselling local telecommunications exchange services offered by the incumbent local exchange carrier. MCImetro also plans to interconnect its network with U S WEST and other local exchange carriers in order to bring the widest range of services to consumers in South Dakota.

On March 13, 1997, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 28, 1997, to interested individuals and entities. On March 25, 1997, the South Dakota Independent Telephone Coalition, Inc. (SDITC) filed a petition to intervene.

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

At a regularly scheduled meeting of April 1, 1997, the Commission found that the Petition to Intervene was timely filed and demonstrated good cause to grant intervention. It is therefore

ORDERED that the Petition to Intervene of SDITC is hereby granted. It is further

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 10th day of April, 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><i>Delaine Kalbo</i></u>
Date: <u>4/10/97</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