

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF) ATLAS COMMUNICATIONS, LTD. FOR AN) AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO) PROVIDE RESOLD LOCAL EXCHANGE) SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA)	ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION TC97-023
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On March 10, 1997, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application by Atlas Communications, Ltd. (Atlas) to amend its Certificate of Authority to provide local exchange services within the state of South Dakota. Atlas intends to provide local exchange service on a resale basis. The specific manner in which it will provide local exchange service depends upon the result of negotiations with the incumbent local exchange carriers currently operating within the state. Atlas seeks authority to resell local exchange service in the existing service areas of U S WEST and any other relevant carriers.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26, 49-13 and 49-31.

On March 25, 1997, the Commission received a Petition to Intervene by the South Dakota Independent Telephone Coalition, Inc. (SDITC).

At its regularly scheduled April 1, 1997, meeting, 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 by SDITC be granted.

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.
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Date: <u>4/11/97</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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