

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY) ORDER APPROVING TARIFF
MCLEODUSA TELECOMMUNICATIONS)
SERVICES, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF ITS) TC97-029
LOCAL EXCHANGE TARIFF)

On March 21, 1997, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing by McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. (McLeodUSA) for approval of its tariff reflecting local exchange service offerings in the Aberdeen, Pierre-Fort Pierre, Rapid City, Sioux Falls and North Sioux City exchanges in South Dakota. The tariff includes general rules and regulations, description of services offered, and rates and charges. In docket TC96-054 wherein the Commission granted McLeodUSA a Certificate of Authority to provide local exchange service, interexchange service and operator services in the exchanges of Sioux Falls, North Sioux City, Rapid City, Aberdeen and Pierre, the Commission also found good cause to waive ARSD 20:10:24:02 (12) which remains in effect.

On March 27, 1997, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of April 11, 1997, to interested individuals and entities. On March 31, 1997, PAMCOMM filed a request to intervene. On April 15, 1997, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission granted intervention to PAMCOMM (Chairman Burg dissenting). On the afternoon of April 15, 1997, PAMCOMM's representative, Doug Schneider, contacted the Commission's Executive Director and asked to withdraw PAMCOMM's intervention request.

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

At a duly noticed ad hoc meeting of April 18, 1997, the Commission reviewed the filing. PAMCOMM requested that its intervention be withdrawn. Commission Staff recommended granting the withdrawal of PAMCOMM and granting approval of McLeod's tariff filing. The Commission granted PAMCOMM's withdrawal of its intervention and also found that the filing was just and reasonable and should be approved. It is therefore

ORDERED that PAMCOMM's request for withdrawal of its intervention be granted; it is further

ORDERED that McLeodUSA's request for approval of its tariff filing, as described above, is hereby granted and shall be effective for services rendered on and after April 18, 1997, subject to the above referenced waiver.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 2nd day of May, 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 Kalbo</u>
Date:	<u>5/2/97</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner