

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE INVESTIGATION OF)
THE PRACTICE OF LONG DISTANCE)
RESELLERS TO OPERATE WITHIN THE)
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA WITHOUT AN)
IDENTIFYING PIC NUMBER)

ORDER GRANTING
INTERVENTION

TC97-050

On April 15, 1997, at a regularly scheduled meeting, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) opened a docket in order to study the problems associated with the practice of long distance resellers operating within the state of South Dakota without an identifying PIC number.

On May 8, 1997, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 23, 1997, to interested individuals and entities. Telecommunications Resellers Association (TRA), the South Dakota Independent Telephone Coalition, Inc. (SDITC) and AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. (AT&T) each filed timely petitions to intervene. MCI Telecommunications Corporation (MCI) filed a Late Filed Petition to Intervene on June 2, 1997.

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

At a regularly scheduled meeting of June 3, 1997, the Commission found that the Petitions to Intervene of TRA, SDITC, and AT&T were timely filed and demonstrated good cause to grant intervention. MCI was also granted intervention. It is therefore

ORDERED, that TRA, SDITC, AT&T, and MCI's requests for intervention are 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 June, 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>Helen Kaelos</i></u>
Date:	<u>6/13/97</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