

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT )  
OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR VALLEY )  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE )  
ASSOCIATION )**

**ORDER GRANTING  
WITHDRAWAL OF  
INTERVENTION  
TC97-063**

On June 4, 1997, Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Association (Valley) filed for approval by the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) its 1996 Intrastate Switched Access Cost Study.

On June 5, 1997, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 20, 1997, to interested individuals and entities. On June 19, 1997, the Commission received a Petition for Leave to Intervene from U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST). U S WEST was granted intervention by order dated July 29, 1997. On November 12, 1997, the Commission received a Notice of Withdrawal of Intervention by U S WEST.

On November 18, 1997, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered U S WEST's Notice of Withdrawal of Intervention. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 1-26-17.1, 49-31-18, 49-31-19, and ARSD 20:10:01:02.04, 20:10:01:15.02, and 20:10:01:15.05.

The Commission found that U S WEST's Notice of Withdrawal of Intervention should be granted. It is therefore

ORDERED that U S WEST's Notice of Withdrawal of Intervention is granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 1st day of December, 1997.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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>Alaine Kelbo</i></u>
Date: <u>12/3/97</u>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

*James A. Burg*  
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

*Pam Nelson*  
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

*Laska Schoenfelder*  
LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner