

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMOTIONAL) INTRASTATE TARIFF FILED BY U S WEST) COMMUNICATIONS, INC.))	ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION TC97-143
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On August 15, 1997, U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST), filed an Application with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for approval to offer a promotion to its toll customers beginning September 4, 1997. The promotion will be targeted to residential customers currently using direct dialing and business customers using direct dialing or Optional Calling Plans. Customers subscribing to this plan will be charged a monthly rate for which they receive unlimited toll usage on their intrastate intraLATA station-to-station calls. Customers must enroll in the promotion within 60 days of the effective tariff date and will be offered this rate up to December 31, 1998. U S WEST has reserved the right to discontinue the promotion prior to that date. Qualifying customers will be called via a telemarketing firm or through direct mail notifications.

On August 21, 1997, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of August 29, 1997, to interested individuals and entities. On August 29, 1997, the Commission received a Petition to Intervene from AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. (AT&T); on September 2, 1997, the Commission received a Motion for Leave to Intervene from Dakota Telecommunications Group, Inc. (Dakota).

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31.

On September 9, 1997, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered the Petitions to Intervene. The Commission finds that the Petitions of AT&T and Dakota have been timely filed and that they demonstrate good cause for granting intervention. It is therefore

ORDERED that AT&T and Dakota shall be granted intervention and shall be considered parties in this matter.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 17th day of September, 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>Alaine Kalbo</u>
Date: <u>9/17/97</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