

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMOTIONAL) INTRASTATE TOLL OFFER FILED BY U S) WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.))	ORDER GRANTING WITHDRAWAL OF 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 promotional plan (plan) to its toll customers beginning September 4, 1997. The plan 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 flat 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 date and may 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 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). On September 9, 1997, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered the petitions for intervention. The Commission granted the petitions of AT&T and Dakota to intervene.

On September 29, 1997, AT&T moved to withdraw as an intervenor in this docket. On October 27, 1997, Dakota moved to withdraw its intervention.

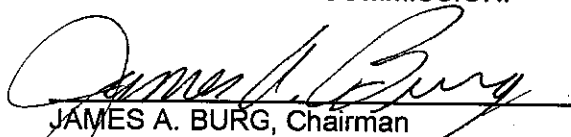


At its regularly scheduled meeting of October 28, 1997, the Commission considered these motions to withdraw as intervenors and good cause having been shown, it is therefore

ORDERED that AT&T and Dakota shall be allowed to withdraw as intervenors in this docket.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 31st day of November, 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>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

 JAMES A. BURG, Chairman
 PAM NELSON, Commissioner
 LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner