

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY AT&T)	ORDER APPROVING
COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MIDWEST, INC.)	WITHDRAWAL OF FILING
FOR APPROVAL OF AT&T DIGITAL LINK)	AND CLOSING DOCKET
SERVICE)	TC98-151

On September 4, 1998, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing by AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. (AT&T) seeking approval to introduce AT&T Digital Link Service in its Local Exchange Service tariff for business customers. AT&T Digital Link Service permits local calling capability from a customer's premise utilizing Direct Outward Dialing over dedicated digital facilities. AT&T requested that the tariff be approved to be effective simultaneously with the decision granting AT&T's emergency motion in Docket TC96-184 or with approval of the final Contract whichever occurs first. This tariff is filed with an effective date of October 5, 1998.

On September 10, 1998, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 21, 1998, to interested individuals and entities. A Motion for Leave to Intervene was filed by Dakota Telecommunications Group, Inc. (DTG) and its subsidiaries Dakota Telecom, Inc. (DTI) and DTG Community Telephone, Inc. (DCT) on September 16, 1998. At its regularly scheduled September 23, 1998 meeting, the Commission granted DTG, DTI, and DCT's request for intervention. On February 5, 1999, AT&T filed a revised tariff with an effective date of March 22, 1999. At its regularly scheduled meeting of March 25, 1999, the Commission considered this matter. AT&T was advised that Commission approval was not required for this filing. After a discussion, AT&T asked to withdraw the filing and requested that the docket be closed.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31. The Commission unanimously voted to allow AT&T to withdraw its filing and to close the docket. It is therefore

ORDERED that docket TC98-151 is hereby withdrawn and the docket is closed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 30th day of March, 1999.

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>William Kalbs</i></u>
Date: <u>3/31/99</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