

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR AN )	<b>AMENDED ORDER FOR</b>
ORDER DIRECTING U S WEST )	<b>AND NOTICE OF HEARING</b>
COMMUNICATIONS, INC. TO FILE UPDATES )	
TO ITS EXCHANGE AND NETWORK )	TC98-187
SERVICES CATALOG, ACCESS SERVICE )	
CATALOG, ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS )	
SERVICES CATALOG AND PRIVATE LINE )	
TRANSPORT SERVICES CATALOG )	

On October 26, 1998, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a petition from Commission Staff requesting the Commission issue an order requiring U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST) to file updates to its Exchange and Network Services Catalog, Access Service Catalog, Advanced Communications Services Catalog and Private Line Transport Services Catalog (Catalogs). On November 3, 1998, the Commission received from U S WEST an Affidavit of Colleen Sevold concerning Staff's Petition. Ms. Sevold stated that the fully competitive catalog pages are available on the Internet.

At its November 3, 1998, meeting, the Commission considered the petition. After listening to the arguments presented by Staff and U S WEST, the Commission voted unanimously to set the matter for hearing.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31, specifically 1-26-17.1, 1-26-18, 1-26-19, 1-26-19.1, 49-31-2, 49-31-3, 49-31-5, 49-31-7, 49-31-7.1, 49-31-11, 49-31-38, and 49-38.1, and ARSD 20:10:24:02 and 20:10:32:03. The Commission may rely upon any or all of these or other laws of this state in making its determination.

A hearing shall be held on March 16, 1999, at 9:00 a.m., in Room 412 of the State Capitol, 500 E. Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota. The issue at the hearing is whether U S WEST shall file updates to its Catalogs with the Commission and, if so, in what format.

On February 24, 1999, the Commission received a letter from U S WEST requesting a more detailed and definite statement of the matters to be heard at the hearing. Based on this request, the Commission further states that the hearing shall determine whether U S WEST shall file revised and updated tariffs in hard copy form or some type of electronic form when changes are made to fully competitive service offerings. The Commission limits the proceeding to fully competitive services based on Ms. Sevold's affidavit, referenced above, which states that U S WEST will continue to file tariff pages for noncompetitive and emerging competitive services.

The hearing is an adversary proceeding conducted pursuant to SDCL Chapter 1-26. All parties have the right to attend and represent themselves or be represented by an attorney. However, such rights and other due process rights shall be forfeited if not exercised at the hearing. If you or your representative fail to appear at the time and place set for the hearing, the Final Decision will be based solely on testimony and evidence provided, if any, during the hearing or a Final Decision may be issued by default pursuant to SDCL 1-26-20.

The Commission, after examining the evidence and hearing testimony presented by the parties, shall make Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and a Final Decision. As a result of the hearing the Commission may require U S WEST to ~~file updates to its Catalogs provide updates to its fully competitive tariff pages~~ in a format prescribed by the Commission. The Final Decision made by the Commission may be appealed by the parties to the Circuit Court and the South Dakota Supreme Court as provided by law. It is therefore

ORDERED that a hearing shall be held on Staff's petition at the time and place specified above.

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, this hearing is being held in a physically accessible location. Please contact the Public Utilities Commission at 1-800-332-1782 at least 48 hours prior to the hearing if you have special needs so arrangements can be made to accommodate you.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 1999.

<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>Delaine Kalbs</u>
Date: <u>3/1/99</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg  
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson  
PAM NELSON, Commissioner