

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )  
DAKOTA TELECOM, INC. AND DAKOTA ) ORDER CLOSING DOCKET  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, INC. )  
SEEKING AUTHORITY TO INVOKE SECTION ) TC98-061  
252(i) OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT )  
OF 1996 TO UTILIZE THE NEGOTIATED )  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN SPRINT )  
COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, L.P. AND U S )  
WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. )

On February 25, 1998, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Dakota Telecom, Inc. and Dakota Telecommunications Systems, Inc. (Dakota) requesting to utilize, in its entirety, the negotiated agreement between Sprint Communications Company, L.P. and U S WEST Communications, Inc. which was filed for approval with the Commission on August 27, 1997, and which was approved by the Commission, subject to minor revisions, on November 18, 1997. By letter dated April 4, 1998, Dakota requested, with the concurrence of U S West, that the docket be held in abeyance pending completion of negotiations between the parties. At its regularly scheduled meeting of April 9, 1998, the Commission deferred this matter.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of November 3, 1998, Dakota reported to the Commission that the matter had been resolved due to the action taken in docket TC97-126 and therefore requested that the docket be closed. The Commission voted to close the docket.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e) and SDCL 49-31-81. It is therefore

ORDERED that the docket is hereby closed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1998.

<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>Debra Kaelo</i></u>
Date: <u>11/18/98</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