

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S) WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR) APPROVAL OF INTERCONNECTION) AGREEMENT BETWEEN U S WEST) COMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND DAKOTA) SERVICES, LTD.)	ORDER APPROVING WITHDRAWAL OF NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT AND CLOSING DOCKET TC98-112
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On June 8, 1998, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a request from U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST) for approval of the negotiated Interconnection Agreement (hereafter, the Agreement) between U S WEST and Dakota Services, Ltd. (DSL). On November 2, 1998, DSL requested that the filing be withdrawn. U S WEST did not oppose withdrawal of the filing of the Agreement for approval.

The Commission has jurisdiction over the approval of interconnection agreements pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 252(e)(1) and SDCL 49-31-81.

On November 25, 1998, at its duly noticed meeting, the Commission considered the matter. Commission Staff recommended granting the request of DSL.

The Commission unanimously voted to permit the withdrawal of the Agreement and to close the docket, both without prejudice. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the filing of the Agreement for approval shall be withdrawn without prejudice; and it is further

ORDERED, that this docket be closed, without prejudice.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 4th day of December, 1998.

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>Helaine Kalbo</i> </u>
Date: <u> 12/8/98 </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