

**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)
WIRELESS INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT)
BETWEEN U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS,)
INC. AND BROOKINGS MUNICIPAL UTILITIES)
TELEPHONE DEPARTMENT D.B.A SWIFTEL)
COMMUNICATIONS)**

**ORDER APPROVING
AGREEMENT**

TC98-204

On November 19, 1998, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST) for approval of a negotiated wireless interconnection agreement between U S WEST and the Brookings Municipal Utilities Telephone Department d.b.a Swiftel Communications (Swiftel) pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §§ 252(a)(1) and 252(e).

On November 19, 1998, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of this filing to interested individuals and entities. The notice stated that any person wishing to comment on the parties' request for approval had until December 14, 1998, to do so. Parties to the agreement had until January 7, 1999, to file written responses to the comments. No parties other than Commission staff filed comments.

At its duly noticed February 17, 1999, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the interconnection agreement between U S WEST and Swiftel. Commission Staff recommended approval as the agreement had been amended to conform to South Dakota law.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-81, and the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. Upon review of the agreement, the Commission found that, as required by 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(A), the agreement does not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement nor is the implementation of this agreement inconsistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. It is therefore

ORDERED, that pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e) and 49-31-81, the Commission approves the interconnection agreement which is the subject of this docket.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 18th day of February, 1999.

<p>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</p> <p>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.</p> <p>By: _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p style="text-align:center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

PAM NELSON, Commissioner