BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR APPROVAL OF AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN FORT RANDALL TELEPHONE COMPANY AND DAKOTA TELECOM, INC. AND DAKOTA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, INC	))))))	**ORDER APPROVING AGREEMENT** **TC99-097**

On September 21,1999, a joint petition was filed for approval by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) of an interconnection agreement between Fort Randall Telephone Company (Fort Randall) and Dakota Telecom, Inc. and Dakota Telecommunications Systems, Inc. (collectively, Dakota).

On September 23,1999, 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 October 15,1999, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its duly noticed November 15, 1999, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the agreement between Fort Randall and Dakota. Commission Staff recommended its approval.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, and the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. In accordance with 47 U.S.C. ' 252(e)(2), the Commission found that the agreement does not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the agreement and the agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the agreement. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves the agreement, subject to the parties filing a corrected version of the agreement in which errors on pages 16 and 19 are corrected.

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

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE	BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:
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:_____ Date:_____ (OFFICIAL SEAL)	_____ JAMES A. BURG, Chairman _____ PAM NELSON, Commissioner _____ LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner