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

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT | ) | ORDER ASSESSING FILING |
| OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR U S | ) | FEE |
| WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. | ) | TC99-073 |

On June 29, 1999, U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST) filed for approval by the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) its 1998 Intrastate Switched Access Cost Study.

On July 1, 1999, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 16, 1999, to interested individuals and entities.

SDCL 49-31-12.6 authorizes the Commission to require a deposit of up to one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000) in the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission's (SDPUC) regulatory assessment fee fund to defray Commission expenses incident to analyzing and ruling upon this type of filing.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 1-26-17.1, 49-1A-9, 49-31-12.6, 49-31-18, 49-31-19 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.02, 20:10:01:15.05, 20:10:27:07 and 20:10:27:08.

On July 13, 1999, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission, pursuant to SDCL 49-31-12.6, unanimously voted to assess U S WEST a filing fee as requested by the Executive Director up to the statutory limit of $100,000. It is therefore

ORDERED that U S WEST shall deposit in the SDPUC regulatory assessment fee fund an amount as requested by the Executive Director up to the statutory limit of $100,000.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this _16th_ day of July, 1999.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

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PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner