

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
QWEST COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION)
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO)
PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICES IN)
SOUTH DAKOTA)

ORDER PERMITTING
WITHDRAWAL OF
APPLICATION AND
CLOSING DOCKET
TC99-118

On December 21, 1999, Qwest Communications Corporation (Qwest) filed an application with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for a certificate of authority to provide services throughout U S WEST territories within the state of South Dakota.

On March 14, 2000, Qwest requested that its application for a certificate of authority be withdrawn.

At its regularly scheduled March 28, 2000, meeting, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-31-3 and ARSD Chapter 20:10:24. The Commission found that Qwest's request to withdraw its request for a certificate of authority is reasonable and closed the docket. It is therefore

ORDERED that this docket is closed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 31st day of March, 2000.

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>Dellaine Kelbo</u>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Laska Schoenfelder
LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner