

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST)	ORDER GRANTING
COMMUNICATIONS, INC. OF A NOTICE OF)	INTERVENTION
INTENT TO FILE A SECTION 271)	
APPLICATION)	TC00-011

On February 8, 2000, U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST) filed with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) its Notice of Intent to File a Section 271 Application and Motion for Alternative Procedure to Manage the Section 271 Process.

On February 10, 2000, the Commission gave notice of the filing and on March 7, 2000, entered an Order setting an intervention deadline of March 17, 2000, and otherwise setting a procedural schedule

Petitions to intervene were received from the respective parties on the following dates:

Telecommunications Resellers Association	March 10, 2000
McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services Incorporated	March 16, 2000
Midco Communications, Inc.	March 17, 2000
AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc.	March 17, 2000

Late filed intervention petitions were received from the respective parties on the following dates:

Black Hills FiberCom, L.L.C.	March 21, 2000
Sprint Communications Company L.P.	March 27, 2000

U S WEST did not object to granting these Petitions to Intervene, including that of Sprint Communications Company L.P. which was not noticed for consideration by the Commission at its March 28, 2000, meeting.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31, 47 U.S.C. Section 271 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.02 through 20:10:01:15.05, inclusive.

At a regularly scheduled meeting of March 28, 2000, the Commission found that the Petitions to Intervene demonstrated good cause to grant intervention. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Petitions to Intervene as described above are hereby granted.

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

<p style="text-align: center;">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

LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner