

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF) MCLEODUSA TELECOMMUNICATIONS) SERVICES, INC. FOR APPROVAL TO OFFER) A DIFFERENT LOCAL CALLING AREA)))))	ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL TO OFFER A DIFFERENT CALLING AREA TC01-047
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On May 3, 2001, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. (McLeod). According to its application, McLeod proposes to provide a different calling area than that which is provided by the incumbent local exchange carrier, Qwest Corporation, and Black Hills FiberCom, L.L.C., in Rapid City.

On May 10, 2001, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 25, 2001, to interested individuals and entities. No parties filed for intervention. At its regularly scheduled meeting of July 10, 2001, the Commission considered this matter. McLeod explained its application. Commission Staff recommended approval of the application.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31 and ARSD 20:10:32:11. The Commission found that McLeod had shown that the different calling area would not be contrary to universal service, public safety and welfare, quality of service, and consumer rights concerns. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the application of McLeod for a different local calling area is hereby approved.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 12th day of July, 2001.

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><i>Alaine Kells</i></u>
Date: <u>7/13/01</u>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner