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# South Dakota Public Utilities Commission



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May 20, 1997

The Honorable William J. Janklow  
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Dear Governor Janklow:

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For your review, I do hereby respectfully submit the Commission's annual report for the 1996 calendar year in electronic format.

This report describes the activities, functions and accomplishments of the Commission during the 1996 calendar year. Included are facts, statements and explanations necessary to fully disclose its transactions and conduct. Also included is a listing of applications, subjects and disposition of each docket number assigned by the Commission; a complete financial report of receipts and expenditures; and a list of the regulated utilities and the total amount of fees and assessments paid by each.

The Commissioners and Commission Staff are available to discuss the various topics contained in this report.

Sincerely,

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## Meet The Commissioners

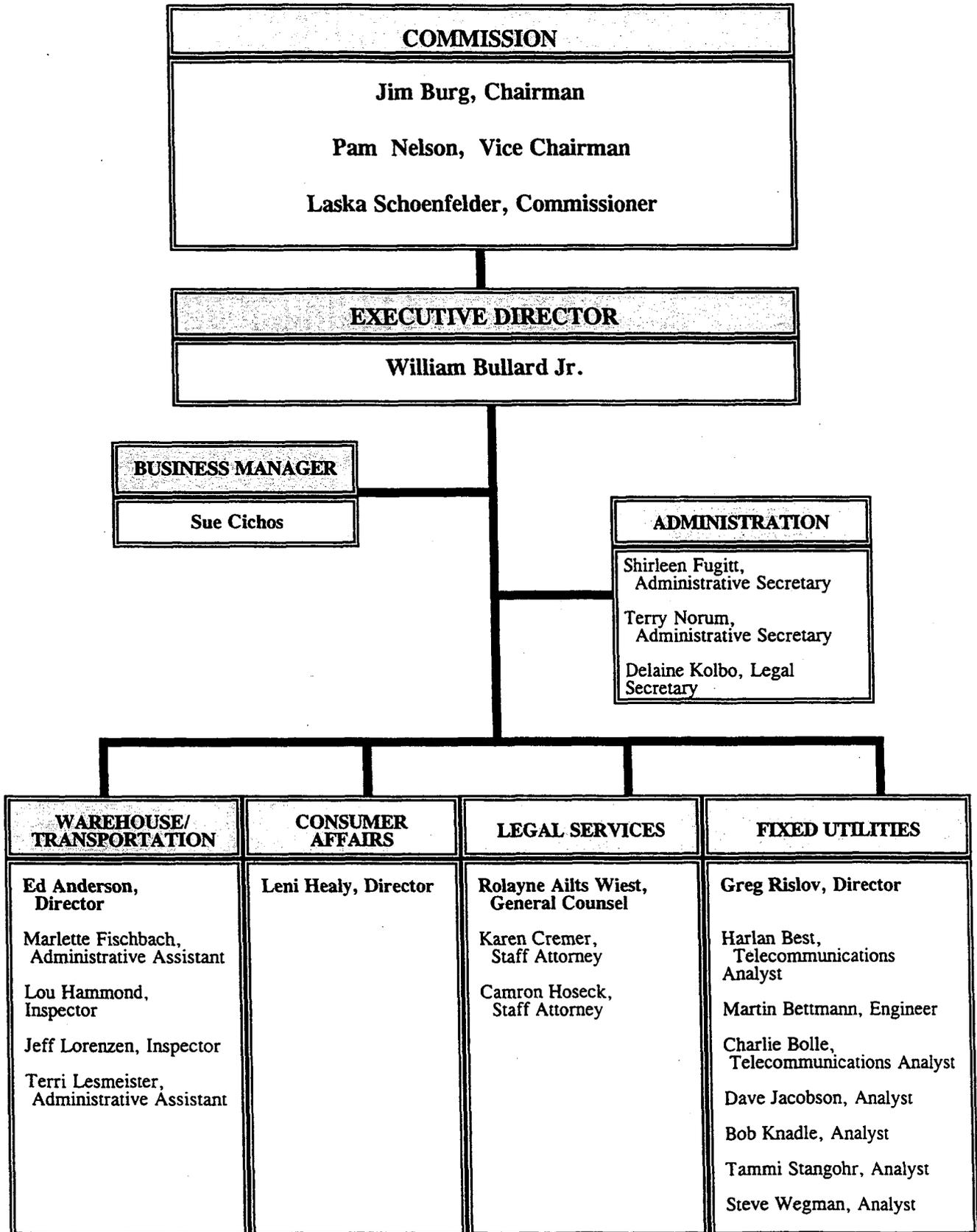
***Chairman Jim Burg*** (Democrat) is a farmer, businessman, soldier and a public servant. He is a 1963 graduate of South Dakota State University, a past state 4-H president, a past board member of the South Dakota Chamber of Commerce and past Board of Directors secretary-treasurer of the South Dakota Retailers Association. He and his wife Bernice operated a Ben Franklin retail store in Wessington Springs in the late 1980's. Jim recently completed a term on the Board of Directors of the South Dakota State University Alumni Association and is currently on the Board of Directors and President of the South Dakota 4-H Foundation. Jim became a National Guardsman in 1963, retiring in 1990, as Lt. Colonel. He attended the Army Command and General Staff College in 1984, and was promoted to Lt. Colonel in 1989. Jim served in the South Dakota House of Representatives from 1975-1984 and was Assistant Minority Leader from 1979-1984. He was elected to the State Senate during the 1985-86 term and was again selected. He was elected to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission in 1986, and 1992, and elected Chairman in 1989, and again in 1997. He is currently a member of the National Association of the Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment, the Administration subcommittee and the Executive Committee. He is also currently treasurer of the Mid-American Regulatory Commissioners (MARC). He and his wife, Bernice, raised five children on their family farm just east of Wessington Springs, South Dakota.

***Vice-Chairman Pam Nelson*** (Democrat) assumed Commissionership on January 6, 1997. Pam graduated from Sioux Falls Washington High School. She served in the South Dakota State Senate from 1988 to 1996 and in the South Dakota House of Representatives from 1986 to 1988. She served on the Sioux Falls School Board from 1976 to 1986. Pam has 30 years experience as a small business owner and is a current member of the League of Women Voters and Kiwanis West. Pam and her husband Vic have raised two daughters, Lisa and Kim

***Commissioner Laska Schoenfelder*** (Republican) was first elected to the Public Utilities Commission in 1988. She graduated from Lemmon High School and attended Dakota Wesleyan University. Laska was Davison County Register of Deeds from 1973-1982, and has also been employed with the Department of Commerce, the Bureau of Personnel, and the office of Highway Safety. She is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners and was appointed to NARUC's Committee on Communications in 1991. Laska is one of the four state members of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Federal/State Joint Board. Laska and her husband, Mike, are the parents of five children and operate a family farm near Mt. Vernon.

# SD Public Utilities Commission

## Organizational Chart



# FISCAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1996

	BUDGET	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES		ENCUMBRANCE	BALANCE
		by fund group			
		GENERAL FUNDS	OTHER FUNDS		
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>					
Personal Services	\$ 226,463	223,343	0	0	3,120
Operating Expenses	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM</b>	<b>\$ 226,463</b>	<b>223,343</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,120</b>
<b>TRANSPORTATION/WAREHOUSE</b>					
Personal Services	\$ 223,051	223,051	0	0	0
Operating Expenses	55,451	39,614	0	1,384	14,453
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM</b>	<b>\$ 278,502</b>	<b>262,665</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,384</b>	<b>14,453</b>
<b>FIXED UTILITY</b>					
Personal Services	\$ 783,200	0	697,453	0	85,747
Operating Expenses	345,018	0	230,655	5,607	108,756
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM</b>	<b>\$ 1,128,218</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>928,108</b>	<b>5,607</b>	<b>194,503</b>
<b>FILING FEES (Informational Budget)</b>					
Personal Services	\$ 0	0	85,433	0	(85,433)
Operating Expenses	475,000	0	38,063	0	436,937
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM</b>	<b>\$ 475,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>123,496</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>351,504</b>
<b>PIPELINE SAFETY (Informational Budget)</b>					
Personal Services	\$ 87,141	0	49,795	0	37,346
Operating Expenses	47,680	0	19,692	0	27,988
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM</b>	<b>\$ 134,821</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>69,487</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>65,334</b>

## Statement of General Fund Revenue

ICC Registration	\$ 16,925
Identification Stamps	47,705
Transfer/Leases	300
Cab Cards	220
SSRS Registrations	1,007,430
Bus Permits	3,900
Non Storage Licenses	285
Federal Storage Licenses	870
Grain Storage Warehouse	2,400
Public Storage License	315
Truck Decals	1,018
Grain Dealers Licenses	4,185
<b>Total General Fund Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 1,085,553</b>

## Gross Receipts Tax Fund Revenues

Gross Receipts Tax	\$ 987,458
Application Fees	23,250
Williston Basin Reimbursement	0
Interest Earned	62,321
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>1,073,029</b>

The Statement of General Fund Revenue represents the collections related to the issuance of licenses and permits in the Transportation/Warehouse Division. The Gross Receipts Tax Fund Revenues fund entirely and exclusively the Commission's Fixed Utility Division.

## 1996 In Review

### The Commission's Background:

The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) consists of three elected at-large Commissioners each serving staggered, 6-year terms. In addition, the Commission has 24 staff members. The Commission is authorized by statute and regulates the rates and service quality of investor-owned electric, natural gas, and telephone utilities and has territorial jurisdiction over all retail electrics, including cooperatives, independents and municipals; it registers interstate motor carriers; it licenses and inspects grain elevators and grain dealers; it operates the natural gas pipeline safety program; and it maintains the state's one-call notification center which regulates excavation activities. The PUC also handles consumer complaints involving all of the referenced industries.

### The Year's Highlights:

- Commission Chairman Ken Stofferahn retires after serving 18 years with the Commission. Pam Nelson was elected to fill the vacant seat on November 7, 1996. She was sworn into office on January 7, 1997.
- South Dakota and three other states successfully led a legal challenge to stay that portion of the FCC rules which preempted state's authority to effectively facilitate intrastate competition.
- South Dakota completed its first arbitration pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The proceeding involved U S WEST Communications, Inc. and Western Wireless Corporation.
- The Commission approved eight applications from companies requesting to provide local telecommunications service competition within U S WEST's exchanges. One of these companies had no prior experience in telecommunications.
- Commissioner Laska Schoenfelder completed her first full year of serving on the Federal/State Joint Board which submitted its universal service recommendations to the FCC on November 8, 1996.
- The Commission completed its second full year of operating the state's natural gas pipeline safety program. The Commission's pipeline safety inspector has earned all required credentials to perform all levels of safety inspections.
- The Commission experienced a 47 percent increase in telecommunications related filings in calendar year 1996.
- South Dakota's electric system was hard-hit by winter storms, both in the spring of 1996 and again in the fall/winter of 1996. Wide-spread outages occurred in the territories of municipals, cooperatives and investor-owned utilities. Damages to the state's electric system was extensive.
- The Commission's consumer affairs division registered 1,451 consumer contacts in 1996. That compared to 2,432 contacts in 1995. The reduction is attributable to the nonexistence of large-scale sales of telephone exchanges and major extended area service applications, both of which were prevalent in 1995.

### The Year's Issues:

The passage of the Telecommunications Act of 1996; the ensuing federal rule-making processes; and the resulting repositioning of telecommunications companies dominated the Commission's 1996 agenda. While electric restructuring gained popularity in other states, South Dakota, which enjoys relatively low electric

rates, did not open any formal dockets on the issue of retail wheeling. The Commission continues to monitor developments in other jurisdictions. Mergers and acquisitions were prevalent in both the natural gas and grain warehouse industries within the state. A few of the issues reflecting the changing utility industries are reported below:

### **Electricity**

Northern States Power Company-South Dakota (NSP) petitioned the Commission for approval of an overall 1.5% electric rate reduction and to freeze rates through the year 2000 subject to extraordinary events resulting from expected savings from NSP's proposed merger with Wisconsin Energy Corporation to form Primergy, a new registered holding company. NSP proposes that the decrease be effective upon closing of the merger. The proposed merger is not subject to the Commission jurisdiction, but the Commission is monitoring the application process.

### **Natural Gas**

In 1996, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission helped develop and approved unbundled natural gas tariffs for one of its regulated companies. Of the three major regulated local distribution companies operating in the state, two now have unbundled tariffs. The Commission also reviewed and approved cost recovery for the first cleanup of a manufactured gas plant site in the state. The Commission experienced an increased involvement in natural gas proceedings by independent marketers operating in South Dakota. The Commission also considered and approved applications for capacity release, buy/sell and sales for resale incentive mechanisms for one of the major LDCs. The Commission started an investigation into the adoption of standards of conduct rules regarding natural gas distribution companies and their affiliates. Proposed rules are pending. The Commission investigated a report of an inadequate response from an LDC to a gas leak report. The investigation resulted in improved response procedures for that company.

### **Telecommunications**

The Commission completed its work on U S WEST's request for alternative regulation. The core issues included network upgrading, price caps and a local rate increase. U S WEST had not had a local increase in over a decade and was seeking more rate-setting flexibility. Commission staff sought to comply with ratemaking statutes while negotiating for service improvements. The result was a three-stage, phased-in rate increase, with subsequent phases being subject to Commission approval based on service quality; price caps with downward pricing flexibility; a comprehensive network improvement plan, the cost of which is not included in rates; provision for deployment of no-cost facilities and training for schools; and rate design changes which included diminishment of the rural penalty and "rolling-in" of Touch-Tone charges. The bulk of the first stage increase stemmed from the "rolling-in" of Touch-Tone.

The Commission also considered adoption of "quality of service" standards as a measure for approval or rejection of subsequent increases. The Commission decided not to adopt the standards, and instead rely on their own judgement in measuring quality of service.

The sale of 55 U S WEST exchanges within South Dakota was consummated in June of 1996. The Commission approved the sale of 9 additional U S WEST exchanges and 2 independent telephone exchanges during the year.

During the year, the Commission received 67 applications for certificates of authority from interexchange carriers, 10 applications from competing local exchange carriers, and 15 applications from local exchange carriers which had purchased the sold exchanges mentioned above. At year end 1996, South Dakota had 175 certified long distance providers, 9 certified competitive local exchange providers and 60 certified local exchange companies.

Included in the 20 docketed tariff modifications requested by U S WEST was a request to withdraw its Centrex tariff. The Commission denied U S WEST's withdrawal request. U S WEST appealed and the state circuit court upheld the Commission's decision.

The Commission rejected an extensive extended area service request involving contiguous exchanges in the northern Black Hills area surrounding Rapid City, South Dakota. Also in the northern Black Hills, the Commission ordered U S WEST to provide a refund to customers who had been misinformed about telecommunications developer fee charges associated with phone installations. The Commission found that U S WEST had improperly charged for developer fees as its relevant tariffs had been previously designated obsolete.

The Commission effectively rejected a statement of generally available terms (Statement) filed by U S WEST by granting a motion for summary disapproval offered by AT&T. AT&T argued, the Commission agreed, and U S WEST conceded that U S WEST's Statement did not comply with the FCC's First Report and Order and Final Rules as required under Section 252 (f)(2) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Specifically, the Statement failed to offer all retail services at wholesale rates.

The Commission approved 20 switched access cost studies submitted by LECA and small independent, cooperative and municipal telephone companies. U S WEST's switched access study and corresponding request to increase its originating and terminating switched access rates were remanded by the Commission to a rehearing scheduled for early 1997.

A total of 10 dockets were processed by the Commission relating to the implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. These included arbitration and interconnection requests along with investigations into new procedures for complying with the Act. Specifically, the Commission established guidelines for handling negotiations, mediations and arbitrations through an order setting anticipated procedures. Also, the Commission opened an investigation to determine what actions or rules should be implemented to govern local competition. In response to nearly a 100 percent increase in slamming complaints during 1996, the Commission will consider stronger anti-slaming rules in preparation of local service competition.

The second arbitration to be conducted by the Commission (the first involved Western Wireless mentioned in "The Year's Highlights" section of this report) will involve AT&T and U S WEST. A hearing is scheduled for February 3-7, 1997. The Commission's first approved negotiated agreement involved a newcomer to the telecommunications industry, PAM Communications, which intends to resell U S WEST services.

Statutory revisions to South Dakota's telecommunications statutes are contemplated for the 1997 Legislative Session. The Commission will seek enabling legislation to allow it to establish a universal service fund and it will propose numerous revisions deemed necessary to conform to the Act.

### **Transportation/Warehouse**

The Commission is responsible for licensing 400 grain dealers and warehouses and inspecting 303 grain warehouse facilities. The 1996 Legislature raised grain warehouse licensing fees from \$15 to \$160 to offset a reduction in the program's legislative appropriation. Lawmakers also granted the Commission authority to contract with grain commodity groups to inspect grain check-off records. Twelve grain warehouse facilities were involved in some form of ownership restructuring in 1996, and 15 facilities remain on the Commission's financial statement watchlist. The Commission has expanded its education efforts to inform producers and elevators of the risks involved in the many new marketing agreements, particularly Hedge to Arrive contracts.

The Commission registered approximately 3,000 interstate exempt motor carriers and continues to administer the Single State Registration System (SSRS) for approximately 800 ICC carriers based in South Dakota.

### **Pipeline Safety Program**

The Commission has jurisdiction over 3,187 miles of transmission and distribution pipelines that serve 145,554 customers in the state. Nineteen ninety-six marked the second full year of the Commission's operation of the program and it completed all required training during the year. The program involves fifteen natural gas pipeline operators. One reportable incident occurred during the year. A plastic six-inch distribution line located under the Bad River was exposed and damaged during flooding over the Memorial Day weekend. There were no injuries. However, the loss of facilities and cost of repair exceeded the \$50,000 minimum threshold for reportable incidents.

### **One-Call Notification**

Nineteen ninety-six marked the second year of operation for the South Dakota One-Call, a statewide notification center for excavation in South Dakota. The One-Call Board is an independent board that reports to the Commission for administrative purposes. Legislation has been introduced to impose civil penalties upon contractors who fail to call for a locate before excavating.

### **Computerization**

The Commission began posting its orders, agendas and other information on its internet homepage in 1996. It also distributes its weekly telecommunications filings, agendas and minutes via E-mail over the internet to interested parties. The Commission is also continuing to study and find ways to increase the use of internal electronic distribution systems to further reduce the burden of paper.

Commission's Internet Address: [billb@puc.state.sd.us](mailto:billb@puc.state.sd.us)

Commission's Website : [HTTP://www.state.sd.us/state/executive/puc/puc.htm](http://www.state.sd.us/state/executive/puc/puc.htm)

**South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
Grain Warehouse Division Information Sheet  
(Revised January 16, 1997)**

***Purpose***

The division ensures the continuation of viable grain markets for South Dakota producers through a comprehensive licensing and inspection program, and keeps them informed of the increasingly complex nature of grain marketing alternatives.

***Scope***

The division is responsible for licensing 400 grain dealers and warehouses. It conducts annual inspections of 303 grain warehouse facilities. Typically, another 100 to 150 inspections are performed annually to address specific problems or needs. It also resolves producer complaints against grain dealers and warehouses.

***Powers***

Depending on the nature and severity of problems identified, the Commission may: 1) suspend, revoke or deny a license; 2) require additional bond coverage to compensate for increased risk; 3) impose additional reporting requirements and accelerate the frequency of inspections; 4) impose limitations on management decisions when risks become excessive.

***Staffing***

The division employs a division director, two full-time field inspectors, and a support staff person. The division director and one inspector are located in Pierre. One inspector is located in the field.

***Operations***

The Pierre office annually reviews and analyzes all warehouse financial statements to determine financial viability. The three field inspectors perform annual inspections to identify potential problems, enforce Commission actions, and assist licensees to improve their record keeping, their management, and to overcome financial challenges.

***Statistics***

The Commission is currently tracking the financial stability of 15 facilities, truck grain buyers or brokers on its financial statement watchlist.

For FY 97, the Commission required additional bond coverage beyond the statutory level from 6 facilities, truck grain buyers or grain brokers.

From January 1, 1990 through December 31, 1996, 118 facilities were involved in some type of ownership restructuring.

During calendar year 1996, 12 facilities were involved in some type of ownership restructuring.

***Benefits***

Producer risk is reduced by the division's constant monitoring of grain dealer and warehouse financial statements. Problems are identified and addressed before the problem becomes overwhelming. The integrity of the state's grain market is maintained by ensuring the financial soundness of grain handlers. Producer complaints are addressed quickly. The division also provides the following support to the grain industry: 1) The structure of the Commission provides timely and cost effective adjudication of complaints and/or claims against the bonds. 2) Additional inspections are conducted whenever the ownership of a facility changes to ensure a smooth transition and to provide assistance to the new owners. 3) The Commission regularly assists the industry with problems they encounter with unlicensed grain dealers.

# South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Pipeline Safety Program Information Sheet

(Revised January 16, 1997)

## Program Purpose

**To protect South Dakota citizens from avoidable safety mishaps involving the transmission and distribution of natural gas and propane.**

Natural gas and propane industries are facing stiffer competition during this era of deregulation and workforce downsizing has become routine. Natural gas and propane companies are also rapidly expanding their pipeline networks due to market growth, mergers and acquisitions. These two factors contribute to a heightened concern that market forces may diminish safety considerations. The best defense to this economic-driven phenomenon is this public safety program which ensures that safety will never be compromised by any company for any reason.

**To replace the federal pipeline safety program which proved incapable of meeting safety mandates within South Dakota.**

The federal government's track record in protecting South Dakota citizens through routine pipeline safety inspections has been poor. So obvious was this situation that the federal government delegated this responsibility to the State of South Dakota. Prior to the implementation of the South Dakota Pipeline Safety Program, new pipeline construction, repairs and required maintenance went unsupervised for many years by any publicly accountable regulatory body.

## Program Description

**This program has jurisdiction of over 3,187 miles of transmission and distribution pipelines that serve 145,554 South Dakota Customers.**

South Dakota has 15 operators subject to the program's jurisdiction. There are 3 large natural gas system operators, 2 municipal natural gas system operators, 2 natural gas master meter system operators, 2 propane system operators, 3 propane facility operators, and 3 intrastate pipeline operators.

**This program routinely inspects over 65 critical safety features of South Dakota pipelines.**

The program performs a 3-year quarterly inspection schedule. Over each 3-year period, more than 65 safety features are inspected. The safety features subject to inspection in each year of the 3-year schedule are further divided into quarterly inspections. Efficiency is achieved for smaller operators by limiting their inspections to a single, annual inspection.

**This program routinely conducts unscheduled inspections of new construction and investigates safety infractions.**

In addition to its scheduled inspections, the program inspects all new pipeline construction during critical construction phases. It also reviews reported small incidents and investigates when necessary. All large incidents are investigated by the program. Federal activities and investigations are monitored. It also promotes the use and importance of the South Dakota One-Call program through education and awareness campaigns.

## **Program Funding**

**This program is funded entirely by federal grants and direct assessments of jurisdictional operators.**

No state general funds nor any of the funds used to support the other functions of the Commission are used to support this program. Federal grant funds are distributed by the U. S. Department of Transportation, Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS). RSPA receives its funding through an assessment of interstate and intrastate natural gas transmission and hazardous liquid pipeline operators, and operators of liquified natural gas facilities. To fulfill its program mandate, the Commission receives a grant of 41-46 percent of the actual operating costs of the program. The balance of the cost of the pipeline safety program is funded through assessments of the jurisdictional operators. Operators are assessed quarterly for expenses directly attributable to the inspection of their facilities and on a pro rata basis for the general overhead expenses incurred by the program. The actual expense of the state program for FY96 was \$69,487.09. During that year, customers paid approximately 2 cents per month for this safety regulation.

## **Program Training**

**Program staff have completed all required training.**

Personnel responsible for conducting inspections and investigations have completed all of the required training sessions sponsored by OPS. A federal moratorium on accepting states as interstate agents is now in effect. When lifted, program staff would be eligible for certification as interstate agents based on the completed training.

## **Advantages of State Program**

1. The Commission currently regulates other aspects such as pipeline siting and rates.
2. Inspectors are located in Pierre rather than Kansas City, Missouri.
3. The regulated companies prefer to work with state inspectors.
4. Increased inspection frequency.
5. Construction projects are monitored more frequently during critical phases.
6. More thorough inspections.
7. Greater accountability of program performance.
8. More flexibility and program customization to meet state needs.
9. Response time to incidents is reduced.
10. Commission's scope is beyond federal purview, i.e., propane and master meter inspections.

## **Future Program Goals**

1. Assume responsibility for the inspection of interstate natural gas pipelines.
  2. Fashion inspections based on the safety histories of companies.
  3. Continued promotion of statewide one-call system.
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## Joint Board Activity

During 1996 Congress passed the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Commissioner Laska Schoenfelder is one of four state commissioners appointed to the Universal Service Fund (USF) Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Federal/State Joint Board that is required to develop a recommendation to the FCC for the implementation of the Act. Prior to this appointment Commissioner Schoenfelder was a Joint Board member on the 80-286 Joint Board. Staff Telecommunications Policy Analyst Charles Bolle was appointed to the USF Joint Board Staff. Both Commissioner Schoenfelder and Charles spend considerable time working with the other Joint Board members in developing the Recommended Decision that was adopted by the Joint Board and submitted to the FCC for consideration on November 7, 1996, under CC Docket No. 96-45. That Recommended Decision was released on November 8, 1996. Commissioner Schoenfelder concurred in part and dissented in part and issued a separate statement.

Commissioner Schoenfelder's statement expressed concerns as stated below:

I respectfully dissent from the Joint Board's recommendation regarding the assessment on carriers' total interstate and intrastate telecommunications revenues, the delay in implementing the high cost fund and the treatment of the Subscriber Line Charge. While I do not dissent, I have reservations regarding the support for these mechanisms not being explicit on customers' bills, supporting internal connections for schools and libraries and the overall size of the Universal Service Fund.

First, regarding the fund assessment, I do not believe the Commission has authority to base contributions on intrastate telecommunications revenues. The jurisdiction between the Commission and the states is distinct. The Commission possesses authority to assess interstate revenues, while the state commissions have authority to utilize intrastate revenues. To recommend that the Commission utilize intrastate telecommunications revenues is certainly beyond the scope of its jurisdiction.

Second, Congress clearly intended the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to preserve state authority over universal service matters within the state. I am greatly concerned that utilizing intrastate revenues will negatively impact such well intended state programs. State commissions should not be hindered by this decision to develop their own workable and viable state programs. Therefore, intrastate revenues should not be assessed, as such revenues are designed for complementary state universal service programs, not the federal fund.

Third, the Act states that contributions to the federal universal service fund are to be made from those carriers that provide interstate telecommunications services. To recover intrastate revenues from these carriers is an act I do not believe Congress intended. Furthermore, such recovery is clearly discriminatory insofar as it assesses intrastate contributions only from those carriers that provide both interstate and intrastate services. Carriers providing intrastate services, but not interstate services, cannot be required to contribute under the Act, yet it is inconsistent and discriminatory to mandate the same revenues be recovered from carriers merely because they provide interstate services.

I must also dissent from the portion of the decision which recommends high cost funding be delayed until the size of such fund is determined. While I agree with the decision to further review the proxy methodology, I find little merit in forestalling the implementation of funding. The Act is clear in its mandate for interstate funding and I disagree that determining the size of the fund is necessary in order to begin this process.

The issue regarding the Subscriber Line Charge is also one in which I must disagree. I have serious concerns that we are not addressing this important issue today and I believe the decision to postpone action on this topic is unfounded. The record is complete and supports that a recommendation be made. Furthermore, in delaying addressing this issue, we are not requesting additional comments for the record. In the competitive environment which we are trying to achieve, the recovery of cost should be determined by the marketplace,

not by regulatory mandates.

In closing, I would also like to express my reservations about not providing explicit notification on customers' bills about the charges assessed to fund these programs. Consumers are entitled to be made aware of the charges that they are paying to support the recommendations made herein. Also, while I do not dissent to providing interconnection for schools and libraries, I have concerns that such action may not be consistent with a strict reading of the Act under Section 254(h)(2). The Act calls for support to "services", not for the funding of plant and equipment. Lastly, I find the overall projected size of the fund necessary to assist schools and libraries (\$2.25 billion) may be excessive and harmful to end users. This amount, while certainly beneficial to schools and libraries, may adversely affect numerous customers, particularly those in low income categories. I believe that a federal universal service fund that taxes consumers billions of dollars a year is not only inconsistent with Congressional intent, but could be extremely harmful nationwide to consumers. By supporting services at this level, average rates for all consumers may increase and it may harm competition which is the principal objective of the law.

The FCC has until May 8, 1997, to issue its Order implementing the Act.

**1996 COURT CASES****U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. v. STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA, CIV. 94-50**

On February 1, 1994, U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST) filed a claim against the State of South Dakota arising from the decision of U S WEST Communications, Inc. v. Public Utilities Commission of the State of South Dakota, 505 N.W.2d 115 (S.D. 1993). In that decision the South Dakota Supreme Court held that U S WEST is entitled to compensation for inverse condemnation arising from decisions of the Commission ordering the construction of terminating monopoly services in Docket Nos. F-3860, F-3866, and F-3699. U S WEST filed the action pursuant to SDCL Chapter 21-32, the Commissioner of Claims Act. U S WEST requested compensation for payments made by U S WEST for terminating access payments to the South Dakota Network (SDN). U S WEST later amended its complaint. On November 16, 1994, the Commission filed a motion to dismiss the complaint on the grounds that the Commissioner of Claims lacked subject matter jurisdiction to hear the complaint and that the procedural prerequisite of a jury trial could not be met under the Commissioner of Claims Act. Circuit Judge Steven L. Zinter dismissed the complaint on January 26, 1995. In February of 1995, U S WEST filed a complaint against the Commission and SDN concerning this same matter in Circuit Court. The Commission answered the complaint and filed a cross claim against SDN. On December 9, 1996, U S WEST filed a motion to dismiss. The Commission received Notice of Entry of Judgment of Dismissal on December 30, 1996.

**CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX TRIBE TELEPHONE AUTHORITY AND U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS v. PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, CIV. 95-288**

U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST) filed an appeal in Circuit Court of the Commission's decision that disapproved of the sale of the U S WEST exchanges of Timber Lake, McIntosh, and Morristown to the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority (CRSTTA). CRSTTA was granted intervention in the appeal. The issues in the appeal are as follows: (1) whether the Commission has jurisdiction over the sale of the three exchanges to CRSTTA; (2) whether the application of SDCL 49-31-59 to the proposed sales violates equal protection rights; (3) whether the application of SDCL 49-31-59 to the proposed sales is an unconstitutional impairment of contract; (4) whether the proposed sales would result in an improper delegation of authority under SDCL 49-1-17; and (5) whether the Commission's findings that the sales would result in the loss of significant tax revenue for the cities, counties, and school districts are clearly erroneous. The parties have filed their briefs in this matter. Oral arguments were heard on February 2, 1996.

**CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX TRIBE TELEPHONE AUTHORITY v. PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, ET AL., CIV. 95-3035**

On October 27, 1995, the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority (CRSTTA) filed a civil action in the United States District Court seeking declaratory, injunctive, and 1983 relief against the Public Utilities Commission and the Commissioners concerning their decision to deny the sale of the U S WEST exchanges of McIntosh, Timber Lake, and Morristown to CRSTTA. The Commission's answer to the complaint was served on December 12, 1995.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR DECLARATORY RULING OF NORTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY WITH REGARD TO ELECTRIC SERVICE TO HUB CITY, INC., CIV. 95-043**

Northern Electric Cooperative (NEC) appealed the Commission's declaratory ruling concerning the interpretation of SDCL 49-34A-56. The Commission ruled that an assignment of a large load customer made pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-56 was not a permanent assignment. In a 1977 decision, the Commission allowed a foundry owned by Safeguard Metal Castings Division (SCD) which was located in the assigned service territory of Northwestern Public Service (NWPS) to be served by NEC pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-56. SCD

later sold the foundry to Hub City, Inc. This ruling would have allowed Hub City, Inc. to receive electric service from NWPS instead of NEC. The Circuit Court reversed the Commission's decision and ordered that NEC would continue to serve City at the foundry. The Court found that an assignment pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-56 could only be changed if the current supplier of service provided inadequate service. The Court further found that the Commission did not have the jurisdiction over a contract dispute between NEC and Hub City. The Commission and NWPS appealed to the South Dakota Supreme Court. Oral argument was heard before the Supreme Court on September 11, 1996.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE GRAIN DEALER BONDS OF ROGER LEE NAPTON a/k/a  
FREDERICK GRAIN d/b/a RINGNECK RANCH , CIV. 95-901**

The Commission petitioned the Circuit Court to be appointed as a receiver to take possession of grain dealer bond proceeds of Roger Napton, a/k/a Frederick Grain, d/b/a Ringneck Ranch (Napton). Napton was a grain dealer who filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy. The Bankruptcy Court abandoned its claim to the grain dealer bonds. On November 13, 1995, the Circuit Court appointed the Commission as receiver to collect the bond proceeds and hold a hearing to make a proposed decision to the Circuit Court regarding which claims were valid under the bonds and the amount of each valid claim. On December 1, 1995 and January 5, 1996, the Commission held hearings to allow claimants to present evidence of their claims. Based on the evidence presented at the hearings, the Commission, as receiver, filed a proposed decision with the Circuit Court. The proposed decision was approved by the Circuit Court on May 14, 1996.

**STATE OF MICHIGAN v. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, CIV. 95-1321**

The Commission joined in a Petition for Declaratory Judgment and Review of Final Decision of the Department of Energy (DOE). The issue is whether DOE's decision that it is not required to begin acceptance of radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel by January 31, 1998, is contrary to law. The case was briefed by the parties and oral argument was heard before the U S District Court of Appeals, D.C. Circuit on January 17, 1996. On July 23, 1996, the Court ruled that DOE has a statutory obligation to start disposing of the radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel no later than January 31, 1998. The decision was then remanded back to DOE for further proceedings consistent with the Court's decision.

**IOWA UTILITIES BOARD, ET AL. v. FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, No.  
96-3321 and Consolidated Cases**

The Commission, along with numerous other state commissions and telecommunications companies, filed an appeal with the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC's) rules interpreting the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (federal Act). The Commission, along with three other state commissions, also filed for a stay of the FCC's pricing rules. The Eighth Circuit granted the stay on October 15, 1996. The state commissions' issue was whether the FCC exceeded its jurisdictional authority when it promulgated rules regarding the methodologies to be used in the pricing of network elements and services necessary to provide competitive local exchange service. The state commissions contend that the federal Act left the pricing of network elements and services to the state commissions, not the FCC. Briefs on the merits have been filed and oral argument was held before the Eighth Circuit on January 17, 1997.

**U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. v. PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, CIV. 96 - 330**

On August 30, 1996, U S West Communications, Inc. (U S WEST) appealed the Commission's decision requiring U S WEST to continue to provide its Centrex Plus service. In addition, U S WEST requested a stay of the decision. U S WEST argued the Commission lacked the authority to order it to continue to provide the service. U S WEST's request for a stay of the decision pending appeal was granted by the Sixth Circuit Court. The issues were briefed by the parties and oral argument was heard on November 25, 1996. The Court, ruling from the bench, affirmed the Commission's order in its entirety.

**U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. v. PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, CIV. 96 - 392**

On October 10, 1996, U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST) appealed the Commission's dismissal of U S WEST's complaints against Dakota Cooperative Telecommunications, Inc. (DCT) and Dakota Telecommunications Systems, Inc. (DTS). The Commission dismissed the complaints, which concerned the construction of telecommunications facilities in the Centerville and Vermillion exchanges, due to its finding that SDCL 49-31-21 had been preempted by the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (federal Act). The South Dakota Independent Telephone Coalition (SDITC) also appealed. The appeals were consolidated. The issues are whether the Commission has the authority to determine preemption under the federal Act and whether SDCL 49-31-21 is preempted by the federal Act.

**DAKOTA COOPERATIVE TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. v. PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, CIV. 96-192**

On November 27, 1996, Dakota Cooperative Telecommunications, Inc. (DCT) appealed the Commission's decision approving the sale of eight U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST) telephone exchanges. DCT's issues on appeal to the First Circuit Court are as follows: (1) whether the approval of the sale of the telephone exchanges met the requirements of SDCL 49-31-59; (2) whether the approval of the sales should have included the findings of fact and conclusions of law proposed by DCT; and (3) whether the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 requires the Commission to determine the interconnection rights and obligations of buyers in the purchased exchanges as part of the sale approval process.

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## 1996 LEGISLATIVE ACTION

SB 80 The Commission introduced this legislation which changed the criteria for implementation of the automatic adjustment of utility rates due to changes in energy, fuel and gas costs, ad valorem taxes, or approved incentives. The changes in criteria allow the Commission to approve the recovery of incentive-based costs through the fuel adjustment clause. The bill was signed by the Governor on February 21, 1996.

SB 84 The Commission introduced this bill to increase license fees for operators of public storage warehouses, public grain warehouses, and grain dealers. The bill also increased the cost of a grain dealer truck decal. The Senate State Affairs Committee referred the bill to the Senate Appropriations Committee where it was tabled on February 5, 1996. However, the language in this bill was later added to SB 206 which was signed into law.

SB 85 The Commission introduced this bill to clarify its rate jurisdiction over intrastate transmission gas pipelines. The bill was signed by the Governor on February 8, 1996.

SB 143 This legislation authorized the Commission to permit public utilities to establish and utilize incentive rates to encourage improvement in the performance and efficiency of electric and gas utilities. The legislation contemplated that preapproved rate models would be applied as levels of performance were attained by the utility. The legislation was signed by the Governor on February 21, 1996.

SB 144 This legislation authorized the Commission to approve flexible and competitive rates on a case-by-case basis. Gas and electric utilities would be allowed to charge a business development rate if the Commission found it would be in the public interest. This bill was signed by the Governor on February 21, 1996.

SB 206 Senate Bill 206 increased minimum bond requirements for grain dealers. On February 24, 1996, this bill was amended by the legislature to include the provisions in SB 84 which had been tabled. The bill, as amended, passed both houses and was signed by the Governor on March 3, 1996.

SB 231 This bill would have required subdividers of land to disclose the availability of utilities to purchasers of the land. The bill was deferred to the 36th day by the House Local Government Committee.

SB 244 This legislation authorized the Commission to inspect assessment and checkoff records of grain dealers and first purchasers of grain. The Commission was authorized to determine whether grain dealers and first purchasers of grain were complying with various assessment and checkoff requirements. The bill was signed by the Governor on March 8, 1996.

SB 250 Senate Bill 250 sought to revise certain provisions regarding the one-call notification system for excavation activities. It was deferred to the 36th day by the Senate Commerce Committee.

SB 257 This bill would have prohibited disconnection of utility service for failure by a customer to pay utility bills during cold weather. Eligible customers would have needed to meet defined household income guidelines. It was tabled by the Senate Commerce Committee.

HB 1127 This legislation sought to repeal the one-call notification system for excavation activities. The bill was tabled by the House State Affairs Committee.

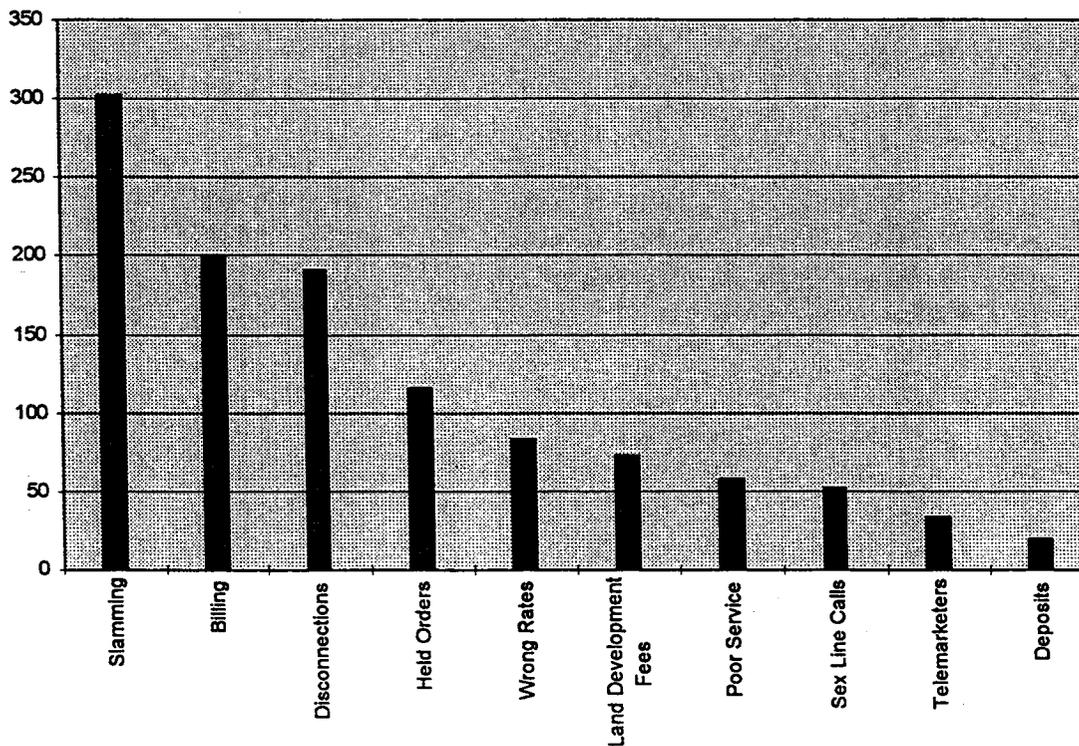
HB 1359 House Bill 1359 exempted radio common carriers from the payment of a gross receipts tax collected by the Commission. The gross receipts tax is assessed on the basis of a company's intrastate gross receipts, with a minimum tax of \$250.00. It was signed by the Governor on February 16, 1996.

# Consumer Review

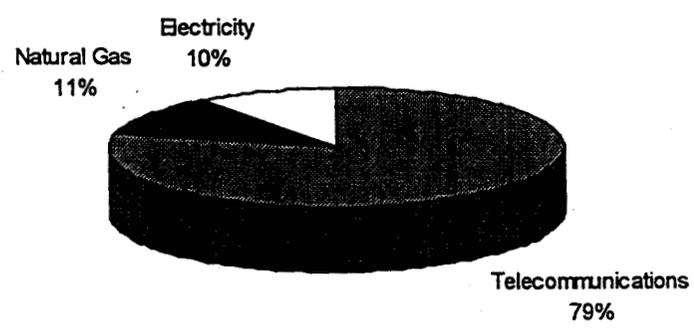
Today's flurry of activity in the Consumer Affairs division reflects the changing trends in the utility world. This dramatic evolution involving advanced technology and competition directly impacts the everyday lives of South Dakotans. The Consumer Affairs division attempts to educate the public concerning utility issues and serves as a mediator when disputes between utility companies and their customers arise.

Issues facing utility consumers vary from year to year. The annual trends of consumer concerns serve as a barometer which identifies education and outreach topics as well as helps the Commission to prepare protective Administrative Rules and practices to protect the public. The 1996 trends are illustrated below:

1996 Contacts by Issue

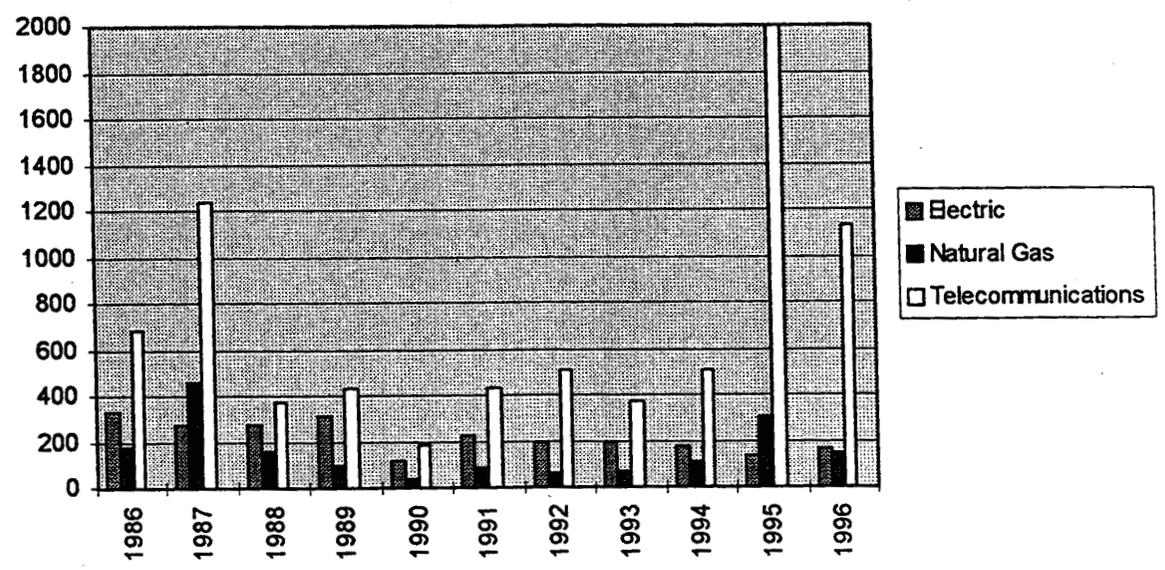


### 1996 Contacts by Utility Classification



During 1996 the Consumer Affairs division documented \$112,031.66 in recoveries or credits to consumers through complaint resolution.

### 10-Year Trend in Complaints by Industry



Access to the Consumer Affairs division can be made by calling the Consumer Hotline at 1-800-332-1782 or through the Internet at [lenih@puc.state.sd.us](mailto:lenih@puc.state.sd.us). Questions, comments and concerns are welcome.

## 1996 DOCKETS

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- EL96-001 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY TO REVISE ITS ENERGY ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE TARIFF Filed 03/27/96; Closed 04/09/96.
- EL96-002 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SIOUX VALLEY- SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC FOR APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT FOR CUSTOMER TRANSFER, SERVICE TERRITORY EXCEPTION AND SALE OF PROPERTY BETWEEN THE CITY OF VOLGA AND SIOUX VALLEY-SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE Filed 03/28/96; Closed 05/02/96.
- EL96-003 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN Filed 04/10/96; Closed 05/17/96.
- EL96-004 IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY FOR A STATEMENT TO THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION REGARDING INVESTMENT IN A FOREIGN UTILITY Filed 04/11/96; Closed 04/24/96.
- EL96-005 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY THE CITY OF SIOUX FALLS ELECTRIC UTILITY AND NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A JOINT REQUEST FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE TERRITORY EXCEPTION Filed 05/06/96; Closed 07/17/96.
- EL96-006 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF THE REVISED RATE SHEETS FOR THE OCCASIONAL DELIVERY ENERGY SERVICE AND TIME OF DELIVERY ENERGY SERVICE Filed 05/06/96; Closed 06/20/96.
- EL96-007 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY TURNER-HUTCHINSON ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC., REGARDING A SERVICE TERRITORY AGREEMENT Filed 05/08/96; Closed 05/31/96.
- EL96-008 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ARNOLD MURRAY CONSTRUCTION, SIOUX FALLS, SD, FOR A MASTER METERING VARIANCE REQUEST FOR SANDLOT APARTMENTS Filed 05/23/96; Pending.
- EL96-009 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY NORMAN W. SMITH, GARRETSON, SD, AGAINST NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY REGARDING DISCONNECTION Filed 06/04/96; Closed 06/17/96.
- EL96-010 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO., A DIVISION OF MDU RESOURCES GROUP, INC., FOR APPROVAL TO REVISE ITS OCCASIONAL POWER PURCHASE NON-TIME DIFFERENTIATED RATE 95, SHORT-TERM POWER PURCHASE TIME DIFFERENTIATED RATE 96 AND LONG-TERM POWER PURCHASE TIME DIFFERENTIATED RATE 97 Filed 06/03/96; Closed 07/17/96.

- EL96-011 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY RODNEY AND KERI JOHNSON, RAPID CITY, SD, AGAINST BLACK HILLS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE REGARDING AN EASEMENT Filed 06/11/96; Closed 09/16/96.
- EL96-012 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY DAN AND GLENDA ADAMS, RAPID CITY, SD, AGAINST BLACK HILLS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE REGARDING AN EASEMENT Filed 06/11/96; Closed 09/16/96.
- EL96-013 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY ARNOLD SCHURR, ROSCOE, SD, AGAINST MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES COMPANY REGARDING DAMAGES TO STREET LIGHT Filed 06/12/96; Closed 08/06/96.
- EL96-014 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO., A DIVISION OF MDU RESOURCES GROUP, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF A CHANGE IN SERVICE AREA Filed 06/17/96; Closed 08/06/96.
- EL96-015 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY FOR TARIFF REVISIONS Filed 06/21/96; Closed 07/16/96.
- EL96-016 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY INTERCOUNTY ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC., REGARDING A SERVICE TERRITORY AGREEMENT Filed 06/26/96; Closed 07/18/96.
- EL96-017 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY FOR TARIFF REVISIONS Filed 07/02/96; Closed 09/18/96.
- EL96-018 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF ITS NEW CUSTOMER INFORMATION BROCHURE Filed 07/17/96; Closed 08/06/96.
- EL96-019 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY VEDA J. BOXWELL, SIOUX FALLS, SD, AGAINST NORTHERN STATES POWER, REGARDING PAYMENT PLAN FOR DELINQUENT UTILITY BILL Filed 08/20/96; Closed 09/06/96.
- EL96-020 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH DEVIATIONS WITH JOHN MORRELL & COMPANY Filed 08/27/96; Closed 09/16/96.
- EL96-021 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY RAYMOND AND BEVERLY NORDSTROM, SPEARFISH, SD, AGAINST BUTTE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. AND BLACK HILLS POWER AND LIGHT REGARDING ELECTRICAL SERVICE TO CERTAIN LOTS IN MOUNTAIN SHADOWS MOBILE HOME PARK, SPEARFISH, SD Filed 09/11/96; Pending.
- EL96-022 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY RILEY COMPANY, INC., IRENE, SD, AGAINST TURNER-HUTCHINSON ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE REGARDING DEMAND RATES Filed 09/24/96; Closed 11/05/96.

- EL96-023 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF BLACK HILLS CORPORATION FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF STOCK OPTIONS UNDER BLACK HILLS CORPORATION 1996 STOCK OPTION PLAN Filed 09/27/96; Closed 10/17/96.
- EL96-024 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A RATE REDUCTION/FREEZE AND ADOPTION OF ACCRUAL ACCOUNTING FOR POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS Filed 09/30/96; Pending.
- EL96-025 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF ITS NEW ELECTRIC RATE BOOK Filed 10/15/96; Closed 12/16/96.
- EL96-026 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY BLACK HILLS POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY FOR TARIFF REVISIONS Filed 11/04/96; Pending.
- GD96-001 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF CERTAIN CONTRACTS FOR INSPECTION SERVICES Filed 09/24/96; Closed 09/24/96.
- GE96-001 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY FOR ELECTRIC AND GAS TARIFF REVISIONS Filed 08/26/96; Closed 09/19/96.
- GE96-002 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF ITS GAS AND ELECTRIC CUSTOMER BILLING FORMS Filed 12/03/96; Closed 01/03/97.
- NG96-001 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT OF JODY LYNN OLSON, SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST MIDAMERICAN ENERGY REGARDING SERVICES BEING DISCONNECTED Filed 01/17/96; Closed 03/08/96.
- NG96-002 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF CHANGES IN THE GAS TRANSPORTATION TARRIFS IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 02/01/96; Closed 03/04/96.
- NG96-003 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SOUTH DAKOTA INTRASTATE PIPELINE COMPANY OF ITS TARIFF SCHEDULES APPLICABLE TO NATURAL GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE Filed 02/21/96; Closed 04/09/96.
- NG96-004 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A PROPOSAL TO CREDIT MARGINS THROUGH THE PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT Filed 02/23/96; Closed 03/21/96.
- NG96-005 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY NORTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY FOR REVISIONS TO THEIR GAS TARIFF Filed 02/29/96; Closed 03/21/96.
- NG96-006 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY KAY GLOVER, STURGIS, SD, AGAINST MDU REGARDING A GAS BILL Filed 02/29/96; Closed 06/03/96.

- NG96-007 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY PAM NATURAL GAS REQUESTING THE SDPUC TO PROMULGATE RULES ESTABLISHING STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR LOCAL DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES (LDCS), THEIR AGENCY BUSINESS AND AFFILIATED MARKETING ENTITIES (AGENCY/AFFILIATES) Filed 03/29/96; Closed 05/07/96.
- NG96-008 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES COMPANY, A DIVISION OF MDU RESOURCES GROUP, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF A PURCHASED GAS COST ADJUSTMENT CHANGE FOR RATE 88 Filed 04/11/96; Closed 05/02/96.
- NG96-009 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY BRAD R. BANKS, RAPID CITY, SD, AGAINST MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO., REGARDING INSTALLATION FEES Filed 04/17/96; Closed 05/29/96.
- NG96-010 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO., A DIVISION OF MDU RESOURCES GROUP, INC. FOR TARIFF REVISIONS Filed 05/08/96; Closed 06/03/96.
- NG96-011 IN THE MATTER OF THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE MATTER OF ESTABLISHING STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR LDCS, THEIR AGENCY BUSINESS AND AFFILIATED MARKETING ENTITIES Filed 05/09/96; Closed 08/14/96.
- NG96-012 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY JODIE HAACK, SIOUX FALLS, SD, AGAINST MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY REGARDING A GAS BILL CHARGED TO HER Filed 06/04/96; Closed 06/20/96.
- NG96-013 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A PROPOSAL TO CREDIT SALES CUSTOMERS WITH 70% OF THE REVENUES EARNED THROUGH THE CAPACITY RELEASE TRANSACTIONS Filed 06/21/96; Closed 08/06/96.
- NG96-014 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY REGARDING A REQUEST FOR WAIVER FOR RB MONTHLY RECONCILIATION FUND Filed 06/28/96; Closed 07/03/96.
- NG96-015 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY NORTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY FOR TARIFF REVISIONS Filed 07/02/96; Closed 11/25/96.
- NG96-016 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY PAM NATURAL GAS AGAINST MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY REGARDING PGA FACTORS Filed 07/22/96; Pending.
- NG96-017 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO., A DIVISION OF MDU RESOURCES GROUP, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH DEVIATION WITH IPSWICH PUBLIC SCHOOL Filed 08/02/96; Closed 09/16/96.

- NG96-018 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY NORTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY FOR TARIFF REVISIONS Filed 08/30/96; Closed 09/16/96.
- NG96-019 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY KALLY SOUTHARD, SIOUX FALLS, SD, AGAINST MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY REGARDING PAYMENT OF BILL Filed 09/26/96; Closed 10/25/96.
- NG96-020 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY FOR TARIFF REVISION Filed 09/30/96; Closed 10/17/96.
- NG96-021 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY RICK AND JENNIFER GIEDD, MECKLING, SD, AGAINST PEOPLE NATURAL GAS FOR CHARGES RESULTING FROM A GAS LEAK Filed 10/07/96; Pending.
- NG96-022 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY FOR A WAIVER OF SDPUC RULE 20:10:13:20 Filed 12/18/96; Closed 01/03/97.
- NG96-023 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF ITS 1996 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES AND ITS 1997 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUDGET Filed 12/30/96; Pending.
- TC96-001 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY TERRY AND DEBBIE SARGENT, LEAD, SD, AGAINST U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS FOR EXCESSIVE HOOKUP FEES Filed 01/03/96; Closed 06/03/96.
- TC96-002 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY WAYNE W. BURLESON, LEAD, SD, AGAINST U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS FOR EXCESSIVE HOOKUP FEES Filed 01/03/96; Closed 06/03/96.
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- TC96-007 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY PATRICK T. VESCOVO, SIOUX FALLS, SD, AGAINST MCI FOR SLAMMING Filed 01/04/96; Closed 01/30/96.

- TC96-008 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY ROBERT ALLAN SOMERVOLD, BELLE FOURCHE, SD, AGAINST U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS FOR EXCESSIVE HOOKUP FEES Filed 01/04/96; Closed 06/03/96.
- TC96-009 IN THE MATTER OF U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS' REVISIONS TO LOCALITY SPECIAL RATE AREA MAPS FOR DEADWOOD AND STURGIS, SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 01/10/96; Closed 02/13/96.
- TC96-010 IN THE MATTER OF THE SALE OF ALCESTER TELEPHONE EXCHANGE BY U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., TO BALTIC TELECOM COOPERATIVE, INC. Filed 01/10/96; Closed 05/02/96.
- TC96-011 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF FONE AMERICA, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 01/16/96; Closed 09/30/96.
- TC96-012 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY ROSEMARIE GREEN, HELENDALE, CALIFORNIA, AGAINST U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR EXCESSIVE HOOKUP FEES Filed 01/22/96; Closed 03/13/96.
- TC96-013 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF FREEDOM COMMUNICATIONS CORP., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 01/22/96; Closed 03/25/96.
- TC96-014 IN THE MATTER OF U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS TARIFF REVISIONS Filed 01/23/96; Closed 02/23/96.
- TC96-015 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CONETCO CORPORATION D/B/A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK CORPORATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 01/24/96; Closed 07/16/96.
- TC96-016 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY THE GARDEN OF EDEN, MITCHELL, SOUTH DAKOTA, AGAINST U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR UNAUTHORIZED CALL FORWARDING Filed 01/29/96; Closed 02/13/96.
- TC96-017 IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT APPLICATION OF HECTOR COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION; GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, INC.; SPLITROCK TELECOM COOPERATIVE, INC.; ALLIANCE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION; OLLIG UTILITIES COMPANY; AND SIOUX VALLEY TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR A COMMISSION DECLARATION OF THE SALE AND TRANSFER OF THE STOCK OF OLLIG UTILITIES COMPANY Filed 01/29/96; Closed 04/12/96.
- TC96-018 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ATHENA INTERNATIONAL, L.L.C., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 01/30/96; Closed 06/26/96.

- TC96-019 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR APPROVAL TO OFFER A PROMOTION TO RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS ORDERING AN ADDITIONAL LINE Filed 01/31/96; Closed 03/04/96.
- TC96-020 IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED MERGER AND TRANSFER OF CERTIFICATE OF BOTTOM LINE TELECOMMUNICATIONS OF SOUTH DAKOTA, INC., TO BLT TECHNOLOGIES, INC. Filed 02/01/96; Closed 02/23/96.
- TC96-021 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THE FURST GROUP, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 02/02/96; Closed 04/09/96.
- TC96-022 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF UNITED WATS, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 02/02/96; Closed 04/03/96.
- TC96-023 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., IN SEEKING TO DISCONTINUE THE OFFERING OF CENTREX PLUS SERVICE TO NEW CUSTOMERS EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 5, 1996. Filed 02/06/96; Closed 08/22/96.
- TC96-024 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY DBA CITIZENS TELECOM FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 02/09/96; Closed 05/07/96.
- TC96-025 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS TO OFFER A MARKET TRIAL TO A SEGMENT OF THEIR BUSINESS CUSTOMERS Filed 02/12/96; Closed 03/08/96.
- TC96-026 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF AMERICAN BUSINESS ALLIANCE, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 02/13/96; Closed 04/09/96.
- TC96-027 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS TO ELIMINATE NON-RECURRING CHARGES FOR CERTAIN CALLING CONNECTION PLANS Filed 02/13/96; Closed 03/08/96.
- TC96-028 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS TO INCREASE THE CARRIER COMMON LINE ACCESS CHARGE AND RESTRUCTURE MTS RATES Filed 02/13/96; Closed 06/11/96.
- TC96-029 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PNG TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 02/16/96; Closed 04/09/96.
- TC96-030 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF BLT TECHNOLOGIES, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 02/16/96; Closed 05/28/96.

- TC96-031 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF G. W. S., INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 02/22/96; Closed 07/03/96.
- TC96-032 IN THE MATTER OF THE INVESTIGATION OF SWITCHED ACCESS RULES Filed 02/23/96; Pending.
- TC96-033 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF VALLEY CABLE & SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 02/28/96; Closed 07/01/96.
- TC96-034 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF INTRASTATE TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 02/29/96; Closed 06/27/96.
- TC96-035 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 02/29/96; Closed 07/01/96.
- TC96-036 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NORLIGHT, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 02/29/96; Closed 05/17/96.
- TC96-037 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY DAVID L. ANDERSON, CANTON, SD, AGAINST U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., REGARDING AN EASEMENT Filed 02/29/96; Closed 05/17/96.
- TC96-038 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MIDWEST, INC., FOR AN AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE Filed 02/29/96; Closed 10/22/96.

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- TC96-040 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ACCENT COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 03/06/96; Closed 07/29/96.
- TC96-041 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY SEAN BAILEY, MILBANK, SD, AGAINST U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., REGARDING INSTALLATION OF LINES Filed 03/06/96; Closed 04/09/96.
- TC96-042 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PREFERRED TELECOM, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 03/07/96; Closed 05/07/96.
- TC96-043 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY ACE AND JILL FOSTER, BELLE FOURCHE, SD, AGAINST U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., REGARDING HOOKUP FEES Filed 03/07/96; Closed 07/17/96.
- TC96-044 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PRIMUS TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 03/08/96; Closed 08/14/96.
- TC96-045 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY TAC ENVIRONMENTAL, INC., FARGO, ND, AGAINST U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., REGARDING INSTALLATION OF TELEPHONE SERVICE Filed 03/11/96; Closed 04/09/96.
- TC96-046 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., TO INTRODUCE SINGLE NUMBER SERVICE (SNS) Filed 03/11/96; Closed 05/02/96.
- TC96-047 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF BUSINESS OPTIONS, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 03/12/96; Closed 05/29/96.
- TC96-048 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., TO REVISE ITS LOCALITY SPECIAL RATE AREA MAPS FOR HILL CITY AND LEAD Filed 03/14/96; Closed 04/09/96.
- TC96-049 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR REVISIONS TO ITS EXCHANGE AND NETWORK SERVICES TARIFF AND EXCHANGE AND NETWORK SERVICES CATALOG Filed 03/14/96; Closed 05/29/96.

- TC96-050 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DAKOTA TELECOM, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 03/15/96; Closed 10/22/96.
- TC96-051 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF STATELINE TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 03/18/96; Closed 07/05/96.
- TC96-052 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR REVISIONS TO ITS EXCHANGE AND NETWORK SERVICES TARIFF Filed 03/20/96; Closed 05/02/96.
- TC96-053 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF COMDATA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 03/21/96; Closed 05/17/96.
- TC96-054 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MCLEOD TELEMAGEMENT, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 03/21/96; Closed 10/22/96.
- TC96-055 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MIDWEST, INC., REQUESTING THAT THE SDPUC REQUIRE THE FILINGS WITHIN ONE WEEK OF ALL EXISTING INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS AND OTHER CARRIERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 252(A) OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996 AND REQUESTING COPIES OF SUCH AGREEMENTS Filed 03/25/96; Pending.
- TC96-056 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF HEARTLAND COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 04/02/96; Closed 07/03/96.
- TC96-057 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF GTN CORP. D/B/A GLOBAL TELECOM NETWORK FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 04/03/96; Closed 05/29/96.
- TC96-058 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SPLITROCK PROPERTIES, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 04/04/96; Closed 08/05/96.
- TC96-059 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF RC COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 04/05/96; Closed 08/01/96.

- TC96-060 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF BRIDGEWATER- CANISTOTA INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 04/08/96; Closed 08/01/96.
- TC96-061 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SANCOM, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 04/10/96; Closed 09/06/96.
- TC96-062 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF FORT RANDALL TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 04/11/96; Closed 07/11/96.
- TC96-063 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF LONG DISTANCE WHOLESALE CLUB FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 04/12/96; Closed 05/31/96.
- TC96-064 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION REGARDING U S WEST INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENTS Filed 04/16/96; Pending.
- TC96-065 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF D.D.D. CALLING, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 04/16/96; Closed 05/17/96.
- TC96-066 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MOBRIDGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CO., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 04/22/96; Closed 07/25/96.
- TC96-067 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR APPROVAL TO OFFER A PROMOTION TO SMALL BUSINESS CUSTOMERS TO PURCHASE A STAND BY LINE Filed 04/22/96; Closed 05/17/96.
- TC96-068 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., TO REVISE PAGES FROM THEIR EXCHANGE AND NETWORK SERVICES CATALOG Filed 04/22/96; Closed 06/03/96.
- TC96-069 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY SUBSCRIBERS OF THE CASTLEWOOD TELEPHONE EXCHANGE FOR EXTENDED SERVICE TO NINE OTHER COMMUNITIES Filed 04/23/96; Closed 05/17/96.
- TC96-070 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NORTH AMERICAN TELEPHONE NETWORK, LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 04/24/96; Closed 05/31/96.

- TC96-071 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ZENEX LONG DISTANCE, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 04/29/96; Closed 08/06/96.
- TC96-072 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF XTRACOM, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 04/30/96; Closed 05/31/96.
- TC96-073 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR APPROVAL TO OFFER A PROMOTION TO WAIVE THE NON-RECURRING CHARGE OF \$20.00 FOR THOSE BUSINESS AND RESIDENCE CUSTOMERS WHO SUBSCRIBE TO 800 SERVICELINE DURING THE PROMOTION Filed 05/01/96; Closed 06/03/96.
- TC96-074 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR APPROVAL TO OFFER A PROMOTION FOR A RESIDENCE ON-LINE COMPUTER USERS ADDITIONAL LINE Filed 05/01/96; Closed 06/10/96.
- TC96-075 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF OPTEX, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 05/03/96; Closed 05/31/96.
- TC96-076 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF HANSON COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 05/03/96; Closed 07/01/96.
- TC96-077 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF TRESKOM U.S.A., INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 05/08/96; Closed 07/16/96.
- TC96-078 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF INNOVATIVE TELECOM CORPORATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 05/09/96; Closed 08/06/96.
- TC96-079 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PREFERRED CARRIER SERVICES, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 05/15/96; Closed 06/17/96.
- TC96-080 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF HOST NETWORK, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 05/15/96; Closed 06/17/96.
- TC96-081 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF A.B.T.S. INTERNATIONAL CORP. D/B/A INTELNET FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 05/16/96; Closed 06/17/96.

- TC96-082 IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST FOR COMMENTS CONCERNING SECTIONS 252(A) AND 252(B) OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996 Filed 05/16/96; Pending.
- TC96-083 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF FIRSTEL, INC., FOR AN AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 05/16/96; Closed 10/22/96.
- TC96-084 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF OVERLOOK COMMUNICATIONS INTERNATIONAL CORP. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 05/17/96; Closed 08/06/96.
- TC96-085 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF TTI NATIONAL, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 05/31/96; Closed 07/18/96.
- TC96-086 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., REGARDING SALE OF EXCHANGES IN NEBRASKA Filed 06/03/96; Closed 06/25/96.
- TC96-087 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR APPROVAL TO OFFER A MULTI-PRODUCT PROMOTION TO SMALL BUSINESS CUSTOMERS Filed 06/03/96; Closed 06/26/96.
- TC96-088 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DIAL & SAVE OF SOUTH DAKOTA, INC., D/B/A DIAL & SAVE FOR AN AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 06/04/96; Closed 12/17/96.
- TC96-089 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., REGARDING SALE OF EXCHANGES IN IOWA Filed 06/04/96; Closed 06/25/96.
- TC96-090 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF COMMON CONCERNS, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 06/06/96; Closed 07/18/96.
- TC96-091 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR MIDSTATE TELEPHONE COMPANY Filed 06/11/96; Closed 12/10/96.
- TC96-092 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR THE LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS ASSOCIATION Filed 06/12/96; Closed 12/10/96.
- TC96-093 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CINCINNATI BELL LONG DISTANCE, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 06/12/96; Closed 09/06/96.

- TC96-094 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR SULLY BUTTES TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE Filed 06/13/96; Closed 12/10/96.
- TC96-095 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ECONOPHONE, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 06/13/96; Closed 07/18/96.
- TC96-096 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF AMERITECH COMMUNICATIONS INTERNATIONAL, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 06/13/96; Closed 09/10/96.
- TC96-097 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR INTERSTATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, INC. Filed 06/17/96; Closed 12/10/96.
- TC96-098 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR SPLITROCK TELECOM COOPERATIVE, INC. Filed 06/18/96; Closed 12/10/96.
- TC96-099 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF EXCEL TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR AN AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 06/19/96; Closed 12/17/96.
- TC96-100 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR REVISIONS TO ITS EXCHANGE AND NETWORK SERVICES TARIFF Filed 06/20/96; Closed 07/16/96.
- TC96-101 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF EASTERN TELECOMMUNICATIONS INCORPORATED FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 06/20/96; Closed 08/06/96.
- TC96-102 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF AMERICAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS ENTERPRISE, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 06/20/96; Closed 08/21/96.
- TC96-103 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR REVISIONS TO ITS EXCHANGE AND NETWORK SERVICES CATALOG Filed 06/20/96; Closed 07/16/96.
- TC96-104 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR DAKOTA COOPERATIVE TELECOM, INC. Filed 06/21/96; Closed 12/10/96.
- TC96-105 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., REGARDING TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY CERTIFICATION Filed 06/24/96; Pending.

- TC96-106 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR BROOKINGS TELEPHONE COMPANY Filed 06/24/96; Closed 12/10/96.
- TC96-107 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Filed 06/24/96; Pending.
- TC96-108 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR SANBORN TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE Filed 06/25/96; Closed 12/10/96.
- TC96-109 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR KENNEBEC TELEPHONE COMPANY Filed 06/26/96; Closed 12/10/96.
- TC96-110 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR WESTERN TELEPHONE COMPANY Filed 06/26/96; Closed 12/10/96.
- TC96-111 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR UNION TELEPHONE COMPANY Filed 06/26/96; Closed 12/10/96.
- TC96-112 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF COMMONWEALTH LONG DISTANCE COMPANY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 06/27/96; Closed 08/21/96.
- TC96-113 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX TRIBE TELEPHONE AUTHORITY Filed 06/27/96; Closed 12/10/96.
- TC96-114 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR TRI-COUNTY TELCOM, INC. Filed 06/28/96; Closed 12/10/96.
- TC96-115 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR JAMES VALLEY COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY Filed 06/28/96; Closed 12/10/96.
- TC96-116 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR SIOUX VALLEY TELEPHONE COMPANY Filed 06/28/96; Closed 12/10/96.
- TC96-117 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR STOCKHOLM-STRANDBURG TELEPHONE COMPANY Filed 06/28/96; Closed 12/10/96.
- TC96-118 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR ROBERTS COUNTY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION Filed 06/28/96; Closed 12/10/96.
- TC96-119 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR WEST RIVER TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE Filed 07/01/96; Closed 12/10/96.

- TC96-120 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF EASTON TELECOM SERVICES INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 07/02/96; Closed 08/21/96.
- TC96-121 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY GOLDEN WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., REGARDING A REQUEST FOR A 30-DAY EXTENSION TO FILE THEIR 1995 SWITCHED ACCESS COST STUDY Filed 07/02/96; Closed 12/10/96.
- TC96-122 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF LONG DISTANCE DIRECT HOLDINGS, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 07/05/96; Closed 08/23/96.
- TC96-123 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF WEST RIVER LONG DISTANCE COMPANY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 07/10/96; Closed 09/06/96.
- TC96-124 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR BERESFORD MUNICIPAL TELEPHONE COMPANY Filed 07/10/96; Closed 12/10/96.
- TC96-125 IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT APPLICATION OF U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOP, HANSON COMMUNICATIONS, INC., AND BALTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOP REGARDING THE SALE OF EIGHT TELEPHONE EXCHANGES BY U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Filed 07/15/96; Closed 10/24/96.
- TC96-126 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CFW COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 07/15/96; Pending.
- TC96-127 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., AGAINST DCT AND DTI FOR UNAUTHORIZED CONSTRUCTION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES IN THE TEA AND HARRISBURG EXCHANGES Filed 07/16/96; Closed 09/24/96.
- TC96-128 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY BASEC.NET- SODAK.NET AGAINST SANBORN TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE REGARDING LOCAL DIAL UP ACCESS Filed 07/17/96; Closed 12/16/96.

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- TC96-130 IN THE MATTER OF AFFINITY CORPORATION'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO ARSD 20:10:24:04 Filed 07/22/96; Closed 07/29/96.
- TC96-131 IN THE MATTER OF CENTRAL PAYPHONE SERVICES, INC.'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO ARSD 24:10:24:04 Filed 07/22/96; Closed 07/31/96.
- TC96-132 IN THE MATTER OF DAKOTA CELLULAR, INC.'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO ARSD 20:10:24:04 Filed 07/22/96; Closed 09/30/96.
- TC96-133 IN THE MATTER OF GTE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC.'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO ARSD 20:10:24:04 Filed 07/22/96; Closed 08/02/96.
- TC96-134 IN THE MATTER OF HURLEY COMMUNICATIONS' FAILURE TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO ARSD 20:10:24:04 Filed 07/22/96; Closed 07/24/96.
- TC96-135 IN THE MATTER OF INTERNATIONAL DISCOUNT TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO ARSD 20:10:24:04 Filed 07/22/96; Closed 09/30/96.
- TC96-136 IN THE MATTER OF L.D. SERVICES, INC.'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO ARSD 20:10:24:04 Filed 07/22/96; Closed 07/22/96.
- TC96-137 IN THE MATTER OF NETWORK SERVICES, INC., D/B/A LONG DISTANCE NETWORK SERVICES, INC.'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO ARSD 20:10:24:04 Filed 07/22/96; Pending.
- TC96-138 IN THE MATTER OF NORSTAN NETWORK SERVICES, INC.'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO ARSD 20:10:24:04 Filed 07/22/96; Closed 07/22/96.
- TC96-139 IN THE MATTER OF ONE TO ONE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO ARSD 20:10:24:04 Filed 07/22/96; Closed 09/30/96.

- TC96-140 IN THE MATTER OF SILVERADO COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO ARSD 20:10:24:04 Filed 07/22/96; Closed 09/30/96.
- TC96-141 IN THE MATTER OF SMARTALK TELESERVICE, INC.'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO ARSD 20:10:24:04 Filed 07/22/96; Closed 07/22/96.
- TC96-142 IN THE MATTER OF TELE-TREND COMMUNICATIONS, INC'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO ARSD 20:10:24:04 Filed 07/22/96; Closed 09/30/96.
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- TC96-144 IN THE MATTER OF TOUCHTONE NETWORK, INC.'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO ARSD 20:10:24:04 Filed 07/22/96; Closed 09/30/96.
- TC96-145 IN THE MATTER OF ULTIMATE COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO ARSD 20:10:24:04 Filed 07/22/96; Closed 09/30/96.
- TC96-146 IN THE MATTER OF WATS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO ARSD 20:10:24:04 Filed 07/22/96; Closed 09/30/96.
- TC96-147 IN THE MATTER OF WINSTAR GATEWAY NETWORK, INC.'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO ARSD 20:10:24:04 Filed 07/22/96; Closed 08/02/96.
- TC96-148 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF UTILITY ANALYSTS, INC., D/B/A BASIC LONG DISTANCE FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 07/22/96; Closed 09/18/96.
- TC96-149 IN THE MATTER OF CARIBBEAN TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH D/B/A THE LONG DISTANCE COMPANY'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO ARSD 20:10:24:04 Filed 07/29/96; Pending.
- TC96-150 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., AGAINST DCT AND DTS FOR UNAUTHORIZED CONSTRUCTION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES IN THE CENTERVILLE AND VERMILLION EXCHANGES Filed 07/29/96; Closed 10/17/96.
- TC96-151 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NYNEX LONG DISTANCE COMPANY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 07/31/96; Closed 11/05/96.

- TC96-152 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PARCEL CONSULTANTS, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 08/07/96; Closed 09/18/96.
- TC96-153 IN THE MATTER OF THE INVESTIGATION OF LOCAL COMPETITION ISSUES Filed 08/07/96; Pending.
- TC96-154 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF INTERNATIONAL TELCOM LTD., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 08/12/96; Closed 12/12/96.
- TC96-155 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY ROBERT AND ARLENE BUSH, RAPID CITY, SD, MITCH AND MARCIA VAVICH, DEADWOOD, SD, AL AND ESTELLE WESSEL, RAPID CITY, SD, AND JOYCE (MILLER) GLATT, RAPID CITY, SD, AGAINST U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., REGARDING HOOKUP FEES Filed 08/19/96; Closed 10/25/96.
- TC96-156 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P., FOR AN AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE AND EXCHANGE ACCESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 08/23/96; Pending.
- TC96-157 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF TRANSCOMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 08/26/96; Closed 12/16/96.
- TC96-158 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF TELECARD SERVICES INTERNATIONAL, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 08/27/96; Pending.
- TC96-159 IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR ARBITRATION ON BEHALF OF DAKOTA TELECOM, INC., WITH U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Filed 08/27/96; Pending.
- TC96-160 IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR ARBITRATION ON BEHALF OF WESTERN WIRELESS CORPORATION WITH U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC Filed 09/06/96; Pending.
- TC96-161 IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION BY U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR ADOPTION OF SERVICE RESALE RULES Filed 09/09/96; Closed 10/10/96.
- TC96-162 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF TELSCAPE USA, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 09/11/96; Closed 10/17/96.
- TC96-163 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MIDCO COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR AN AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 09/16/96; Closed 12/16/96.

- TC96-164 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF INTERMEDIA COMMUNICATIONS INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 09/18/96; Closed 11/15/96.
- TC96-165 IN THE MATTER OF SECTION 271 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996 REGARDING U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S PROVISIONING OF IN-REGION INTERLATA SERVICES Filed 09/24/96; Pending.
- TC96-166 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY CAMPUS MANAGEMENT CORPORATION, DEERFIELD BEACH, FL, AGAINST U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., REGARDING BILLING Filed 09/24/96; Closed 11/05/96.
- TC96-167 IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT APPLICATION OF KADOKA TELEPHONE CO., AND MJD HOLDINGS CORP., REGARDING THE SALE OF KADOKA TELEPHONE CO., TO MJD HOLDINGS CORP. Filed 09/26/96; Closed 12/17/96.
- TC96-168 IN THE MATTER OF INTERNATIONAL DISCOUNT TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT A REPORT AND PAY THE GROSS RECEIPTS TAX Filed 09/30/96; Closed 10/25/96.
- TC96-169 IN THE MATTER OF ONE TO ONE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT A REPORT AND PAY THE GROSS RECEIPTS TAX Filed 09/30/96; Closed 10/25/96.
- TC96-170 IN THE MATTER OF TELE-TREND COMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT A REPORT AND PAY THE GROSS RECEIPTS TAX Filed 09/30/96; Closed 10/25/96.
- TC96-171 IN THE MATTER OF TOTALTEL USA COMMUNICATIONS' FAILURE TO SUBMIT A REPORT AND PAY THE GROSS RECEIPTS TAX Filed 09/30/96; Closed 10/25/96.
- TC96-172 IN THE MATTER OF TOUCHTONE NETWORK, INC.'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT A REPORT AND PAY THE GROSS RECEIPTS TAX Filed 09/30/96; Closed 10/25/96.
- TC96-173 IN THE MATTER OF WATS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT A REPORT AND PAY THE GROSS RECEIPTS TAX Filed 09/30/96; Closed 10/25/96.
- TC96-174 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY CATHY FEICKERT, ABERDEEN, SD, AGAINST U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR DELAY IN SERVICE AND EXCESSIVE CHARGES Filed 10/03/96; Pending.
- TC96-175 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PAM OIL, INC., D.B.A. PAM COMMUNICATIONS FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE ACCESS AND EXCHANGE ACCESS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 10/09/96; Closed 12/17/96.

- TC96-176 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF TOUCH 1 LONG DISTANCE, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 10/15/96; Pending.
- TC96-177 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF TELEC, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 10/21/96; Closed 01/03/97.
- TC96-178 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ALL AMERICAN TELEPHONE INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 10/28/96; Closed 11/27/96.
- TC96-179 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR APPROVAL OF ITS STATEMENT OF GENERALLY AVAILABLE TERMS Filed 10/30/96; Closed 12/19/96.
- TC96-180 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DELTACOM, INC., D/B/A DELTACOM LONG DISTANCE SERVICES FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 11/04/96; Closed 12/10/96.
- TC96-181 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR REVISIONS TO ITS EXCHANGE AND NETWORK SERVICES TARIFF Filed 11/15/96; Closed 01/03/97.
- TC96-182 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THE PHONCO, INC. D/B/A NETWORK SERVICES LONG DISTANCE FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 11/18/96; Closed 01/03/97.
- TC96-183 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF APOLLO COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 11/20/96; Pending.
- TC96-184 IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR ARBITRATION ON BEHALF OF AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MIDWEST, INC., WITH U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Filed 11/20/96; Pending.
- TC96-185 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF FAMILY TELECOMMUNICATIONS INCORPORATED FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 11/21/96; Closed 01/03/97.
- TC96-186 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF USA GLOBAL LINK, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 11/21/96; Pending.

- TC96-187 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF TELSARE CORPORATION D/B/A INDEPENDENT NETWORK SERVICES FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 11/21/96; Pending.
- TC96-188 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF 360 LONG DISTANCE, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 11/25/96; Pending.
- TC96-189 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ATHENA INTERNATIONAL, L.L.C., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 11/27/96; Pending.
- TC96-190 IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT FILING BY PAM OIL, INC., AND U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR APPROVAL OF THEIR AGREEMENT FOR SERVICE RESALE Filed 12/02/96; Closed 01/06/97.
- TC96-191 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF AFFINITY MARKETING STRATEGIES LLC D/B/A FUNDING OUR FUTURE FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 12/02/96; Pending.
- TC96-192 IN THE MATTER OF H.S.S. VENDING DISTRIBUTORS' FAILURE TO APPLY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO OPERATE WITHIN THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 12/04/96; Pending.
- TC96-193 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF VENDORMATIC, INC. D/B/A HSS VENDING DISTRIBUTORS FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 12/05/96; Pending.
- TC96-194 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION, TELEPORT COMMUNICATIONS GROUP AND AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MOUNTAIN STATES, INC. OF A JOINT MOTION FOR LOCAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER PARTICIPATION IN THE WESTERN REGION TELEPHONE NUMBER PORTABILITY, LLC Filed 12/05/96; Closed 12/17/96.
- TC96-195 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF BRYMAR, INC. D.B.A. GERLACH COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 12/09/96; Pending.
- TC96-196 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR REVISIONS TO ITS EXCHANGE AND NETWORK SERVICES TARIFF AND EXCHANGE AND NETWORK SERVICES CATALOG Filed 12/05/96; Pending.
- TC96-197 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR APPROVAL TO OFFER A MULTI-PRODUCT PROMOTION Filed 12/09/96; Closed 01/03/97.

TC96-198 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NEBCOM, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 12/10/96; Pending.

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TC96-200 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DESTINY TELECOMM INTERNATIONAL, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 12/16/96; Pending.

TC96-201 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DISCOUNT NETWORK SERVICES, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 12/16/96; Pending.

TC96-202 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF KENNEBEC TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF A BOUNDARY CHANGE WITH GOLDEN WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Filed 12/17/96; Pending.

TC96-203 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PROVIDIAN GROUP, LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA Filed 12/20/96; Pending.

TC96-204 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY KADOKA TELEPHONE COMPANY AND GOLDEN WEST TELECOM FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW AND REVISED MAP OF TERRITORY BOUNDARIES Filed 12/20/96; Pending.

TC96-205 IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST BY PAM COMMUNICATIONS TO OFFER NEGOTIATED RATES Filed 12/23/96; Pending.

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Dial & Save of SD Inc.  
4219 Lafayette Center Dr.; Chantilly VA 22021  
Phone#: (703) 631-5600 or (800) 787-3333  
Fax#: ; email: n/a  
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Eastern Telecommunications Inc.

17 John St, 16th Floor; New York NY 10038  
Phone#: (212) 227-2510 or (800) 528-7151  
Fax#: (212) 227-2515 email: n/a  
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Easton Telecom Services Inc.  
3046 Brecksville Rd. #400; Richfield OH 44286  
Phone#: (216) 659-6700 or (800) 887-6861  
Fax#: (216) 659-9379 email: n/a  
Certified: 09/02/96

Econophone Inc.  
1450 37th St.; Brooklyn NY 11218  
Phone#: (718) 437-8600 or (800) 454-7091  
Fax#: (718) 435-7592 email: n/a  
Certified: 08/13/96

EqualNet Corporation.  
1250 Wood Branch Park Drive; Houston TX 77079  
Phone#: (713) 556-4600 or (800) 525-9510  
Fax#: (713) 556-4650 email: n/a  
Certified: 02/07/94

Excel Telecommunications, Inc.  
8750 N Central Expressway #6; Dallas TX 75231  
Phone#: (214) 863-8700 or (800) 875-9235  
Fax#: (214) 863-8721 email: n/a  
Certified: 01/24/90

Express Communications  
2900 W. 10th St.; Sioux Falls SD 57104  
Phone#: (605) 334-7432  
Fax#: (605) 334-4782 email: cecalhoun@sioux.sodak.net  
Certified: 01/01/91

Family Telecommunications Inc.  
3899 N Central Ave B-1; Phoenix AZ 85012  
Phone#: (602) 222-9227 or (800) 890-6799  
Fax#: (602) 222-8751 email: n/a  
Certified: 01/21/97

Federal TransTel  
2868 Action Rd. #100; Birmingham AL 35243  
Phone#: (205) 985-4422 or (800) 933-6600  
Fax#: ; email: jaobrien@fttnet.com  
Certified: 12/26/95

FirsTel Inc.  
110 S Phillips #202; Sioux Falls SD 57102  
Phone#: (605) 332-3232 or (800) 605-3232  
Fax#: (605) 332-8004 email: n/a  
Certified: 10/12/93

Fone America, Inc.  
12323 SW 66th Ave.; Portland OR 97323  
Phone#: (503) 640-2400 or (800) 876-2255  
Fax#: (503) 620-8861 email: n/a  
Certified: 09/30/96

Freedom Communications Corp.  
33 SE 7th St Suite C; Boca Raton FL 33432  
Phone#: (407) 338-3166  
Fax#: (407) 338-4775 email: n/a  
Certified: 03/25/96

Frontier Communications International  
180 S Clinton Ave.; Rochester NY 14646  
Phone#: (716) 777-8000 or (800) 836-8080  
Fax#: (716) 546-3518 email: n/a  
Certified: 06/21/94

Frontier Communications-North Central  
180 S Clinton Ave.; Rochester NY 14646  
Phone#: (716) 777-8456 or (800) 836-8080  
Fax#: (716) 546-3518 email: n/a  
Certified: 10/08/93

Frontier Communications of the West  
180 S Clinton Ave.; Rochester NY 14646  
Phone#: (716) 777-8456 or (800) 836-8080  
Fax#: (716) 546-3518 email: n/a  
Certified: 12/06/93

GE Capital Communication Service d/b/a GE Exchange  
6540 Powers Ferry Rd.; Atlanta GA 30339  
Phone#: (404) 644-7600 or (800) 775-4322  
Fax#: (404) 952-2473 email: n/a  
Certified: 09/17/93

GE Capital Communications Service d/b/a Capitol Exchange  
6540 Powers Ferry Rd.; Atlanta GA 30339  
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Fax#: (404) 952-2473 email: n/a  
Certified: 09/17/93

GTE Card Services Incorporated  
1200 Walnut Hill Lane #2000; Irving TX 75038  
Phone#: (714) 714-0244 or (800) 483-5559  
Fax#: ; email: n/a  
Certified: 09/22/95

GTE Telecommunications Services Inc.  
245 Perimeter Ctr. Parkway; Atlanta GA 30346  
Phone#: (404) 391-8367 or (800) 892-2888

Fax#: ; email: n/a  
Certified: 06/21/94

GTN Corp Global Telecom Network  
2400 W Cypress Creek Rd #205; Ft. Lauderdale FL 33309  
Phone#: (305) 491-7200 or (800) 544-0061  
Fax#: ; email: n/a  
Certified: 06/03/96

Global Telemedia International Inc.  
1121 Alderman Dr #200; Alpharetta GA 30202  
Phone#: (770) 667-6088 or (800) 775-0436  
Fax#: (770) 667-7786 email: n/a  
Certified: 11/22/96

Hertz Technologies Inc.  
5601 Northwest Expressway; Oklahoma City OK 73132  
Phone#: (201) 307-2857 or (800) 552-5940  
Fax#: (201) 307-2876 email: n/a  
Certified: 05/25/93

Home Owners Long Distance Inc.  
Box 690670; San Antonio TX 78269  
Phone#: (210) 525-8152 or (800) 879-4653  
Fax#: (210) 525-0637 email: n/a  
Certified: 02/22/90

Hospitality Communications Corp.  
1575 Spinnaker Dr. #204; Ventura CA 93003  
Phone#: (805) 650-6461 or (800) 364-9119  
Fax#: ; email: n/a  
Certified: 02/28/94

Host Network Inc.  
9401 Wilshire Blvd. #501; Beverly Hills CA 90212  
Phone#: (310) 858-5700  
Fax#: ; email: n/a  
Certified: 07/15/96

IDM WorldCom Services  
515 E Amite St.; Jackson MS 39201  
Phone#: (601) 360-8600 or (800) 746-0456  
Fax#: (601) 974-8240 email: n/a  
Certified: 10/11/94

IdealDial Corporation  
910 15th St. #900; Denver CO 80202  
Phone#: (303) 534-0300 or (800) 847-4520  
Fax#: (303) 595-8707 email: n/a  
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Inacom Communication

10810 Farnam Dr.; Omaha NE 68154  
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Fax#: (402) 392-3695 email: n/a  
Certified: 12/09/94

Innovative Telecom Corporation  
2 Harrison St.; Nashua NH 03060  
Phone#: (603) 889-8411  
Fax#: ; email: n/a  
Certified: 08/06/96

Intelicom International Corporation  
28050 US Hwy 19 N #202; Clearwater FL 34621  
Phone#: (813) 797-9000 or (800) 762-7835  
Fax#: ; email: n/a  
Certified: 01/29/96

Intermedia Communications  
3625 Queen Palm Dr.; Tampa FL 33619  
Phone#: (813) 621-0011 or (800) 940-0011  
Fax#: ; email: n/a  
Certified: 11/18/96

International Telecom Ltd.  
417 2nd Ave W.; Seattle WA 98119  
Phone#: (206) 286-5252 or (800) 959-5255  
Fax#: ; email: n/a  
Certified: 12/12/96

IXC Long Distance Inc.  
98 San Jacinto Plaza #700; Austin TX 78701  
Phone#: (512) 433-2400 or (800) 848-8459  
Fax#: (512) 433-3555 email: n/a  
Certified: 05/19/95

J D Services Inc d/b/a American Freedom Network  
1844 S 3850 W Salt Lake City UT 84104  
Phone#: (801) 972-4090 or (800) 204-4749  
Fax#: (801) 288-9098 email: n/a  
Certified: 11/22/95

LCI International Telecom Corp.  
8180 Greensboro Dr #800; McLean VA 22102  
Phone#: (703) 442-0220  
Fax#: ; email: n/a  
Certified: 07/15/93

LDC Telecommunications Inc.  
391 Roberts Road #4; Oldsmar FL 34677  
Phone#: (813) 855-7511 or (800) 584-9000  
Fax#: (813) 855-2174 email: n/a  
Certified: 04/09/96

LDDS Communications Inc. d/b/a LDDSMETRODMEDIA Communications  
1705 S Capital of Texas HWY #100; Austin TX 78746  
Phone#: (512) 328-2566  
Fax#: (512) 328-2309 email: n/a  
Certified: 06/02/88

LDM Systems Inc.  
254 S Main St.; New York NY 10958  
Phone#: (800) 547-0090  
Fax#: ; email: n/a  
Certified: 02/13/96

L.D. Services, Inc.  
13230 E Firestone Blvd. #D-2; Santa Fe Springs CA 90670  
Phone#: (310) 802-5884  
Fax#: ; email: n/a  
Certified: 08/31/95

Least Cost Routing, Inc. d/b/a Long Distance Charges  
1801 E Edinger #125; Santa Ana CA 92705  
Phone#: (712) 560-8100  
Fax#: ; email: n/a  
Certified: 05/07/96

Long Distance Direct Holdings Inc.  
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Phone#: (914) 620-0765 or (800) 882-8603  
Fax#: ; email: n/a  
Certified: 09/05/96

Long Distance International Inc.  
888 S Andrews Ave #205; Ft. Lauderdale FL 33316  
Phone#: (305) 641-5177  
Fax#: ; email: n/a  
Certified: 01/27/95

Long Distance Wholesale Club  
4219 Lafayette Ctr. Dr.; Chantilly VA 22021  
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Certified: 07/03/91

MCI Telecommunications Corporation  
707 17th ST Suite 400; Denver CO 80202  
Phone#: (303) 291-6392  
Fax#: ; email: 2533083@mcimail.com  
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MFS Intelenet of South Dakota Inc.  
999 Oakmont Plaza Dr #400; Westmont IL 60559  
Phone#: (201) 938-7400  
Fax#: (201) 938-7335 ; email: n/a  
Certified: 08/01/94

McLeod Telemanagement Inc.  
221 Third Ave SE; Cedar Rapids IA 52401  
Phone#: (319) 298-7000  
Fax#: ; email: n/a  
Certified: 10/22/96

Midco Communications  
410 S Phillips; Sioux Falls SD 57102  
Phone#: (605) 334-1200  
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Certified :

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1111 Third Ave #1600; Seattle WA 98101  
Phone#: (206) 628-7369 or (800) 562-1013  
Fax#: (206) 628-8171 ; email: n/a  
Certified: 06/19/92

Midwest Fibernet Inc.  
121 S 17th St.; Mattoon IL 61938  
Phone#: (217) 235-7674 or (800) 500-8000  
Fax#: ; email: n/a  
Certified: 11/09/94

NOS Communications Inc.  
6701 Democracy Blvd #811; Bethesda MD 20817  
Phone#: (202) 775-7964  
Fax#: (202) 857-0172 ; email: n/a  
Certified: 06/17/92

NOSVA, Limited Partnership  
6701 Democracy Blvd. #811; Bethesda MD 20817  
Phone#: (301) 564-5555  
Fax#: ; email: n/a  
Certified: 08/08/94

NYNEX Long Distance Company  
200 Park Ave 17th Floor; New York NY 10166  
Phone#: (212) 983-2020  
Fax#: (212) 983-2080 ; email: n/a  
Certified: 11/05/96

National Accounts Inc.  
119 Cherry Hill Road; Parsippany NJ 07054  
Phone#: or (800) 235-3530  
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Certified: 02/13/96

National Telephone Communications  
2801 Main St.; Irvine CA 92714  
Phone#: (714) 251-8060  
Fax#: (714) 955-5738 ; email: n/a  
Certified: 05/30/95

National Teleservice  
111 Riverfront; Winona MN 55987  
Phone#: (507) 452-8263 or (800) 657-4444  
Fax#: ; email: n/a  
Certified: 05/19/95

Network Long Distance Inc.  
Box 1947; Baton Rouge LA 70821  
Phone#: (504) 343-3125 or (800) 777-4755  
Fax#: (504) 343-2444 ; email: n/a  
Certified: 06/10/94

Network Plus Inc.  
234 Copeland St.; Quincy MA 02169  
Phone#: (617) 786-4000  
Fax#: ; email: n/a  
Certified: 09/08/95

Network Services Inc d/b/a Long Distance Network Services Inc.  
SUSPENDED  
Phone#:  
Fax#: ; email: n/a  
Certified :

Norlight, Inc.  
275 N Corporate Dr.; Brookfield WI 53045  
Phone#: (414) 792-9700

Fax#: ; email: n/a  
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Norstan Network Services Inc.  
2955 Xenium Lane; Plymouth MN 55441  
Phone#: (612) 420-1344 or (800) 676-8870  
Fax#: (612) 420-1648 ; email: n/a  
Certified: 04/24/92

North American Telephone Network  
4151 Ashford Dunwoody Rd #550; Atlanta GA 30319  
Phone#: (404) 255-9999 or (800) 811-2497  
Fax#: (404) 851-1421 ; email: n/a  
Certified: 06/24/96

OU Connection, Inc.  
Box 72; Ada MN 56510  
Phone#: (218) 784-7171 or (800) 242-6111  
Fax#: ; email: n/a  
Certified: 06/29/96

One Call Communications, Inc. d/b/a OPTICOM  
801 Congressional Blvd.; Carmel IN 46032  
Phone#: or (800) 876-1300  
Fax#: (317) 580-7496 ; email: n/a  
Certified: 12/10/91

Operator Service Company  
1624 10th St.; Lubbock TX 79401  
Phone#: (806) 747-2474 or (800) 658-6041  
Fax#: (806) 747-5047 ; email: n/a  
Certified: 04/09/93

Optex, Inc.  
4880 Blazer Parkway; Dublin OH 43017  
Phone#: (614) 793-8443 or (800) 906-7839  
Fax#: (614) 793-9208 ; email: n/a  
Certified: 07/03/96

PNG Telecommunications, Inc.  
7908 Cincinnati-Dayton Rd #Q-B; West Chester OH 45069  
Phone#: (513) 777-2850  
Fax#: (513) 563-3011 ; email: n/a  
Certified: 04/09/96

PAM Oil, Inc. d/b/a PAM Communications  
Box 5200; Sioux Falls SD 57117  
Phone#: (605) 330-7574  
Fax#: ; email: n/a  
Certified: 12/17/96

Parcel Consultants Inc.

Box 8000; Bloomfield NJ 07003  
Phone#: (201) 338-1200 or (800) 408-8998  
Fax#: (201) 338-0302 ; email: n/a  
Certified: 10/07/96

Pennsylvania Alternative Communications d/b/a PACE  
218 S Maple Greenburg PA 15601  
Phone#: (412) 836-5800 or (800) 864-4161  
Fax#: ; email: n/a  
Certified: 05/30/95

Phoenix Network Inc.  
1687 Cole Boulevard; Golden CO 80401  
Phone#: (303) 230-4333  
Fax#: (303) 232-1250 ; email: n/a  
Certified: 04/29/91

Polaris Telcom  
10300 6th Ave N; Plymouth MN 55441  
Phone#: (612) 230-4400  
Fax#: (612) 230-4200 ; email: n/a  
Certified: 07/31/92

Polar Communications  
300 Corporate Center Dr.; Manalapan NJ 07726  
Phone#: (908) 462-7600 or (800) 927-6527  
Fax#: ; email: n/a  
Certified: 03/22/95

POPP Telcom  
620 Mendelssohn Ave.; Golden Valley MN 55427  
Phone#: (612) 546-9707 or (800) 456-1981  
Fax#: (612) 544-9798 ; email: n/a  
Certified: 09/17/93

Preferred Carrier Services Inc.  
1425 Greenway Dr #210; Irving TX 75243  
Phone#: (214) 753-1378 or (800) 414-4442  
Fax#: or (800) 909-6939 ; email: n/a  
Certified: 07/15/96

Preferred Telecom Inc.  
12655 N Central Expressway #800; Dallas TX 75243  
Phone#: (214) 458-9950 or (800) 377-6308  
Fax#: ; email: n/a  
Certified: 05/07/96

Premiere Communications Inc.  
3399 Peachtree Rd NE #400; Atlanta GA 30326  
Phone#: (404) 237-2911 or (800) 725-1000  
Fax#: (404) 231-4393 ; email: n/a  
Certified: 05/02/96

Primus Telecommunications Inc.  
8180 Greensboro Dr #1100; McLean VA 22102  
Phone#: (703) 848-4626  
Fax#: ; email: n/a  
Certified: 08/14/96

Professional Communications Management d/b/a PROCOM  
RR 3 Box 69G; Bruceton Mills WV 26526  
Phone#: (304) 379-2238 or (800) 296-7030  
Fax#: ; email: n/a  
Certified: 11/05/96

QAI, Inc. d/b/a Long Distance Billing  
28 W 5th St #480; St Paul MN 55102  
Phone#: (612) 222-1501 or (800) 460-0556  
Fax#: (612) 222-1102 ; email: n/a  
Certified: 12/05/95

Qcc Incorporated  
8829 Bond St.; Overland Park KS 66214  
Phone#: (913) 492-1230  
Fax#: (913) 492-1684 ; email: n/a  
Certified: 12/10/91

Quest Telecommunications Inc. d/b/a QTI  
242 Falcon Dr.; Forest Park GA 30050  
Phone#: (404) 608-6000 or (800) 275-6338  
Fax#: ; email: n/a  
Certified: 06/10/94

Qwest Communications Inc.  
555 17th ST 10th Floor; Denver CO 80202  
Phone#: (303) 291-1621 or (800) 466-0116  
Fax#: (303) 291-1724 ; email: n/a  
Certified: 12/09/94

SmarTalk TeleServices Inc.  
1640 S Sepulveda Blvd #500; Los Angeles CA 90025  
Phone#: (310) 444-8800 or (800) 450-8580  
Fax#: (310) 444-8822 ; email: n/a  
Certified: 06/29/95

Sprint Communications Company LP  
901 E 104th; Kansas City MO 64131  
Phone#: (816) 854-5543  
Fax#: ; email: n/a  
Certified: 07/08/89

Starlink Communications  
1200 Fifth Ave #1301; Seattle WA 98101  
Phone#: (206) 622-7100 or (800) 644-3939

Fax#: (206) 622-7171 ; email: n/a  
Certified: 01/29/96

Switched Services Communications  
98 San Jacinto Blvd #700; Austin TX 78701  
Phone#: (512) 328-1112 or (800) 800-8459  
Fax#: (512) 328-4717 ; email: n/a  
Certified: 05/19/95

TCI Communications d/b/a TCIC  
140 N Phillips #404; Sioux Falls SD 57102  
Phone#: (605) 335-8825  
Fax#: (605) 335-3942 ; email: n/a  
Certified: 11/08/90

TTI National Inc.  
515 E Amite St.; Jackson MS 39201  
Phone#: or (800) 210-3900  
Fax#: ; email: n/a  
Certified: 07/31/96

TW Communications Inc.  
666 Baker St #101; Costa Mesa CA 92626  
Phone#: (714) 438-7200 or (800) 859-9518  
Fax#: (714) 438-7207 ; email: n/a  
Certified: 09/08/95

Target Telecom Inc.  
115 Willow Brook Blvd.; Wayne NJ 07470  
Phone#: (201) 256-1600 or (800) 569-7200  
Fax#: (201) 812-6600 ; email: n/a  
Certified: 03/07/95

Telec Inc.  
14102 Farley; Redford MI 48239  
Phone#: (313) 427-9520  
Fax#: ; email: n/a  
Certified: 01/03/97

Telecare Inc.  
444 Lafayette Rd.; Noblesville IN 46060  
Phone#: (317) 776-7654 (317) 571-1553  
Fax#: (317) 776-7646 ; email: n/a  
Certified: 12/09/92

Telegroup Inc.  
505 N 3rd St.; Fairfield IA 52556  
Phone#: (515) 472-5000 or (800) 338-0225  
Fax#: (515) 472-4747 ; email: n/a  
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Tel-Save Inc. d/b/a The Phone Company

6805 Route 202; New Hope PA 18938  
Phone#: (215) 862-1500 or (800) 728-3288  
Fax#: (215) 862-1085 ; email: n/a  
Certified: 06/19/92

Telscape USA Inc.  
4635 SW Freeway #800; Houston TX 77027  
Phone#: (713) 968-0968 or (800) 382-9756  
Fax#: ; email: n/a  
Certified: 11/11/96

Tel Serv  
125 S 2nd St.; Aberdeen SD 57409  
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Phone#: (319) 366-6600  
Fax#: ; email: n/a  
Certified: 00/00/00

Telenational Communications  
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Phone#: (402) 392-7522 or (800) 633-9539  
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Certified: 01/09/92

Tele Tech Inc.  
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Teltrust Communications Services  
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Phone#: (801) 535-2000 or (800) 530-3222  
Fax#: (801) 535-2080 ; email: n/a  
Certified: 02/28/95

The Furst Group  
459 Oakshade Rd.; Shamong NJ 08088  
Phone#: (609) 268-8000 or (800) 233-4736  
Fax#: ; email: n/a  
Certified: 00/00/96

The Phonco Inc. d/b/a Network Services Long Distance  
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Phone#: (215) 244-4334 or (800) 608-0577  
Fax#: ; email: n/a  
Certified: 01/18/97

Total National Telecommunications d/b/a Total World Telecom  
1001 Fannin #300; Houston TX 77002  
Phone#: (713) 622-6008 or (800) 569-2280  
Fax#: (713) 622-3554 ; email: n/a  
Certified: 11/30/95

Touch 1 Communications Inc.  
Drawer 10751; Atmore AL 36504  
Phone#: (334) 368-1314 or (800) 882-8601  
Fax#: ; email: n/a  
Certified: 11/08/94

Transcommunications Inc.  
6025 Lee Highway #402; Chattanooga TN 37421  
Phone#: (423) 954-9961 or (800) 831-2273  
Fax#: (423) 954-9973 ; email: n/a  
Certified: 12/16/96

Trans National Communications Inc.  
d/b/a Members' Long Distance Advantage  
133 Federal St.; Boston MA 02110  
Phone#: (617) 369-1000 or (800) 653-2669  
Fax#: (617) 369-1111 ; email: n/a  
Certified: 02/28/92

Trescom USA Inc.  
200 E Broward Blvd #2100; Ft. Lauderdale FL 33301  
Phone#: (954) 763-4000 or (800) 226-4884  
Fax#: ; email: n/a  
Certified: 07/16/96

Utility Analysts Inc. d/b/a Basic Long Distance  
26202 Grand River; Redford MI 48240  
Phone#: (313) 534-9700 or (800) 530-1071  
Fax#: ; email: n/a  
Certified: 09/18/96

UniDial Incorporated  
12910 Shelbyville Rd #211; Louisville KY 40243  
Phone#: (502) 244-0100 or (800) 393-7300  
Fax#: (502) 244-6222 ; email: n/a  
Certified: 10/24/94

United States Digital Network  
8575-D Sudley Road; Manassas VA 22110  
Phone#: (703) 369-4908 or (800) 828-8736  
Fax#: (703) 330-3624 ; email: n/a  
Certified: 07/11/94

U.S. Long Distance Inc.  
9311 San Pedro #300; San Antonio TX 78216

Phone#: (210) 525-9009 or (800) 456-8371  
Fax#: (210) 525-0389 ; email: n/a  
Certified: 01/07/92

UStel, Inc.  
2775 S Rainbow A-102; Las Vegas NV 89102  
Phone#: (702) 247-7400 or (800) 878-3505  
Fax#: (702) 247-7447 ; email: n/a  
Certified: 04/15/96

US Wats Inc.  
111 Presidential Blvd #114; Bala Cynwyd PA 19004  
Phone#: (610) 660-0100 or (800) 545-8292  
Fax#: (610) 660-0034 ; email: n/a  
Certified: 10/12/93

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125 S Dakota Ave Sioux Falls SD 57194  
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Certified: 00/00/00

USX Consultants Inc.  
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Phone#: (412) 391-8115  
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Certified: 07/11/94

United Wats Inc.  
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Phone#: or (800) 342-9287  
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Certified: 04/03/96

Universal Network Services of South Dakota  
201 S Peters ST #2500; Newport Beach CA 92660  
Phone#: (714) 760-9200  
Fax#: (714) 760-9707 ; email: n/a  
Certified: 03/07/95

VarTec Telecom Inc.  
3200 W Pleasant Run Rd.; Lancaster TX 75146  
Phone#: (972) 230-7213 Fax#: (972) 230-7696 ; email: nhoffman@vartec.net  
Certified: 01/27/95

V.I.P. Telephone Network Inc.  
1966 Greenspring Dr #500; Timonium MD 21093  
Phone#: (410) 560-6600 or (800) 348-6655  
Fax#: ; email: n/a  
Certified: 07/12/95

WinStar Gateway Network Inc.

8585 N Stemmons Freeway #1100 South; Dallas TX 75247  
Phone#: (214) 672-4700 or (800) 569-0010  
Fax#: (214) 672-4701 ; email: n/a  
Certified: 09/23/92

WATS 800 Inc. d/b/a ITS  
Box 574405; Orlando FL 32857  
Phone#: (407) 855-1500 or (800) 562-4230  
Fax#: (407) 855-3500 ; email: n/a  
Certified: 01/09/92

Western Union Communications Inc.  
6200 S Quebec St #370; Englewood CO 80111  
Phone#: (303) 488-8237 or (800) 374-0909  
Fax#: (303) 488-8528 ; email: n/a  
Certified: 05/19/95

Westinghouse Electric Corporation  
d/b/a Westinghouse Communications  
902 Brinton Rd. Pittsburgh PA 15221  
Phone#: (412) 244-6532  
Fax#: ; email: n/a  
Certified: 11/30/95

West River Long Distance Company  
Box 467; Hazen ND 58545  
Phone#: (701) 748-9753  
Fax#: ; email: n/a  
Certified: 09/10/96

WorldCom Inc. d/b/a LDDS WorldCom  
515 E Amite St 5th Floor; Jackson MS 39201  
Phone#: (601) 360-8965  
Fax#: (601) 360-8971 ; email: n/a  
Certified: 00/00/00

WorldCom Inc. d/b/a WilTel Network Services  
515 E Amite St 5th Floor; Jackson MS 39201  
Phone#: (918) 590-1000 or (800) 364-4357  
Fax#: ; email: n/a  
Certified: 01/07/92

World Telecom Group Inc.  
1091 N Shoreline Blvd.; Mountain View CA 94043  
Phone#: (415) 694-4977 or (800) 827-6299  
Fax#: (415) 694-7886 ; email: n/a  
Certified: 11/08/94

WorldTel Services Inc.  
125 Pacifica #150; Irvine CA 92718  
Phone#: (714) 727-0300 or (800) 562-5072  
Fax#: (714) 932-3327 ; email: n/a

Certified: 04/13/93

XIEX Telecommunications Inc.  
800 Gessner #900; Houston TX 77024  
Phone#: (713) 932-3340  
Fax#: (713) 932-3327 ; email: n/a  
Certified: 03/24/95

XLCONNECT Services Inc.  
201 St. Charles Ave #2500; New Orleans LA 70170  
Phone#: (504) 527-6400 or (800) 884-4736  
Fax#: ; email: n/a  
Certified: 09/18/95

Xtracom, Inc.  
935 W Chestnet #206; Chicago IL 60622  
Phone#: (313) 243-8660 or (800) 878-3505  
Fax#: ; email: n/a  
Certified: 06/30/96

ZENEX Long Distance Inc.  
3705 W Memorial #101-Z; Oklahoma City OK 73134  
Phone#: (405) 749-9999 or (800) 890-2990  
Fax#: ; email: n/a  
Certified: 08/06/96

TelSave Corporation d/b/a Independent Network Services  
Phone#:  
Fax#: ; email: n/a  
Certified: 03/04/97

U S West Interprise America  
Phone#:  
Fax#: ; email: n/a  
Certified: 03/04/97

360 Degrees Long Distance Inc.  
Phone#:  
Fax#: ; email: n/a  
Certified: 03/04/97

Meridan Telecom Corporation  
Phone#:  
Fax#: ; email: n/a  
Certified: 03/04/97

Telco Partners Inc.  
Phone#:  
Fax#: ; email: n/a  
Certified: 03/04/97

International Gateway Communications

Phone#:  
Fax#: ; email: n/a  
Certified: 03/04/97

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## CELLULAR COMPANIES

### Western Wireless

2001 NW Sammamish Road #100  
Issaquah WA 98027  
(206)313-7744 fax: (206)313-7960

MSA 267 A  
MSA 289 A, RSA 638, & RSA 639 A  
RSA 635 A  
RSA 637 A  
RSA 641, RSA 640A & RSA 642 A  
RSA 634 A  
Dakota Cellular, Inc. (RSA 636 A) as of 5/31/95

### CommNet Cellular Inc.

8350 E Crescent Parkway, Suite 400  
Englewood CO 80111  
(303)694-8589 fax: (303)694-9743

### Managing Partner Of The Following:

Sioux Falls Cellular Ltd. Partnership  
Cellular Network of South Dakota, Inc.  
SD 1- Harding Ltd Partnership  
SD 2 - Corson Limited Partnership  
SD 3 - McPherson Limited Partnership  
SD 5 - Custer Limited Partnership  
Custer RSA 5 Ltd Partnership  
SD 6 - Haakon Limited Partnership  
Jackson RSA No. 6 Limited Partnership  
SD 7 - Sully Limited Partnership  
SD 8 - Kingsbury Ltd. Partnership  
Eastern SD Cellular of SD Ltd Partnership

### Glacial Lakes Cellular

1203 9th Avenue SE  
Watertown SD 57201  
(800)630-2000 fax: (605)882-4904

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## OPERATOR SERVICE PROVIDERS LISTING

### NATIONAL COMPANIES PROVIDING OPERATOR SERVICES

AmeriTel Pay Phones, Inc.  
John R. Summers, Executive Vice President  
900 S.W. Oldham Parkway, Suite 100  
Lee's Summit MO 64081

(816) 525-4181 (816) 828-3006 fax

Inmate Communications Corporation (INCOMM)  
Stephen A Edwards, president  
7107 Valjean Avenue  
Van Nuys CA 91406  
(818) 782-7094 (818) 782-9001 fax

Intellicall Operator Services, Inc.  
Gregory E. Hall, Vice President  
2158 Chenault, Suite 410  
Carrollton, TX 75006-5023  
(214) 416-0022 #329 (214) 416-7213 fax

Operator Communications, Inc. d/h/a Oncor Communications, Inc. (OCI)

Administrative Offices:

Josephine Wiacek, Tax Manager  
Two Democracy Center  
6903 Rockledge Drive, Suite 1320  
Bethesda, MD 20817  
(301) 571-8600 (301) 871-8708 fax

Operators at:

1412 Main St.  
Dallas, TX 75202  
(214) 744-0240

Network Operator Services, Inc.  
Susan P. Faber, Director, Billing & Collections  
P.O. Box 3529  
Longview, TX 75606  
(903) 758-9380 (903) 788-9372 fax

North American InTeleCom, Inc.  
Edward J. Taylor, Jr., Vice President, Operations  
12000 Crownpoint Drive, Suite 178  
San Antonio TX 78233  
(210) 967-1400

Reliance Telephone Systems, Inc.  
Sally Hansen  
118 Gateway Drive  
East Grand Forks, MN 56721  
(218) 773-7583

Silverado Communications Corp.  
Steve Alexander, Director of Regulatory Affairs  
c/o Peoples Telephone Company, Inc.  
2300 NW 89th Place  
Miami FL 33172  
(306) 593-9667 (305) 593-0479 fax

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Strategic Alliances, Inc. d/b/a London Telecom Network  
Erin Ostler, Vice President  
1959 Sloan place, Suite 200  
St. Paul MN 55117  
(612) 778-9093 (612) 778-9165 fax

Teleclose, Inc.  
Scott M. Dega, Director of Operations  
4706 S. Washington Avenue  
Madison, WI 63704  
(608) 241-5272 (608) 241-3224

T-NETIX, Inc.  
Thomas J. Huzjak, President  
6675 South Kenton Street, Suite 100  
Englewood CO 80111  
(303) 986-9979

U.S. Osiris Corporation  
Andrew A. Tarasuk, Regulatory/Financial Analyst  
8828 Stemmons Freeway Suite 212  
Dallas, TX 75247-3721  
(214) 640-4110 (214) 640-4149 fax

Value-Added Communications, Inc.  
Linda M. Parks, Tax Manager  
800 Jupiter Road, Suite 200  
Plano TX 75074-7461  
(214) 422-1848

WCS Operators  
Dwayne H. Jelinek, General Manager  
5 North 35th Street  
Billings, MT 59101  
(406) 245-7789

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# COMPETITIVE LOCAL EXCHANGE COMPANIES

as of 12/31/96

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AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc.  
1875 Lawrence Street Denver CO 80202  
Phone: (303) 298-6232  
Date Certified: 10/22/96

Dakota Telcom, Inc.  
P.O. Box 127 Irene SD 57037-0127  
Phone: (605) 263-3921  
Date Certified: 10/22/96

Dakota Telecommunications Systems, Inc.  
P.O. Box 281 Irene SD 57037-0281  
Phone: (605) 263-3921  
Date Certified: 10/22/96

Dial & Save of South Dakota, Inc.  
4219 Lafayette Center Drive Chantilly VA 22021-1209  
Phone: (703) 631-5600  
Date Certified: 10/22/96

Excel Telecommunications, Inc.  
8750 North Central Expressway Dallas TX 75231  
Phone: (214) 863-8210  
Date Certified: 12/17/96

FirsTel, Inc.  
110 South Phillips Avenue Suite 202, Sioux Falls SD 57104-6727  
Phone: (605) 332-3232  
Date Certified: 10/22/96

McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc.  
Town Centre Suite 500, 221 Third Avenue SE, Cedar Rapids IA 52401  
Phone: (319) 298-7000  
Date Certified: 10/22/96

Midco Communications, Inc.  
410 South Phillips Avenue, Sioux Falls SD 57104-6824  
Phone: (605) 334-1200  
Date Certified: 12/16/96

PAM Oil, Inc. d/b/a PAM Communications  
200 Petro Avenue, PO Box 5200, Sioux Falls SD 57117-5200  
Phone: (605) 330-7574  
Date Certified: 12/17/96

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# SOUTH DAKOTA LOCAL TELEPHONE COMPANIES

as of 12/31/96

## Independents

U S WEST Communications  
125 S D Ave Sioux Falls 57194  
Phone: (605) 335-4596  
Fax: (605) 339-5390

Accent Communications, Inc.  
235 E 1st Ave Groton 57445  
Phone: (605) 397-2323  
Fax: (605) 397-2350

Armour Ind. Tel. Co., Inc.  
PO Box 151 Armour 57313  
Phone: (605) 528-3211  
Fax: (605) 528-3377

Bridgewater-Canistota Ind. Tel. Co.  
116 N Main Hartford 57033  
Phone: (605) 528-3211  
Fax: (605) 528-3377

Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe  
PO Box 810 Eagle Butte 57625  
Phone: (605) 964-2600  
Fax: (605) 964-1000

Fort Randall Telephone Company  
909 Willmar Ave SW Willmar MN 56201  
Phone: (320) 847-2211  
No Fax

Golden West Communications  
PO Box 411 Wall 57790  
Phone: (605) 279-2161  
Fax: (605) 279-2727

G.W.S., Inc.  
PO Box 411 Wall 57790  
Phone: (605) 279-2161  
Fax: (605) 279-2727

Hanson Communications, Inc.  
PO Box 630 Salem 57058  
Phone: (605) 425-2238  
Fax: (605) 425-2712

Hanson County Tel. Co.

PO Box 217 Alexandria 57311  
Phone: (605) 239-4302  
Fax: (605) 239-4301

Heartland Communications, Inc.  
PO Box 48 Kimball 57355  
Phone: (605) 778-6221  
Fax: (605) 778-8080

Intrastate Telephone Company, Inc.  
PO Box 920 Clear Lake 57226  
Phone: (605) 874-2181  
Fax: (605) 874-2014

Jefferson Tel. Co.  
PO Box 128 Jefferson 57038  
Phone: (605) 966-5631  
Fax: (605) 966-5340

Kadoka Tel. Co.  
PO Box 220 Kadoka 57543  
Phone: (605) 837-2211  
Fax: (605) 837-2811

Kennebec Tel. Co.  
PO Box 158 Kennebec 57544  
Phone: (605) 869-2220  
Fax: (605) 869-2221

Mobridge Telecommunications Co.  
PO Box 467 Hazen ND 58545  
Phone: (701) 748-2211  
Fax: (701) 748-6800

Mt. Rushmore Tel. Co.  
PO Box 800 Clara City MN 56222  
Phone: (612) 847-2211  
Fax: (612) 847-2736

RC Communications, Inc.  
PO Box 197 New Effington 57255  
Phone: (605) 637-5211  
Fax: (605) 637-5302

SANCOM, Inc.  
PO Box 67 Woonsocket 57385  
Phone: (605) 796-4411  
Fax: (605) 796-4419

Sioux Valley Tel. Co.  
PO Box 98 Dell Rapids 57022  
Phone: (605) 428-5421

Fax: (605) 428-3132

Splitrock Properties, Inc.  
PO Box 349 Garretson 57030  
Phone: (605) 594-3411  
Fax: (605) 594-6776

Stateline Telecommunications, Inc.  
PO Box 39 Bison 57620  
Phone: (605) 244-5213  
Fax: (605) 244-7288

Stockholm-Strandburg Tel. Co.  
PO Box 20 Stockholm 57264  
Phone: (605) 676-2311  
Fax: (605) 676-2317

Tri-County Telcom, Inc.  
PO Box 304 Emery 57332  
Phone: (605) 449-4203  
Fax: (605) 449-4329

Union Tel. Co.  
116 N Main Hartford 57033  
Phone: (605) 528-3211  
Fax: (605) 528-3377

Valley Cable & Satellite Communications  
PO Box 7 Herried 57632  
Phone: (605) 437-2615  
Fax: (605) 437-2220

Venture Communications, Inc.  
PO Box 157 Highmore 57345  
Phone: (605) 852-2224  
Fax: (605) 852-2404

Vivian Tel. Co.  
PO Box 411 Wall 57790  
Phone: (605) 279-2161  
Fax: (605) 279-2727

Western Tel. Co.  
PO Box 128 Faulkton 57438  
Phone: (605) 598-6217  
Fax: (605) 598-4100

### **Municipals**

Beresford Municipal Tel. Co.  
101 N 3rd Street Beresford 57004  
Phone: (605) 763-2500

Fax: (605) 763-7112

City of Brookings Tel. Co.  
PO Box 588 Brookings 57006  
Phone: (605) 692-6325  
Fax: (605) 697-8470

City of Faith Tel. Co.  
PO Box 368 Faith 57626  
Phone: (605) 967-2261  
Fax: (605) 967-2266

### **Cooperatives**

Baltic Telecom Cooperative  
PO Box 307 Baltic 57003  
Phone: (605) 529-5454  
Fax: (605) 529-5498

Dakota Coop. Telecom.  
PO Box 66 Irene 57037  
Phone: (605) 263-3301  
Fax: (605) 263-3995

Interstate Telecommunications  
PO Box 920 Clear Lake 57226  
Phone: (605) 874-2181  
Fax: (605) 874-2014

Golden West Tel. Coop. Inc.  
PO Box 411 Wall 57790  
Phone: (605) 279-2161  
Fax: (605) 279-2727

James Valley Coop. Tel. Co.  
235 E 1st Ave Groton 57445  
Phone: (605) 397-2323  
Fax: (605) 397-2350

McCook Coop. Tel. Co.  
PO Box 630 Salem 57058  
Phone: (605) 425-2238  
Fax: (605) 425-2712

Midstate Tel. Co.  
PO Box 48 Kimball 57355  
Phone: (605) 778-6221  
Fax: (605) 778-8080

Roberts Co. Tel. Coop. Assn.  
PO Box 197 New Effington 57255  
Phone: (605) 637-5211

Fax: (605) 637-5302

Sanborn Telecom. Coop.  
PO Box 67 Woonsocket 57385  
Phone: (605) 796-4411  
Fax: (605) 796-4419

Splitrock Telecom. Coop.  
PO Box 349 Garretson 57030  
Phone: (605) 594-3411  
Fax: (605) 594-6776

Sully Buttes Tel. Coop.  
PO Box 157 Highmore 57345  
Phone: (605) 852-2224  
Fax: (605) 852-2404

Valley Telecommunications  
PO Box 7 Herried 57632  
Phone: (605) 437-2615  
Fax: (605) 437-2220

West River Coop. Tel. Co.  
PO Box 39 Bison 57620  
Phone: (605) 244-5213  
Fax: (605) 244-7288

### **Foreign Exchange Companies**

CTC Communications, Inc.  
PO Box 1077 Dickinson ND 58601  
Phone: (701) 225-6061  
Fax: (701) 225-0001

Consolidated Tel. Coop.  
PO Box 1077 Dickinson ND 58601  
Phone: (701) 225-6061  
Fax: (701) 225-0001

Dickey Rural Communications, Inc.  
PO Box 69 Ellendale ND 58436  
Phone: (701) 349-3687  
Fax: (701) 783-4300

Dickey Rural Tel. Coop.  
PO Box 69 Ellendale ND 58436  
Phone: (701) 349-3687  
Fax: (701) 783-4300

Farmers Mutual Tel. Co.  
PO Box 368 Bellingham MN 56212  
Phone: (612) 568-2105

Fax: (612) 568-2200

GTE of Minnesota, Inc.  
386 N Wabasha Ste 1170 St. Paul MN  
Phone: (612) 224-3546  
Fax: (612) 224-3728

Great Plains Communications  
1635 Front Street Blair NE 68008  
Phone: (402) 426-9511  
Fax: (402) 426-6474 or 75

NebCom, Inc.  
110 East Elk Street Jackson NE 68743  
Phone: (402) 632-4321  
No Fax

RT Communications, Inc.  
PO Box 506 Worland, WY 82401  
Phone: (307) 347-8251  
Fax: (307) 347-6366

Red River Telecom, Inc.  
PO Box 136 Abercrombie ND 58001  
Phone: (701) 553-8309  
Fax: (701) 553-8396

Three River Telco  
PO Box 66 Lynch NE 68757  
Phone: (402) 569-2666  
Fax: (402) 569-4455

USWC: Iowa  
USWC: Nebraska  
USWC: Minnesota  
125 S D Ave Sioux Falls 57194  
Phone: (605) 335-4596  
Fax: (605) 339-5390

Valley Tel. Co.  
1203 9th Ave SE Watertown 57201  
Phone: (612) 695-2111  
Fax: (612) 338-3298

West River Telecom Coop.  
PO Box 467 Hazen ND 58545  
Phone: (701) 748-2211  
Fax: (701) 748-6800

#### Switchers

Sioux Valley Rural Tel. Co.

Ed H. Lacey  
Trent SD 57065

**Black Hills Power and Light Company**  
**South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Annual Report**

Submitted August 1, 1997

Black Hills Power and Light Company was incorporated under the laws of South Dakota in 1941. In 1986 the Company changed its name to Black Hills Corporation and now operates its investor-owned electric utility operations under the assumed name of Black Hills Power and Light Company. In addition, the Company has diversified into coal mining through Wyodak Resources Development Corp. and oil and gas production through Western Production Company.

Black Hills Power is engaged in the generation, purchase, transmission, distribution and sales of electric energy in 11 counties in western South Dakota, northeastern Wyoming, and southeastern Montana. The territory served by Black Hills Power includes 20 incorporated communities and various unincorporated and rural areas with a population estimated at 165,000. The largest community served is Rapid City, with a population, including environs, estimated at 75,000. Our service area economy continues to be stable, primarily due to its diversity.

#### **DISTRICT OFFICES**

Black Hills Power and Light maintains district offices and service centers in the South Dakota communities of Rapid City, Sturgis, Belle Fourche, Spearfish, Lead/Deadwood, Custer, Hot Springs, and Edgemont, as well as in the Wyoming communities of Newcastle and Gillette.

#### **ELECTRIC POWER SUPPLY**

In August of 1995, Black Hills Power and Light Company completed construction on Neil Simpson Unit #2, an 80 MW coal-fired mine-mouth power plant near Gillette, Wyoming. The decision to construct was made after reviewing plant retirement needs, customer load growth projections, and cost-effectiveness.

In addition to Neil Simpson #2, BHP owns and operates three electric generating power plants and has partial interest in another. Neil Simpson #1, an 18 MW plant, is located near Gillette, WY; Osage, 30 MW, is at Osage, WY; and Ben French, 22 MW, is at Rapid City SD. The Company is a 20% owner of Wyodak Station #1, 330 MW, near Gillette with Pacific Power and Light, an 80% owner.

The power plants are all fueled with low-sulfur, sub-bituminous coal mined by Wyodak Resources Development Corp. Pricing of the coal is regulated by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

#### **ENERGY SALES**

Firm energy sales increased slightly in 1996 and are forecast to increase over the next ten years at an annual compound growth rate of 2.0%. System demand increased from 1995 to 1996 by 1.7%.

#### **CUSTOMERS**

Black Hills Power has 55,601 total customers (year-end 1996), with the average residential customer using 8,812 kWhs of electricity annually at an average price of \$0.081 per kWh. A net increase of 1.05% in total customers served continues to reflect the steady growth of

the service area. Our cost containment efforts and customer load growth have provided our customers with electricity costs that are declining in real terms, and are frozen until at least the year 2000.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

The economic prosperity of our service area is vitally important to Black Hills Power and the customers and communities we serve. We have developed programs and services to assist both existing and potential businesses. Since each community is unique, we strive for flexible economic incentive packages including site development, marketing and engineering support, energy efficiency grants, and energy cost analysis. We have established partnerships with our economic development groups in order to enhance growth in the region.

### **ENERGY SHARE PROGRAM**

Black Hills Power and Light's "Energy Share" program provides funding through Church Response in Rapid City and the ministerial associations in Sturgis, Spearfish, Lead/Deadwood, Belle Fourche, Custer, Hot Springs, and Newcastle to assist customers with energy bills in times of crisis.

**MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY IS A UTILITY COMPANY** headquartered in Des Moines, Iowa. The Company is a subsidiary of MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company and has two affiliates: MidAmerican Capital Company and Midwest Capital Group, Inc.

MidAmerican Energy provides electric and natural gas service in a 10,600-square-mile area with a population of 1.7 million. The service area includes much of Iowa and portions of Illinois, Nebraska and South Dakota. The largest communities served by MidAmerican are Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, Sioux City, Waterloo, Iowa City and Council Bluffs, Iowa, the Quad-Cities area of Iowa and Illinois, and Sioux Falls, South Dakota. MidAmerican provides service to 642,000 electric customers and 610,000 natural gas customers.

Sioux Falls, South Dakota is one of the company's five district headquarters for operations. MidAmerican serves Alcester, Baltic, Beresford, Brandon, Canton, Centerville, Colton, Dakota Dunes, Dell Rapids, Elk Point, Ellis, Flandreau, Gayville, Harrisburg, Hartford, Jefferson, Lennox, Meckling, Montrose, North Sioux City, Ramona, Salem, Sioux Falls, Tea, Vermillion, Worthing, and Yankton with natural gas.

MidAmerican meets the electrical service needs of the southeastern South Dakota communities of Alcester, Dakota Dunes, Fairview, Hudson, Jefferson, and North Sioux City.

With an eye on the competitive marketplace, MidAmerican continues to pursue a series of long-term goals:

- Reach an industry leadership position in service quality and price.
- Redefine our markets for, and the ranges of, our products and services, leading to improved growth prospects through increased market share and breadth of market services.
- Effectively address information technology issues that will be critical to our ability to take advantage of competitive opportunities.
- Substantially complete the process of dealing with regulatory and legislative issues that must be addressed in the transition to competitive markets.
- Continue to implement strategic changes needed to maintain an industry leadership position.

In an effort to distinguish MidAmerican from other energy providers, it is essential that we keep our focus on these goals. To succeed in the new utility environment we must lead the change. It is with this attitude that we will continue to serve our customers in South Dakota.

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**OPERATING REVENUES**

**SALES OF GAS - \$**

Residential	\$30,459,035
Commercial	\$17,036,310
Industrial	\$515,523
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$48,010,868</b>

**VOLUMES OF GAS SOLD**

Sales of Gas-Therms	
Residential	\$57,946,330
Commercial	\$40,445,231
Industrial	\$1,366,734
<b>Total Volumes</b>	<b>\$99,758,295</b>

**CUSTOMER DATA**

Residential	53,123
Commercial	7,029
Industrial	47
<b>Total Customers</b>	<b>60,199</b>

Transportation revenue and sales are not included in the above information.

**OPERATING REVENUES**

**SALES OF ELECTRICITY - \$**

Residential	\$1,849,367
Commercial	\$2,488,068
Industrial	\$1,172,564
Sales/Public Auth	\$156,998
Street Lighting	\$62,236
Rural	—
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$5,729,233</b>

**ELECTRICITY SOLD**

Sales of Electricity-MWh:	
Residential	\$26,305
Commercial	\$46,025
Industrial	\$27,029
Sales/Public Auth	\$2,373
Street Lighting	\$550
Rural	—
<b>Total Electricity</b>	<b>\$102,282</b>

**CUSTOMER DATA**

Residential	2,424
Commercial	383
Industrial	11
Sales/Public Auth	65
Street Lighting	6
Rural	—
<b>Total Customers</b>	<b>2,889</b>



# **MONTANA-DAKOTA**

**UTILITIES CO.**

*A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.*

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. owns and operates natural gas distribution systems in the Black Hills and central South Dakota plus electric transmission and distribution facilities in north-central South Dakota. The Company serves 38,520 natural gas customers and 8,782 electric customers in the state, as of December 31, 1996.

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., which has been part of the state's business community since 1928, has expanded its presence through the addition of natural gas distribution systems in Pierre, Mobridge and other towns in central South Dakota.

The Company also operates natural gas systems in many Black Hills cities and electric properties in several north-central towns and has also been involved in the promotion of natural gas as vehicle fuel. Along with providing energy to South Dakota customers, Montana-Dakota employees participate in community activities including economic development plus public education and safety organizations. Many Montana-Dakota employees also participate in the Company's Gatekeeper program. This program is designed to uncover problems with the elderly and the disabled. Utility employees regularly come in contact with all customers and act as "eyes and ears" to relay information to local service agencies that can help elderly and disabled citizens.

Montana-Dakota is indeed a partner in the communities it serves. In addition to providing energy and a large payroll, Montana-Dakota is also a major taxpayer. In 1996 the Company paid property taxes of approximately \$968,000 in South Dakota.

Montana-Dakota is a business unit of MDU Resources Group, Inc., a multidimensional natural resource enterprise traded on the New York Stock Exchange. The utility offers electric power generation and transmission plus natural gas, propane and electricity distribution to customers in Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming. The corporation also operates a natural gas pipeline company, coal and aggregate mining operations, an energy marketing firm, as well as oil and natural gas production investments.

# MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.

South Dakota\*

Operating Revenues and Statistics-NATURAL GAS

12 Months Ended December 1996

<b>Operating Revenues</b>	
<b>SALES OF GAS - \$:</b>	
<i>Residential *</i>	\$19,302,806
<i>Commercial-Firm *</i>	11,454,002
<i>Commercial-Interruptible</i>	791,814
<i>Small Industrial</i>	18,014
<i>Large Interruptible</i>	307,378
<b>Total Sales of Gas</b>	<b>\$31,874,014</b>
<b>Other Operating Revenue *</b>	
<i>Miscellaneous Service Revenue</i>	\$19,383
<i>Rent From Gas Property</i>	70,840
<i>Other Gas Revenue</i>	57,133
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$147,356</b>
<b>Transportation Revenue</b>	
<i>Small Interruptible</i>	\$286,038
<i>Large Interruptible</i>	262,750
<b>Total Transportation Revenue</b>	<b>\$548,788</b>
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 32,570,158</b>

<b>Volumes of Gas Sold</b>	
<b>SALES OF GAS - CCF:</b>	
<i>Residential *</i>	38,150,518
<i>Commercial-Firm *</i>	27,299,793
<i>Commercial-Interruptible</i>	4,028,515
<i>Small Industrial</i>	47,991
<i>Large Interruptible</i>	1,530,799
<b>Total Volumes Sold</b>	<b>71,057,616</b>
<b>Transported Gas - CCF</b>	
<i>Small Interruptible</i>	4,774,351
<i>Large Interruptible</i>	11,008,323
<b>Total Volumes Transported</b>	<b>15,782,674</b>
<b>Customer Data *      12 Month Avg.</b>	
<i>Residential</i>	34,369
<i>Commercial-Firm</i>	4,126
<i>Commercial-Interruptible</i>	19
<i>Small Industrial</i>	3
<i>Large Interruptible</i>	3
<b>Total Customers**</b>	<b>38,520</b>

\*Includes East River System.

\*\*There are 43 transportation customers, some of which also receive sales service.

## Northwestern Public Service

For Northwestern, 1996 was an exceptional year as we continued to position ourselves to capitalize on significant future opportunities.

We are transforming the company from a regional supplier of energy services into a leading national, diversified energy distribution company. Our strategic plan - driven by the fundamentals of competitive excellence, innovative products, exceptional customer service and strategic growth through new customers and new investment opportunities will allow us to build on our success.

South Dakota is our home base. We serve 56,000 electric customers and 38,000 natural gas customers in eastern South Dakota. We provide job opportunities for over 450 employees; and our employees provide leadership, civic involvement and volunteerism that enrich the lives of people in the 140 communities we serve. We are one of three NYSE companies headquartered in South Dakota, bringing a level of corporate prestige to the state. Our growth and our financial success have drawn national recognition to Northwestern and South Dakota. We strengthen the progress of the area we serve.

Providing quality customer service has always been a top priority for Northwestern. Staying in front of the field demands exceptional service and value-added products to meet the needs of our customers. In 1996, we redefined our customer focus by adopting the vision of providing products and services for residential comfort and convenience and business success.

From the development of products such as ServicEdge(SM), an appliance protection program, to energy management and partnership services with larger commercial and industrial customers, Northwestern is redoubling its efforts to meet customer needs. Our Customer Service Center, a 24-hour comprehensive, consolidated information center, is a vital link in providing accurate information and dependable service on which our customers rely. Our customers are our future, and building relationships with current and new customers will be our winning strategy for growth and success.

Our strategy for becoming a national energy distribution company accelerated in 1995 with the acquisition of the sixth largest retail propane marketer in the United States. In 1996, Northwestern acquired Cornerstone Propane Partners, L.P., a publicly traded master limited partnership. The propane acquisitions and the formation of Cornerstone Propane Partners uniquely position Northwestern with a national energy presence. In slightly more than a year, Northwestern has become the fifth largest retail propane marketer in the United States, serving over 360,000 customers from 312 retail service centers in 26 states. In addition, to aggressive growth targets by Cornerstone to expand their market share of propane sales, Northwestern also expects to capitalize on its propane investments through opportunities created by industry deregulation. Northwestern, a low-cost electric energy producer, and Cornerstone, a major propane retail marketer, clearly represent a strong energy partnership.

Northwestern's strategies are designed to achieve value and success - for customers, for employees, for the communities we serve, and ultimately, for shareholders. We have never been more enthusiastic about our future and our prospects for long-term growth. We are an entrepreneurial, growth-oriented company with a foundation of delivering on our promises.

**NORTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE**  
**South Dakota**  
**Operating Revenues and Statistics**  
**12 Months Ended December 1996**

<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>	<b>ELECTRICITY</b>
Sales of Electricity - \$	
Residential	\$31,274,274
Commercial & Industrial	38,682,023
Public Street & Highway Lighting	940,033
Other Sales to Public Authorities	444,236
Total Retail	\$71,340,566
Sales for Resale - Requirement	347,724
Sales for Resale - Nonrequirement	963,409
Total Sales of Electricity	\$72,651,699
Other Operating Revenues	
Late Payment Charges	191,845
Miscellaneous Service Revenues	125,936
Rent from Electric Property	106,684
Other Electric Revenues	340,830
Total Other Revenue	765,295
Total Operating Revenue	\$73,416,994
<b>ELECTRICITY SOLD</b>	
Sales of Electricity - MWH:	
Residential	425,718
Commercial & Industrial	640,441
Public Street & Highway Lighting	10,545
Other Sales to Public Authorities	6,000
Sales for Resale - Requirement	9,389
Sales for Resale - Nonrequirement	65,945
Total Electricity	1,158,038
<b>CUSTOMER DATA</b>	
Residential	45,688
Commercial & Industrial	9,401
Public Lighting	177
Other Sales to Public Authorities	260
Sales for Resale - Requirement	4
Sales for Resale - Nonrequirement	15
Total Customers	55,545

<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>	<b>NATURAL GAS</b>
Sales of Gas - \$	
Residential - Without Heating	\$232,019
Residential - With Heating	20,227,371
Commercial & Industrial - Small Firm	8,840,292
Commercial & Industrial - Large Firm	2,527,797
Commercial & Industrial - Agency	1,461,332
Commercial & Industrial - Interruptible	1,872,935
Commercial & Industrial - Agency	4,029,146
Total Sales of Gas	\$39,190,892
Other Operating Revenues	
Late Payment Charges	\$100,945
Miscellaneous Service Revenues	70,798
Transport Gas Billed	39,593
Other Gas Revenues	454
Total Revenue	\$39,402,682
<b>VOLUMES OF GAS SOLD</b>	
Sales of gas - MMBTU:	
Residential - Without Heating	33,279
Residential - With Heating	3,579,004
Commercial & Industrial - Small Firm	1,839,167
Commercial & Industrial - Large Firm	665,862
Commercial & Industrial - Agency	601,880
Commercial & Industrial - Interruptible	541,602
Commercial & Industrial - Agency	1,640,468
Total Volume	8,901,262
<b>CUSTOMER DATA</b>	
Residential - Without Heating	1,004
Residential - With Heating	31,984
Commercial & Industrial - Small Firm	4,731
Commercial & Industrial - Large Firm	140
Commercial & Industrial - Agency	5
Commercial & Industrial - Interruptible	141
Commercial & Industrial - Agency	18
Total Customers	38,023

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Northern States Power Company serves about 1.3 million customers in pads of South Dakota, Minnesota, North Dakota, Wisconsin and Michigan's upper peninsula.

In South Dakota, the company serves electricity to over 63,500 customers in thirty-six communities including Sioux Falls, Canton, Garretson, Dell Rapids, Salem and Centerville. Peak demand for the South Dakota system was 333 megawatts in August 1995. Sioux Falls customers use about 85% of the South Dakota system load. South Dakota represents about 4% of total NSP system load.

Power is supplied to the system predominately from coal, nuclear, and hydro plants in Minnesota. The Pathfinder generating unit, 60 MW gas-fired peaking facility, along with the Angus C. Anson Plant, a 210 MW gas-fired combustion peaking facility which came on-line in 1994, operate in South Dakota.

NSP's service territory's once traditional agricultural economy (Morrell, Sioux Falls Stockyard) has been bolstered by non-agricultural expansion: *credit cards* - Citibank, Sears Payment System; *manufacturing* - Raven Industries, Hutchinson Technology, Gateway 2000; *medical* - Sioux Valley Hospital, McKennan Hospital, Children's Care Hospital and School, and Veteran's Administration Hospital; and a thriving regional retail activity.

Construction activity in Sioux Falls surpassed \$188 million during 1996.

NSP is assisting in the "Good Thing Going" in the Sioux Falls area by keeping electric rates among the lowest one-third in the nation. The business environment is extremely competitive today - NSP helps business maintain competitiveness through low rates and assistance in energy management.

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## **Otter Tail Power Company**

### **The Energy to serve you**

Otter Tail Power Company is an investor-owned electric utility committed to providing quality service with low, stable rates to 124,000 customers in Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota. Highly successful diversification has further enhanced the company's profitability.

Earnings per share have increased annually for the past 9 years. Dividends have increased for 22 consecutive years, and the dividend payout ratio was 73 percent in 1996. Total return has compounded at a yearly rate of about 9.3 percent for the past 10 years.

### **Economic development secures jobs in South Dakota**

Otter Tail's management and employees have demonstrated a long-standing commitment to regional economic development. They believe that the future of their electric business is no more secure than is the future of the communities they serve.

The bottom line of Otter Tail's economic development activity is jobs. Since 1989 the company has participated in activities that have saved or created over 8,300 jobs in its three-state service area—a proportionate number of them in South Dakota.

Rescuing existing jobs or creating new ones often means securing funds to meet an entrepreneur's financial concerns. Sometimes individual lending institutions may be reluctant to accept the risk associated with meeting the cash needs of a new or expanding business. Loan pools, a concept Otter Tail implemented in 1988, spread the risk of lending that cash among lending institutions, governments agencies, and other businesses.

In South Dakota Otter Tail has committed to loan pools in Castlewood, Clear Lake, De Smet, Elkton, Lake Norden, Lake Preston, Milbank, Oldham, Sisseton, Summit, and Wilmot. At year-end 1996 the company's total commitment was more than \$1 million in South Dakota, and its 28 partners have leveraged that amount to provide total loan pool funds of \$2.85 million.

### **Property taxes contribute to South Dakota economy**

Otter Tail Power Company—and all other for-profit companies—serve an important tax-paying function in America's free-enterprise society. In South Dakota Otter Tail's property tax assessments for 1996 were \$1,373,536.

Let's look at that tax bill in terms of people. At year-end 1996 Otter Tail served 8,830 residential customers in South Dakota, which means that the company's South Dakota property tax bill for 1996 worked out to \$156 per residential customer.

Of course, Otter Tail's South Dakota electric rates do not reflect nearly that much property tax. The reason is that Big Stone Plant, near Milbank, is assessed most of the taxes the company pays, and the rates that provide for the tax assessments are collected from all of their customers in all three states they serve.

Otter Tail's 1996 tax liability for county, school, village and city, township, and other property taxes is \$1,031,432 in Grant County, where Big Stone Plant is located. Ten other counties receive lesser amounts from Otter Tail.

For more information write Otter Tail at 215 South Cascade, P.O. Box 496, Fergus Falls, Minnesota 56538-0496, phone them at (218) 539-8200, or visit them on the Internet at <<http://www.otpce.com>>.

**PEOPLES NATURAL GAS  
OPERATING REVENUES AND STATISTICS  
GAS UTILITY  
SOUTH DAKOTA  
YEAR-TO-DATE, DECEMBER, 1996**

**OPERATING REVENUES**

<b>Sales Revenue:</b>	
Residential	351,902
Commercial-Firm	61,997
Firm Industrial	8,229
Total Sales Revenue	422,128
<b>Transportation Revenue:</b>	0
<b>Other Operating Revenue:</b>	
Misc. Gas Service Revenues	1,243
Total Gas Revenues	<b>423,371</b>

**DK THROUGHPUT**

<b>Sales:</b>	
Residential	61,050
Commercial-Form	11,345
Firm Industrial	1,475
Total Gas Sales-dk	73,870
<b>Transportation:</b>	0
Total Gas Throughput-dk	<b>73,870</b>

**CUSTOMER DATA**

<b>Sales Customers:</b>	
Residential	270
Commercial-Firm	7
Firm Industrial	2
Total Sales Customers	279
<b>Transportation Customers:</b>	0
Total Customers	<b>279</b>

South Dakota Intrastate Pipeline Company (SDIP) was formed in 1992 to transport natural gas from the Northern Border Pipeline in Edmunds County to Pierre, Hughes County. SDIP also provides gas to interested communities and businesses along its route.

In March of 1992 SDIP filed with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (SDPUC) for certification to construct and operate a pipeline consisting of 47 miles of 8" pipe, 106 miles of 6" pipe, and 25 miles of 3" pipe, and the associated valves, meters, and fittings. The pipeline is designed to operate at a pressure of 1130 psig and was built to meet federal safety requirements and the requirements of the SDPUC. The SDPUC granted site permission in July of 1992 and an interim rate in January of 1993, with a final rate approved in December 1993 after construction costs were finalized. SDIP began construction in April of 1993 and went into operation on September 1, 1993. SDIP currently transports gas to ten (10) communities along its pipeline route for a distribution company, Montana-Dakota Utilities. Revenues for 1996 were approximately \$2,389,100 and expenses were approximately \$2,241,917. The final cost of construction was approximately \$13,900,000. SDIP currently employs five (5) people.

## OPERATING REVENUE AND STATISTICS - NATURAL GAS

12 MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 1996

### OPERATING REVENUES

Transportation Revenue	\$1,212,550
Contract Revenue	\$1,080,919
Other Revenue (Interest)	\$95,631
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$2,389,100</b>
Volumes of Gas - CCF Transported	518,184
<b>TOTAL TRANSPORTED</b>	<b>518,184</b>

**U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS**  
**South Dakota**  
**Operating Revenue and Statistics - TELECOMMUNICATIONS**  
**12 Months ended December 1996**

<b>Revenues \$</b>	
<i>Local Service Revenues - \$:</i>	
<i>Residential</i>	\$ 38,133,145
<i>Business</i>	29,123,503
<i>Pay Phone</i>	2,167,872
<i>Optional Service Revenue</i>	<u>14,460,832</u>
<i>Total Local Service Revenues</i>	\$ 83,885,352
<i>Access Service Revenues - \$:</i>	
<i>Intralata</i>	547,193
<i>Interlata</i>	6,405,062
<i>Private Line</i>	<u>6,058,774</u>
<i>Total Service Revenues</i>	13,011,029
<i>Toll Service Revenues</i>	32,619,572
<i>Other Revenues</i>	(3,613,234)
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 125,902,719</b>
<b>Intrastate Access Minutes *</b>	<b>227,019,996</b>
<b>Number of Local Central Offices</b>	<b>52</b>

<b>Customer Data</b>	
<i>Residential--flat</i>	165,367
<i>Residential--local measured service</i>	17,546
<i>Business--flat</i>	52,865
<i>Business--local measured service</i>	3,286
<i>Other Business (PBX, Centrex, Centron, WATS)</i>	25,301
<i>Pay Phones</i>	2,822
<i>Customer Owned Pay Phones</i>	741
<b>Total Number of Customers</b>	<b>267,928</b>

\* Access Minutes compiled using the most current inform available at this time.  
 IXC Minutes are from the 12 months ending December 1996.  
 EC Minutes for Express Comm are from the 12 months ending November 1996;  
 minutes for Dakota Coop are from the 12 months ending December 1996.